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CITY OF FOLEY AWARDED OVER $483,000 IN TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT FUNDS FOR PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

Foley, Minn. – April 17, 2018 – The City of Foley was awarded a Transportation Alternatives grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). The $483,075 grant will be available for fiscal year 2022 and will fund pedestrian improvements to Highway 23 in Foley.

The city plans to use the grant to help fund improvements to pedestrian crossings at Broadway Avenue, 8th Avenue and Penn Street; radar feedback signs; lighting; and a 2,425 foot trail extension from 13th Avenue to Penn Street.

The project also includes a 1,425 foot trail extension from Birch Drive to Norway Drive on Highway 25. The extension will connect the large residential population on the south side of Foley to the existing sidewalk and trails system.

MnDOT will include the pedestrian improvements in their planned Highway 23 road project east of Foley for fiscal year 2022.

"We are very excited to partner with MnDOT to make Highway 23 safer for both road and pedestrian traffic," says Sarah A. Brunn, City Administrator.

The Transportation Alternatives solicitation program is a competitive grant opportunity for local communities and regional agencies to fund projects for pedestrians and bicycle facilities, historic preservation, Safe Routes to School, Scenic Byways and more. The City of Foley also received a planning assistance grant from MnDOT in support of the Safe Routes to School program on April 3.

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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