## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

## **ACTION REQUEST**

Subject: University of Michigan

Recreational Sports Fields Hubbard Road, North Campus

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

Recreational Sports proposes the construction of two new soccer-sized artificial turf fields located off Hubbard Road on North Campus to replace fields that will be displaced by the Central Campus Residential Development (see attached graphic for location). In addition to soccer, the fields will accommodate lacrosse, rugby, ultimate Frisbee, and flag football, contributing to the student experience and well-being in support of many Intramural Sports programs, Club Sports practices and competitions, student drop-in use, and other Recreational Sports programs provided for students, faculty, and staff.

The scope of the project includes significant re-grading and soil balancing for eight acres of the site with fifteen-foot elevation differences, construction of retaining walls necessary for soil stabilization, including required fall protection barriers due to the height, installation of netting for ball control, stormwater management, and field lighting configured to minimize stray lighting beyond the fields. Due to the site topography, the project will displace a portion of parking spaces in the existing lot and replace those with a similar amount along Hubbard Road. To support the field, a small utility building less than 2500 square feet will be constructed to provide on-site restrooms, storage for club sports equipment, and maintenance. Access to the site will not be controlled with fencing or other barriers and will be accessible to the community when not reserved in advance.

The estimated cost of the project is \$18,500,000. Funding will be provided from Student Life 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 firm of SmithGroup will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 75 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2023.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Recreational Sports Fields Hubbard Road, North Campus 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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