

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the
Regents
April 17, 2014

Subject: North Campus Grove

Action

Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

The North Campus central open lawn area serves as the outdoor civic space for the North Campus community and visitors. Covering approximately four acres, the North Campus Grove project will greatly improve the quality of this outdoor space, creating more vitality and activity within the North Campus core, and providing more opportunities for multidisciplinary interaction. Some of the new program improvements include creating a new central plaza, new walkways, integrated seating throughout, an informal amphitheater, additional trees, improved lighting, and electric and water infrastructure to support outdoor activities, events, and displays. 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 \$6,900,000. Funding will be provided from gifts and College of Engineering resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The landscape architectural firm Stoss will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 27 on-site construction jobs. Design is scheduled to begin immediately and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the North Campus Grove project as described and authorize commissioning Stoss for its design.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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Attachment

University of Michigan
North Campus Grove

- U-M building
- U-M property
- Project area

University Planner's Office
U-M AEC | 3.25.14

