

## FEASIBILITY STUDY

### City of Foley to City of Mora, Minnesota

The Highway 23 Coalition requests \$3M in Congressionally Directed and Community Designated Spending for a 36.4 mile feasibility study of Highway 23, between the Cities of Foley and Mora Minnesota. Remaining funds will be used to further develop priority projects identified by the study. The Highway 23 Foley to Mora Feasibility Study is a high priority need to address safety issues on a critical two-lane trunk highway route connecting the Cities of Foley and Mora to US Highway 169.

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#### **STUDY NEED**

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Address a two-lane gap between three destination communities, Trunk Highway 23 and US Highway 169.

36.4 Mile

Study Area

Address safety issues: 17 fatal and 12 severe injury crashes in past ten years.

Fatal and Severe

**Injury Crashes** 

- A priority project for the Highway 23 Coalition and project partners.
- Trunk Highway 23 supports tourism traffic to Mile Lacs Lake and Duluth.
- Trunk Highway 23 will carry aggregate from a near future several hundred-acre quarry northeast of Foley to the Twin Cities region.
- Trunk Highway 23 is one of the few direct east-west connections between I-94 and I-35 in east central Minnesota due to state forest land and the start of northern lakes country.
- A five-mile buffer of the study corridor is home to over 9,400 jobs.

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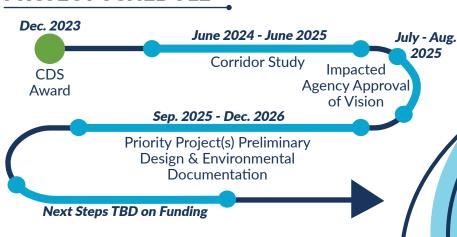
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#### **FUNDING NEED**



Project Cost

#### **DESIRED STUDY & PROJECT SCHEDULE**



In coordination with... City of Ronneby City of Oak Park

City of Foreston

City of Bock City of Ogilvie

Gilmanton Township

Maywood Township Milo Township

Milaca Township Borgholm Township

South Fork Township

Kanabec Township

**Arthur Township** 

# **HIGHWAY 23 INVESTMENTS BENEFIT**

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Highway 23 is the second longest state transportation system in the State of Minnesota traveling from Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin. Today, much of this route remains a 2-lane highway. To address these limitations, the Highway 23 Coalition is focused on advocating for a 4-lane expansion throughout the corridor. A 4-Lane MN Highway 23 from Sioux Falls, SD to Duluth, MN & Superior, WI will provide for region-wide; time saving route across Minnesota, decreased traffic congestion in Minneapolis/St Paul metropolitan area, increased economic opportunities including tourism, and opportunity for community growth.



