

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents  
May 16, 2013

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Wilpon Baseball and Softball Complex  
Site Improvements

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is proposing to install a new synthetic turf product on the baseball and softball fields. The synthetic turf product provides a consistent playing field, better drainage and allows both teams to use the fields earlier when compared to natural turf. The project will also make improvements to the fencing, sidewalks, drainage, practice areas, and player dugouts. The scope of this project includes the architectural and civil engineering work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,550,000. Funding will be provided from gifts and Athletic Department 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 and engineering firm SmithGroupJJR will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 9 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2014.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Wilpon Baseball and Softball Complex Site 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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