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TO: Mayor and Ames City Council

FROM: Steven L. Schainker, City Manager

DATE: September 4, 2009

SUBJECT: Change Order Estimates For Decorative Lighting and Concrete on Kellogg Avenue

At the August 25, 2009 meeting, as you were about to approve the contract and bond for the Kellogg Avenue street improvement project, a representative from the Main Street Cultural District requested that the City Council amend the improvement project to extend the decorative street lighting south of the railroad tracks to Lincoln Way on Kellogg Avenue, as well that you extend the decorative sidewalk design from Main Street to Lincoln Way.

Prior to taking any action regarding this request, the Council directed staff to determine the estimated cost increase related to these additions. The following are our best estimates for these costs.

Extend Decorative Sidewalk from Main Street to Lincoln Way along Kellogg

John Joiner has estimated this cost to be \$2,000. Given this rather small increase, the extra cost can be absorbed in the project budget.

Extend Decorative Street Lights from the Railroad Tracks to Lincoln Way along Kellogg

Dom Kom has estimated this cost to be \$7,600. I am not sure at this time if there is sufficient funding in the project to cover the upgraded lighting.

In years past, the Electric Fund contributed to the Downtown renovation project along Main Street. In keeping with that policy direction, the additional costs could come out of the available balance in the Electric Fund if you choose to continue this policy.

The conduit installation under the new pavement has already been approved at an estimated cost of \$1,500.