Subject: Mary B. Markley Hall
2007 Infrastructure Updates

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

Constructed in 1959, Mary Markley Hall is an approximately 298,000 gross square foot, six story residence hall housing approximately 1,180 students. As part of the “Residential Life Initiatives” presented to the Regents in September 2004, this project will address infrastructure, life safety and information technology needs in Markley.

The proposed project consists of fire protection enhancements, electrical upgrades, and information technology upgrades. A new fire suppression system will be installed throughout the building and coordinated with the fire alarm system completed in 2004. A new electrical substation will be installed to increase capacity to meet current and anticipated load requirements with improved reliability for the entire building. Information technology upgrades will include new wiring and high-speed network equipment. The scope of 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 $9,400,000. Funding will be provided from Housing 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 University of Michigan Department of Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction will be done in phases in order to minimize disruption to residence operations, and will be completed in Summer 2007.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Mary B. Markley Hall 2007 Infrastructure Updates 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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