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TEMPORARY STREET DEMONSTRATION PROJECT IN DOWNTOWN FOLEY ASKS FOR PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON PEDESTRIAN & BIKING IMPROVEMENTS

Foley, Minn. – July 18, 2017 – The City of Foley, in partnership with Benton County Public Health SHIP staff and the engineering firm SEH (Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc.), is setting up a temporary street demonstration project in downtown Foley. The project will test parallel parking spots, widened sidewalks, and a bicycle lane on the south side of Dewey Street. This temporary project is made possible through a grant from the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership.

The project will span two blocks on the south side of Dewey Street and will remain in place for about a month. An open house will be held Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Foley City Hall for community members to learn more about the project and ask questions.

The demonstration will allow the city to test potential changes and give the public an opportunity to provide feedback. The City Council will use the feedback and vote at a later date on whether or not to implement the changes permanently. The final design will be decided only if the council votes to permanently implement the project.

The key pieces highlighted in the project are from the City of Foley's 2012 Pedestrian Plan and will show community members and visitors what accommodations could be made for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

The project is another example of how the Benton County Public Health is working to create safe places for residents and visitors in Foley to safely bike, walk and enjoy downtown businesses as well as remain active outdoors.

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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