Subject: Medical Science Unit I
B and D Wings Renovation

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Medical Science Unit I building was originally constructed in 1958 and contains approximately 299,000 gross square feet of administrative and wet lab research space. This project will renovate and repurpose approximately 60,000 gross square feet in the B and D wings on levels 3, 4, and 5 for the Medical School’s Computational Medicine and Bioinformatics department and several other Medical School units. The renovation will convert obsolete wet lab research space into an efficient and collaborative dry and computational research environment.

This project will also support the university’s carbon neutrality goal through interior and exterior design and construction features, including new energy-efficient HVAC equipment, lighting, and control systems. It will also include thermally insulated and triple-glazed windows, maximum insulation of roof and exterior walls, and include new electric power and telecommunication systems. The renovation will address deferred maintenance in both wings, including, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, life safety system upgrades, exterior envelope, code-related items, and provide accessibility and new finishes throughout. 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 $42,000,000. Funding will be provided from Medical School 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 SmithGroup will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 37 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2025.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Medical Science Unit I B and D Wings Renovation 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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