THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject:University of Michigan-FlintWilliam R. Murchie Science Building Expansion

<u>Action</u> <u>Requested</u>: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

The University of Michigan-Flint is proposing a project to construct an approximately 65,000-gross-square-foot addition to the William R. Murchie Science Building. The purpose of this addition is to address immediate space limitations, meet growing demand for instructional, research, and collaborative spaces for the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines, and create engineering-specific instructional and research laboratories. As regional, state, and national labor markets call for greater numbers of qualified STEM graduates, the proposed expansion will enable the University of Michigan-Flint to deliver the highest-quality education to ever-increasing numbers of students pursuing degrees in STEM disciplines. The scope of this project includes the architectural, electrical, and mechanical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. We will return with information on the impact on parking when we seek approval of schematic design.

The estimated cost of the project is \$39,000,000. This project is part of the Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Outlay Request to the State of Michigan and subsequently received authorization for design in the Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Outlay budget. Once construction is authorized by the State legislature, the State will fund \$29,250,000 of the project and the university will fund the balance with University of Michigan-Flint 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 firm of Harley Ellis Devereaux will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 100 on-site construction jobs. Design is scheduled to begin immediately and we will return with a construction schedule, based upon a specific phasing plan, when we seek approval of schematic design.

<u>We recommend</u> that the Board of Regents approve the University of Michigan-Flint William R. Murchie Science Building Expansion project as described and authorize commissioning Harley Ellis Devereaux for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

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