THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: West Hall Renovations for the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering

<u>Action</u> <u>Requested</u>: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

West Hall houses several departments in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; the School of Information; and the College of Engineering Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering's Marine Hydrodynamics Laboratory. The College of Engineering proposes a renovation of approximately 3,500 gross square feet of the Marine Hydrodynamics Laboratory that will create an office, conference room, computer room, and a display case area to celebrate the history of the tow tank, the first of its kind to be built at an American university. The scope of this project includes the architectural, electrical, and mechanical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,200,000. Funding will be provided from College of Engineering resources and gifts. 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 Harley Ellis Devereaux will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of eight on-site construction jobs. A phased construction schedule is planned in order to minimize disruption to the academic calendar with construction to be completed in the fall of 2017.

<u>We recommend</u> that the Board of Regents approve the West Hall Renovations for the Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted. Hegarty **Executive Vice President and** Chief Financial Officer

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