

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: '42E Plaza Improvements

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The '42E Plaza is located between the Herbert Henry Dow Building and the George Granger Brown Memorial Laboratories and rises 15 feet in height from the Eda U. Gerstacker Grove to the building entrances. This project will provide Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility from the grove to these buildings by installing gradually sloping sidewalks and ramps within the plaza. The project will also improve storm water management, upgrade site lighting for increased safety, and replace a water main, sanitary sewer, and telecommunications duct bank. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,550,000. Funding will be provided from College of Engineering 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 the Mannik & Smith Group will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of five on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2016.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the '42E Plaza Improvements 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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Chief Financial Officer

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