THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers

Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanner Project

Action

Requested:

Approval to Proceed with Project, Approval of Site, and Authorization to

Appoint an Architect

Background:

At the June 1997 meeting, the Regents authorized the submission of an application to the State to acquire a third magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner for the Hospitals and Health Centers. The authorization was based on data that indicated long patient wait times up to four weeks to obtain this diagnostic exam and scheduling of patients from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. The patient volumes met State thresholds to validate the need for an additional scanner. The proposal in June 1997 included an assumption that the facility to house the MRI scanner would be adjacent to the existing imaging center at the East Ann Arbor site. Initial cost projections were \$7.8 million. The State issued its approval for the additional scanner in August 1998.

The placement of the facility at the East Ann Arbor site is considered ideal based on its outpatient focus. Approximately 75% of the patients receiving MRI scans are outpatients. With the increasing shift from inpatient to outpatient care, the education of medical residents in this setting is important to career development. The addition will not eliminate any of the existing ample parking. Convenient parking access and proximity to the main health care facilities are additional benefits of placement at the East Ann Arbor site. Attached are two drawings which show how the addition will be sited and connected to the one-story Mammography facility. Consistent with the master facility plan for the East Ann Arbor site, the overall footprint of these two facilities will equal the area of each of the other three pods that form the Primary Care Facility. Our plan is to design this addition to duplicate the architectural elements that characterize the Mammography facility.

We recommend Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. as the architect for this project.

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

The initial project assumptions were revised, leading to a new cost estimate of \$6.7 million, a reduction of \$1.1 million. Funding will be provided from Hospitals and Health Centers' reserves.

We recommend the Regents approve the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanner project, the proposed site, and the appointment of Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. as the architect.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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