

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Fletcher Parking Deck Elevated Connection to Palmer Drive Development

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Board of Regents has been approving the elevated walkways, bridges and connections as the footprints of buildings at Palmer Drive have become fixed. This request is for the area of the walkway along the north side of the Undergraduate Science Instruction Center and elevated connection to the Fletcher Parking Structure located to the west (see attachment). The project 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 presented to the Board.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,300,000, 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 of the Fletcher connector is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2002 and be completed by August 2003, with the remainder completed by Fall 2004. We anticipate no impact on parking needs associated with this project.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Fletcher Parking Deck Elevated Connection to Palmer Drive project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

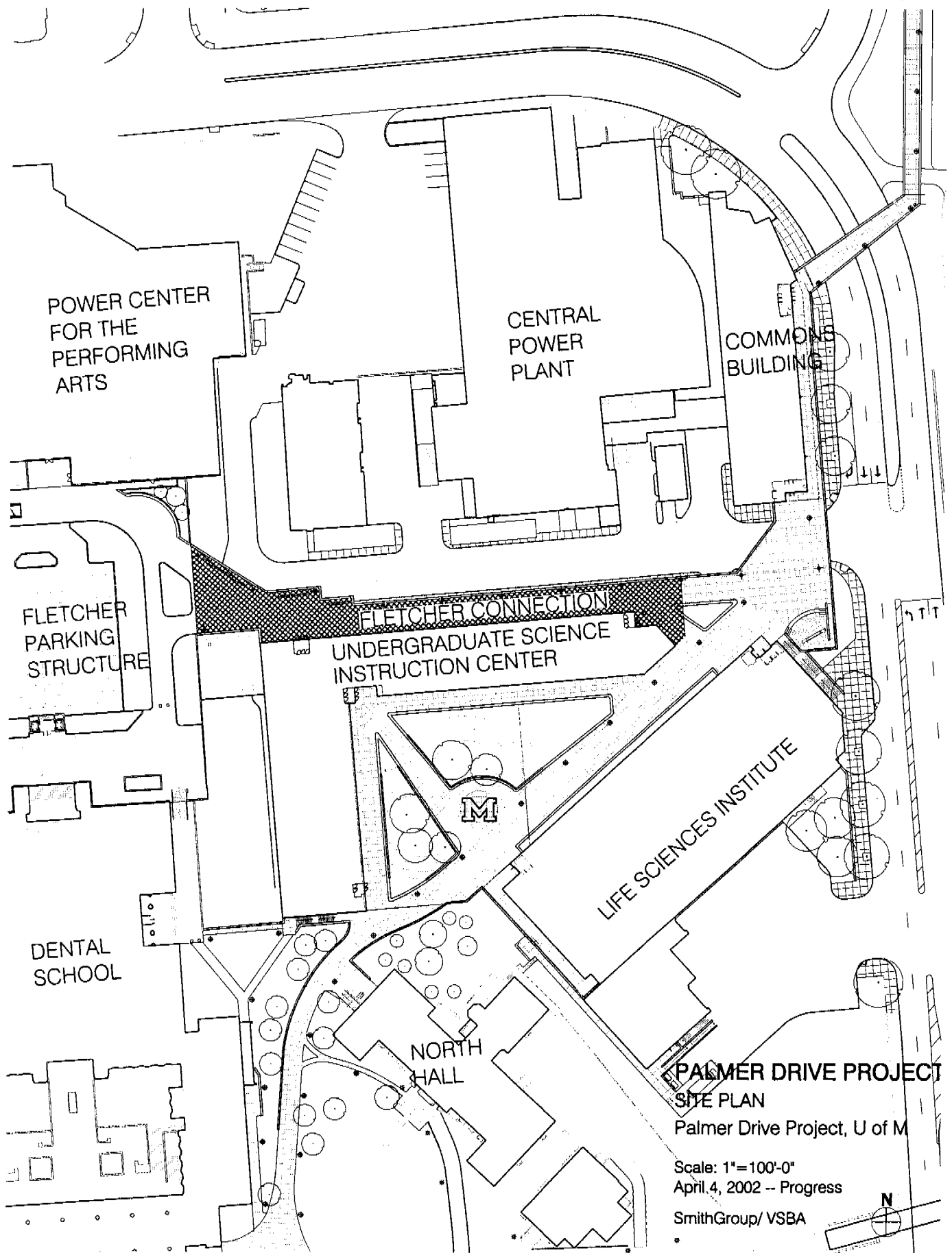
Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

Attachment
April 2002

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON
APR 18 2002



**PALMER DRIVE PROJECT
SITE PLAN**

Palmer Drive Project, U of M

Scale: 1"=100'-0"
April 4, 2002 -- Progress

SmithGroup/ VSBA

