

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Palmer Drive Development  
Elevated Pedestrian Walkway adjacent to the Science Instruction Center

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Regents approved the Palmer Drive site in July 1999 and a portion of the elevated walkway connecting the buildings in June 2001. This request is for the area of the walkway along the south and east sides of the Science Instruction Center (L-Building) and includes landscape planters, seating and lighting. The walkway substructure will contain waterproof membranes and drainage to maintain the integrity of the parking structure below. As with the earlier project, the design of the walkway for this portion of the walkway is consistent with the Master Plan and the architectural design of the building previously presented to the Board.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,000,000, with funding provided from central administration funds. 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.

The architectural firms of Venturi Scott Brown & Associates, Inc. and SmithGroup, Inc. will design the project. Construction will be coordinated with the Science Instruction Center, and is scheduled to begin in August 2003 and be complete in September 2005.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Palmer Drive Development Elevated Walkway adjacent to the Science Instruction Center project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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