

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Land Improvements  
Fiber Optic Infrastructure

Action  
Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

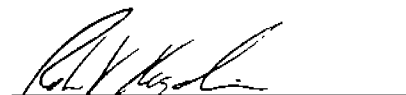
The University is continuing to enhance and extend the fiber optic data network on the Ann Arbor Campus. At several locations where work is to be done, the Utility Department will take advantage of the excavation to lay new power cable.

The construction will involve trenching in lawn areas adjacent to roadways and under sidewalks. Most roads and railroad tracks will be traversed without excavation. The sidewalks on Beal, State and Hoover streets and on the north side of Bonisteel and the south side of Hayward will be affected as part of the project. We do not anticipate any impact on parking associated with this work.

The estimated cost of this project is \$3,000,000. The funding for the project will be provided from IT Com Infrastructure funds (\$1,700,000) and Utilities reserves (\$1,300,000). The University of Michigan, Plant Extension Department will design the project. Construction is scheduled to begin April 2001 and will be completed by Fall 2002.

We recommend that the Regents approve the extension of the fiber optic network as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding a construction contract providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

April 2001

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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