

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Forest Avenue Switching Station Upgrades

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Forest Avenue Switching Station is an integral component of the Central Campus electric distribution system that provides power to many campus buildings. This project will replace switchgear that has exceeded its useful life with new equipment that incorporates the latest technology and safety features, increasing reliability and improving the safety of workers performing routine maintenance. 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 \$3,200,000. Funding will be provided from Utility 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 firm CDA Engineering will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of seven on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2018.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Forest Avenue Switching Station Upgrades 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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