## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

**ACTION REQUEST** 

Approved by the Regents

April 19, 2007

Subject:

Intercollegiate Athletics Soccer Fields

Action

Requested:

Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is proposing to construct one National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regulation competition soccer field and two regulation practice fields on approximately 12.5 acres located between the Tisch Varsity Tennis Center to the east and South Main Street on the west (see attached map). The relocation of these three fields is necessary to accommodate the Indoor Practice Facility for Intercollegiate Football, and is consistent with the South Campus master plan. The proposed surface will be athletic grass turf seed mix, and the playing field will include illumination for evening events. Incremental demand for parking will be accommodated by the existing Tisch Varsity Tennis Center lots that are currently underutilized.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,000,000. Funding will be provided from Athletic Department resources. 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 landscape architectural firm of JJR will design the project. Design is scheduled to begin immediately and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

<u>We recommend</u> that the Regents approve the Intercollegiate Athletics Soccer Fields project as described and authorize commissioning JJR for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

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