

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Athletic Department - Football Stadium
Artificial Surface

Action
Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

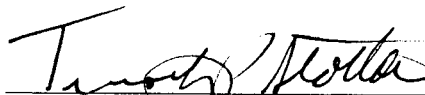
Prescription Athletic Turf was installed in Michigan Stadium for the 1991 season. Since the initial installation, the turf has been modified twice to improve unstable turf conditions. Over the past twelve seasons, the turf has performed at an inconsistent level, from excellent to unsafe. Therefore, the Athletic Department now proposes to replace the existing Prescription Athletic Turf with an artificial turf system.

The project will include removal of the existing surface and soil, construction of a drainage system connecting into the existing system, and replacement of the field with a new state of the art artificial turf system. There will be no impact on parking.

It is expected that the cost of the total project will not exceed \$850,000. Funding will be provided from Athletic Department 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. Construction is scheduled to be completed prior to the first home football game in August 2003.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Athletic Department - Football Stadium Artificial Surface 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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Interim Chief Financial Officer

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON
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