

The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: New Library Repository Facility

Action Requested: Approval of Project, Site, and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

The new Library Repository Facility is proposed as an approximately 140,000-gross-square-foot facility to be located adjacent to US-23. The facility will support the University of Michigan Library, one of the top academic research libraries in North America, which stewards more than 15 million volumes, one of the finest collections in the world.

With physical collections currently housed in multiple locations across campus, several of them leased, the Library is challenged to accommodate its growing collections and preserve them in secure, environmentally controlled spaces. The new facility will establish a permanent, centralized active hub to process, digitize, preserve, and provide access to university collection materials. It will include an initial collection capacity of approximately 8 million volumes and will be designed to allow for future modular expansions as needed for the Library or other campus collections. The facility will bring together for the first time, six functions and up to 100 staff, librarians, and student employees who steward highly valued library collections. The project eases existing space shortages and creates an opportunity to eventually re-envision and transform valuable campus spaces for more active community use. 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 \$175,000,000. Funding will be provided from Office of the Provost resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond or note proceeds, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of TMP Architecture will design the project. Design is scheduled to begin immediately and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Library Repository project as described and authorize commissioning TMP Architecture for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Hewlett III". The signature is stylized with a large "R" and "H", and a horizontal line at the end.

Robert A. Hewlett III
Interim Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

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