THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Observatory Hall

Reserve Officers Training Corps Space Renovation

<u>Action</u>

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) is housed in the Observatory Hall Building, located at 1402 Washington Heights. This project will renovate approximately 30,500 gross square feet of the Observatory Hall Building. The project will consolidate critical ROTC program elements for three military branches within one building, update interior finishes, add a new 20 person classroom, create an officers' fitness and shower area, add gender-inclusive restrooms, and add cadet collaboration space for each branch. The scope of this project includes the architectural, electrical, and mechanical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. 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 \$12,500,000. Funding will be provided from reserves and Office of the Provost 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 architectural firm of Integrated Design Solutions will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2025.

<u>We recommend</u> that the Board of Regents approve the Observatory Hall Reserve Officers Training Corps Space Renovation 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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