

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Washington Street Utility Upgrade

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

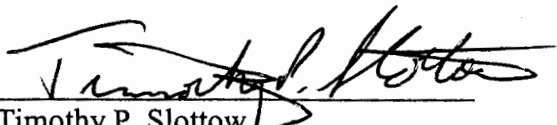
The Washington Street Utility Upgrade project will expand central utilities to support new construction in the area along East Washington Street from the Modern Languages Building to the west side of Thayer Street. Low pressure steam, condensate return, chilled water, water for fire suppression, electrical and telecommunications services will be provided.

This project will extend 13.2 kilovolt electrical service and telecommunications in underground, concrete-encased ducts from the existing underground primary duct system. Chilled and hot water supply and return will be provided by insulated underground pipes. The project will also include City water supply service connections located within the project area. The scope of the project will include restoration of all landscaping, roads, and sidewalks impacted by construction activities. Although there will be a temporary loss of some adjacent parking spaces during construction, there will be no permanent impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$3,900,000. Funding will be provided from Utility and General Fund 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. The engineering firm of Cummins & Barnard will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2005.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Washington Street Utility Upgrade project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,


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Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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