THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Art and Architecture Building Addition

Action Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

The Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning proposes a 16,000 gross square foot addition to the Art and Architecture building to accommodate increased enrollment, faculty growth, and improve the pedagogic environment. The addition, on the roof of the south wing of the existing building, will create a more contemporary image on the south façade of the building. New instructional, faculty and support spaces will be created adjacent to existing architectural design studios and faculty offices. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. We anticipate an increased demand for 25 parking spaces that will be accommodated with current vacancies in the surface parking lot adjacent to the building.

The estimated cost of the project is $13,000,000. Funding will be provided from Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning resources and investment proceeds. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. The architectural firm of The Miller|Hull Partnership, LLP, will design the project. Design will begin immediately, and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Art and Architecture Building Addition project as described and authorize commissioning The Miller|Hull Partnership, LLP for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

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