

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Newberry Hall
Kelsey Museum Addition and Renovation

Action
Requested: Approval of Schematic Design


Background:

At the July 2004 meeting, the Regents approved the Newberry Hall Kelsey Museum Addition and Renovation project, and the appointment of Hammond Beeby Rupert Ainge Architects. A 15,600 gross square foot addition is proposed. The addition will have two floors and approximately 10,500 net square feet of space, housing exhibit preparation and display space, collection storage, research, teaching, and educational support spaces. The project will also renovate and address infrastructure improvements in the existing 21,000 gross square foot building. Both the addition and renovation will be sensitive to the historic character of Newberry Hall. There will be a loss of thirty parking spaces on the site due to the addition that will be accommodated by a new parking structure on Division Street, as presented to the Regents in the University's Parking and Transportation strategic plan.

The cost of the project is estimated to be \$8,200,000. Funding will be provided from a generous leadership gift and a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Museum received the generous leadership gift from longtime donors Edwin and Mary Meader of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Mr. Meader, a 1933 alumnus, and Mrs. Meader have been supporters of the University for more than thirty years, donating to the Chemistry Department, the School of Music, the Medical School and Hill Auditorium, among others. 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. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2007.

We recommend that the Regents approve the schematic design for the Newberry Hall Kelsey Museum Addition and Renovation project as presented at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


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Chief Financial Officer

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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