

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

02-618

AGENDA:

DECEMBER 2, 2002

SUBJECT:

EAST LOCUST
STREETSCAPE
TIME EXTENSION

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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CITY ENGINEER

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

Recommend that the completion date for the East Locust Streetscape contract with Larson & Larson Construction, LLC (Jeffrey C. Larson, President, 10703 Justin Drive, Des Moines, Iowa) be extended by 50 working days from the calendar completion date of December 5, 2002 due to utility upgrades and adjacent building evaluation.

FISCAL IMPACT —

None.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of time extension for the East Locust Streetscape improvements contract with Larson & Larson Construction, LLC.

BACKGROUND —

Delays have been experienced since the start-up of the project due to utility upgrades being constructed separately by several public utility companies. Another lengthy delay was due to the structural evaluation of privately owned buildings on the north side of E. Locust from E. 4th to E. 5th Street. The evaluations were conducted due to citizen concern related to possible damage to their buildings due to the construction process. It was determined that the suspected poor condition of some of the existing buildings warranted a structural study. The construction on the E. 4th to E. 5th block was delayed until the structural evaluations were completed. Changes to contractor operations were implemented that have limited the risk to adjacent buildings. The contractor intends to complete most all of the project by the end of January 2003 including all streetscape lighting.

