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FOLEY CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS SPEED STUDY FOR HWY 23

Foley, Minn. – March 10, 2017 – The Foley City Council passed a resolution in support of a Minnesota Department of Transportation safety review and speed study for State Highway 23 during the March 7 City Council meeting.

Highway 23 is a major roadway that divides the City of Foley’s downtown corridor from area schools. Increased speeds on the road have made car and pedestrian traffic a major concern, especially after two separate traffic accidents with fatalities earlier this year. Both accidents occurred in a high-speed zone that is near a school, a residential area, and a large child care facility.

Foley Mayor, Gerard Bettendorf, says the high-volume of vehicle and pedestrian traffic has many residents asking what can be done to improve safety for the community.

“We’ve heard from a lot of folks and the City Council is also concerned,” says Bettendorf. “The City is working closely with MNDOT to come up with traffic solutions as well as trying to secure funding for new pedestrian crossings. The safety review and speed study are just the first steps.”

Foley, Minn. is the County Seat of Benton County, a rural community located 50 minutes north of Minneapolis and St. Paul and 15 minutes northeast of St. Cloud, Minn. Living in Foley offers a small town atmosphere along with many recreational opportunities, including two city parks, a skateboard park, golf course, a municipal swimming pool and walking trail. Foley has a population of more than 2,600.

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