

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents
July 16, 2009

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Alexander G. Ruthven Museums Building
Fire Detection and Alarm System

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

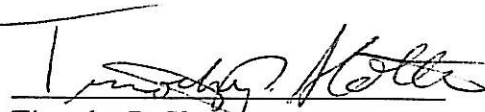
Background:

At the December 2008 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the University Stores (since renamed the Varsity Drive Building) and Alexander G. Ruthven Museums Building Museum of Zoology Collection Relocation and Renovations project and the appointment of SmithGroup as the architect for its design. That project included the fire detection and alarm system installation in the Ruthven Museums Building. In this action request, we are seeking approval specifically for the fire detection and alarm system project to allow that installation to get underway in advance of the comprehensive project. This project will install a fire detection and alarm system throughout the Ruthven Building that meets current codes and standards, including those of the Americans with Disabilities Act. In a future action request, we will return to seek schematic design approval for the zoology collection project. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,400,000, and will be managed and tracked as part of the zoology collection project. Funding will be provided from 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 Board of Regents. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2010.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Alexander G. Ruthven Museums Building Fire Detection and Alarm System project, 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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