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## CITY OF FOLEY SEEKS HWY 23 ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

**Foley, Minn. – Jan. 31, 2018** – The City of Foley hosted the Minnesota Senate’s Capital Investment Committee on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, at Foley City Hall. The Committee is considering including Highway 23 road improvements in the upcoming bonding bill. Sarah A. Brunn, Foley City Administrator, gave a presentation on Highway 23 safety and details of the proposed project.

The project includes recommendations from a MnDOT Highway 23 Road Safety Audit. The improvements include a roundabout at Highway 23 and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Foley, additional lighting, curb and gutter, and improved pedestrian pathways and crossings.

“Highway 23 safety is a top priority for the City of Foley due to an increase in serious and fatal crashes in our community,” says Sarah A. Brunn, Foley City Administrator. “Making safety improvements for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic is important for the wellbeing of our residents as well as the sustainability of our entire community. The opportunity to collaborate with a larger state project would significantly reduce local costs. We want to consider all options to ensure the project can be completed.”

The meeting was well attended by local agencies including representatives from Benton County, Minnesota State Patrol, Benton Economic Partnership, Gold Cross, Foley Public Schools, the Foley City Council, MN DOT, as well as two families impacted by traffic fatalities on Highway 23 in Foley.

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 2,700.

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