

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Palmer Drive Development  
Elevated Pedestrian Walkways and Lighting for Palmer Drive

Action  
Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

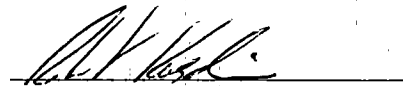
At the April 2000 meeting, the Regents approved proceeding with the Palmer Drive parking structure. With the final design of the Commons Building, Life Science Building and Parking Deck now complete, we are seeking approval for the Palmer Drive elevated concrete walkway and lighting that will be constructed on top of the parking structure roof connecting the planned pedestrian bridge over Washtenaw with the sidewalk leading to North University. The bridge across Washtenaw will be the subject of a separate item this autumn. The walkway substructure will contain waterproof membranes and drainage to maintain the integrity of the parking structure below. The design of the walkway is consistent with the Master Plan and the architectural design of the buildings previously presented to the Board.

The estimated cost of the project is \$3,000,000, with funding provided by central administration funds. 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 architectural firms of Venturi Scott Brown & Associates, Inc. and SmithGroup, Inc. will be the architects for this project. Construction of the walkway is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2002.

We recommend that the Regents approve the project 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

June 2001

APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

JUN 22 2001