## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

**ACTION REQUEST** 

Approved by the Regents

July 19, 2007

Subject:

Intercollegiate Athletics Soccer Fields

Action

Requested:

Approval of Schematic Design and Authorization to Issue the Project for Bids and

Award Construction Contracts

## Background:

At the April 2007 meeting, the Regents approved the Intercollegiate Athletics Soccer Fields project and the appointment of JJR as the architect for its design. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is proposing to construct one National Collegiate Athletic Association regulation competition soccer field and two regulation practice fields on approximately 12.5 acres located between the Tisch Varsity Tennis Center to the east and South Main Street on the west. The relocation of these three fields is necessary to accommodate the Indoor Practice Facility for Intercollegiate Football, and is consistent with the South Campus master plan. The proposed surface will be athletic grass turf seed mix or sod. Site development includes retaining walls, fencing, landscaping, and illumination for evening events. Incremental demand for parking will be accommodated by the existing Tisch Varsity Tennis Center lots that are currently underutilized.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,000,000. Funding will be provided from Athletic Department 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. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2008.

We recommend that the Regents approve the schematic design for the Intercollegiate Athletics Soccer Fields project as presented at the meeting, 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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