

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents

December 18, 2008

Subject: Intercollegiate Athletics Soccer Fields

Action

Requested: Approval of Revised Project Scope and Budget

Background:

At the July 2007 meeting, the Regents approved the Intercollegiate Athletics Soccer Fields, located on a 12.5 acre undeveloped site between the Varsity Tennis Center and South Main Street. The project scope included a regulation competition soccer field and two regulation practice fields, retaining walls, fencing, landscaping, and illumination of the competition field for evening events. To accommodate the three soccer fields at this site, realignment of the stream and wetlands was necessary and the required permit application for this work was filed with the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). Based on the environmental studies we performed for the permit, MDEQ and the United States Environmental Protection Agency required the layout of the fields to be changed as shown on the attached graphic, allowing two full-size soccer fields and one small soccer practice field. Permit approval for the site work was received from MDEQ in August 2008.

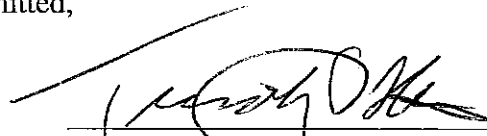
We are seeking approval to revise the budget from \$2,000,000 to \$2,800,000. The primary elements of the cost increase are additional earthwork and retaining walls, an additional bridge to span the stream and associated wetland, revisions of the design and construction documents, and the inability to utilize Athletics staff for the installation of the fields as planned due to changes in the schedule. Funding will be provided from Athletic Department resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2009.

We recommend that the Regents approve the revised project scope and budget for the Intercollegiate Athletics Soccer Fields project as requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Timothy P. Slottow
Executive Vice President and
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Attachment



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