

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents

November 20, 2008

Subject: Alexander G. Ruthven Museums Building
Elevator Replacement

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The five-story Alexander G. Ruthven Museums Building was originally constructed in 1928, and with the seven-story addition constructed in 1965 is now approximately 183,000 gross square feet. The building houses the University of Michigan's Exhibit Museum of Natural History, Museum of Anthropology, Museum of Paleontology, and Museum of Zoology. The two elevators in the building are 39 years old and are requiring increased maintenance and showing decreased reliability. The proposed project will replace these two traction elevators and will also upgrade the hoistway and machine room to meet current codes and standards. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500,000. Funding will be provided from 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 University of Michigan Department of Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the winter of 2010.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Alexander G. Ruthven Museums Building Elevator 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,



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Chief Financial Officer

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