

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Matthaei Botanical Gardens
Boilers and Water Heater Replacement

Action
Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

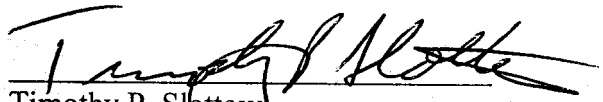
Background:

The three existing boilers and the domestic water heater at Matthaei Botanical Gardens are over 40 years old and in need of replacement. This project will replace the three existing boilers with new, higher efficiency gas-fired units. The existing domestic water heater will be replaced with a high efficiency condensing type unit. The project will also include removal of asbestos insulation and the replacement of the related piping and insulation. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$750,000. Funding will be provided from Utility reserves. 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 University of Michigan, Plant Extension – Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2004.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Matthaei Botanical Gardens – Boilers and Water Heater Replacement project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,


Timothy P. Slottow
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

September 2003

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON
SEP 18 2003