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DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

La Crosse, Wisconsin

February 28, 2019

City of La Crosse
Attn: Board of Public Works
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Re: 8th & 9th Street Lighting Project

Members of the Board of Public Works,

On behalf of the Downtown Neighborhood Association, we are writing to address the lighting project proposed for 8th & 9th Streets in between Cass & King.

As you may know, our association was formed in September 2018 after a series of thoughtful conversations amongst neighbors. We are committed to revitalizing our neighborhood, in part by cultivating a cohesive and thoughtful neighborhood character, of which lighting is an important component. Our association invited Jamie Hassemmer from Engineering to our February 19, 2019 general meeting to discuss the 8th & 9th Street lighting project and answer any questions. At the conclusion of the discussion, the association agreed that we feel more time is needed to address the scope of this lighting project and its impact upon our neighborhood.

We are asking the Board of Public Works to delay this project to allow for more neighborhood discussions and perhaps the formation of a neighborhood lighting committee, which would work on developing a neighborhood lighting plan. In regard to the funding for this project, we hope that it could be reallocated toward a newly formulated lighting project once we have had more time to deliberate. We appreciate any guidance on the timeline and process for securing this funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Downtown Neighborhood Association Executive Board

Courtney Lokken, Chair
Chris Kahlow, Vice Chair
Pam Squires, Treasurer
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