Subject: Catherine Street Area Utility Infrastructure Upgrades

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

This project will provide infrastructure upgrades and site improvements along Catherine Street east of Glen Avenue. The scope of the project includes partial replacement of the water main along Catherine Street, a new electrical duct bank to provide future capacity for growth in the Medical Campus area, and refurbishment of a portion of the utility tunnel. The project also includes site restoration, sidewalk replacement on the north side of Catherine Street, and improvements to pedestrian and street lighting. There will be no permanent impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $3,800,000. Funding will be provided from Utilities resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural engineering firm of Commonwealth Associates Inc. will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of nine on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2020.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Catherine Street Area Utility Infrastructure Upgrades project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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