

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

02-271

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

AGENDA:

MAY 20, 2002

SUBJECT:

M.L. KING JR.
PARKWAY PAVING
(S.W. 2nd TO S.W. 7th
STREET) TIME
EXTENSION

SYNOPSIS -

The City Engineer recommends a time extension with M. Peterson Construction Co., (Merlin Peterson, President, 4000 Delaware Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, 50313) of 208 calendar days for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway Paving (S.W. 2nd Street to S.W. 7th Street) contract. If the time extension is approved by City Council, the revised contract completion date will be November 15, 2002.

FISCAL IMPACT -

None.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

Delays have been experienced by the contractor and his subcontractors due to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirement of having an archeologist team pre-dig, investigate, and provide clearance approval prior to beginning any subsurface construction between S.W. 2nd Street and S.W. 5th Street.

Once the archeologist, The Louis Berger Group, Inc., cleared an area for construction, the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO), and the FHWA had to also review the associated reports and concur with the clearance before any construction in that area could begin.

Various partial clearances have been provided throughout the construction project since the contract start date of August 14, 2000. The complete project clearance was not given until March 12, 2002.

Because of these delays and partial clearances, the contractor could

not work on the entire project at once, or be as efficient with his construction crews as normal.

