

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents  
June 17, 2010

Subject: Burton Memorial Tower  
Façade and Bell Tower Repairs

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

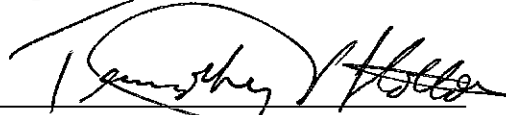
Background:

Constructed in 1936, Burton Memorial Tower is an approximately 20,000 gross-square-foot, 192-foot-tall structure that houses classrooms and offices for the School of Music, Theatre & Dance and the Charles Baird Carillon. The 55-bell, 12-ton carillon is housed on steel framework in the bell chamber at the tenth floor of the tower. This project will implement recommendations from a recent study that identified damage and deterioration of the tower infrastructure. Exterior work will include repair of damaged and displaced stonework, and installation of new metal flashings at openings at the bell chamber level and above. Interior work will include repairs to the concrete and steel structure that supports the carillon, replacement and waterproofing of the bell chamber floor, and replacement of the transmission system on bells affected by the structural work. The scope of this 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 \$1,600,000. Funding will be provided from General Fund resources. 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 Board of Regents. The engineering firm of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc. will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2011.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Burton Memorial Tower Façade and Bell Tower Repairs 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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Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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