The University of Michigan Regents Communication

Request for Action

Subject: Research Museums Center Museum of Anthropological Archaeology Relocation Project

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Museum of Anthropological Archaeology Relocation project will renovate approximately 16,000 gross square feet of existing high-bay storage space within the Research Museums Center on Varsity Drive. This renovation will provide a new long-term home for the museum's research activities and specimen storage, supporting LSA's University Museum of Archaeological Anthropology by bringing together staff, specimens, and research artifacts. The project will relocate the museum from the third floor of the Marsal Family School of Education Building, allowing the vacated space to support future programmatic needs. The work will include interior renovations and minor exterior modifications to add windows and provide natural daylight. The scope of this project includes the architectural, electrical, and mechanical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no permanent impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $12,300,000. Funding will be provided from the College of Literature, Science and the Arts 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 Stantec will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2028.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Research Museums Center Museum of Anthropological Archaeology Relocation 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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