Subject: W. K. Kellogg Eye Center Renovation for Clinical Research

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

 Constructed in 1985, the nine story W. K. Kellogg Eye Center houses clinical, laboratory, and office space for the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. This project will allow expansion of clinical activity in the Brehm Tower by relocating research activity to updated laboratory space on level five of the W. K. Kellogg Eye Center. A renovation of approximately 11,100 gross square feet of laboratory and office space that has not been renovated since the building’s construction is planned to create flexible clinical research space and faculty office space. The 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 $2,600,000. Funding will be provided by Medical School 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 University of Michigan Department of Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of seven on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2015.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the W. K. Kellogg Eye Center Renovation for Clinical Research 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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