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Highway 23 Marshall Safety Assessment final report complete

WILLMAR, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Transportation and its partners, the City of Marshall, Lyon County and the Marshall Area Transportation Group are pleased to release the Highway 23 Marshall Safety Assessment final report.

SRF, Inc. was contracted by partners in early 2016 to conduct the safety assessment. The purpose was to evaluate the current and future performance of Highway 23 through Marshall, facilitate a discussion between local partners, stakeholders and the public, provide a list of opportunities and recommendations and establish priorities to improve the safety of Highway 23 and to develop a common vision to identify, prioritize and design future safety improvements.

The safety assessment consisted of three phases:

- Purpose and need/issue identification
- Develop and evaluate alternatives
- Prioritization

Ongoing public engagement was a large part of all three phases of the safety assessment. From February 2016 to August 2016 the following public engagement opportunities were conducted:

- Four (4) open houses
- Two (2) pop-up events (Marshall Radio Home Show & YMCA Bike Safety Event)
- Five (5) focus groups (freight & local businesses, law enforcement and EMS, Marshall Public Schools and SMSU, underrepresented populations and bicycle and pedestrian advocacy groups)
- Five (5) targeted community presentations (Marshall Area Transportation Group, Marshall City Council, Lyon County Board of Commissioners, Adult Community Center and Living Word Lutheran Church)

Additional on-line public engagement opportunities (surveys and social media) were also offered.

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MnDOT and its partners are now working to identify and secure funding for identified projects.

To read the full report, please visit www.mndot.gov/d8/projects/hwy23marshallstudy.

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