

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: University of Michigan-Dearborn  
Engineering Lab Building Replacement

Action

Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

The Engineering Lab Building (ELB) was one of the four original buildings constructed in 1959 on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. UM-Dearborn proposes construction of a new building to replace ELB that will enable active learning in studio settings, recording of lectures, and spaces for student collaboration. A new, approximately 108,000-gross-square-foot building is planned that will include teaching laboratories designed to facilitate entrepreneurial problem solving to complement the more product development-oriented laboratories of industry partners, encourage multidisciplinary collaboration in the context of 21st century engineering, and offer academic pathways to exceptional careers for decades to come. 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 \$90,000,000. This project is part of the Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Outlay Request to the State of Michigan and subsequently received authorization for design in the Fiscal Year 2017 Capital Outlay budget. Once construction is authorized by the State legislature, the State will fund approximately \$30,000,000 of the project and the university will fund the balance with University of Michigan-Dearborn 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 Smith Group JJR will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 71 on-site construction jobs. Design is scheduled to begin immediately and we will return with a construction schedule, based upon a specific phasing plan, when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University of Michigan-Dearborn Engineering Lab Building Replacement project as described and authorize commissioning Smith Group JJR for its design.

Respectfully submitted,

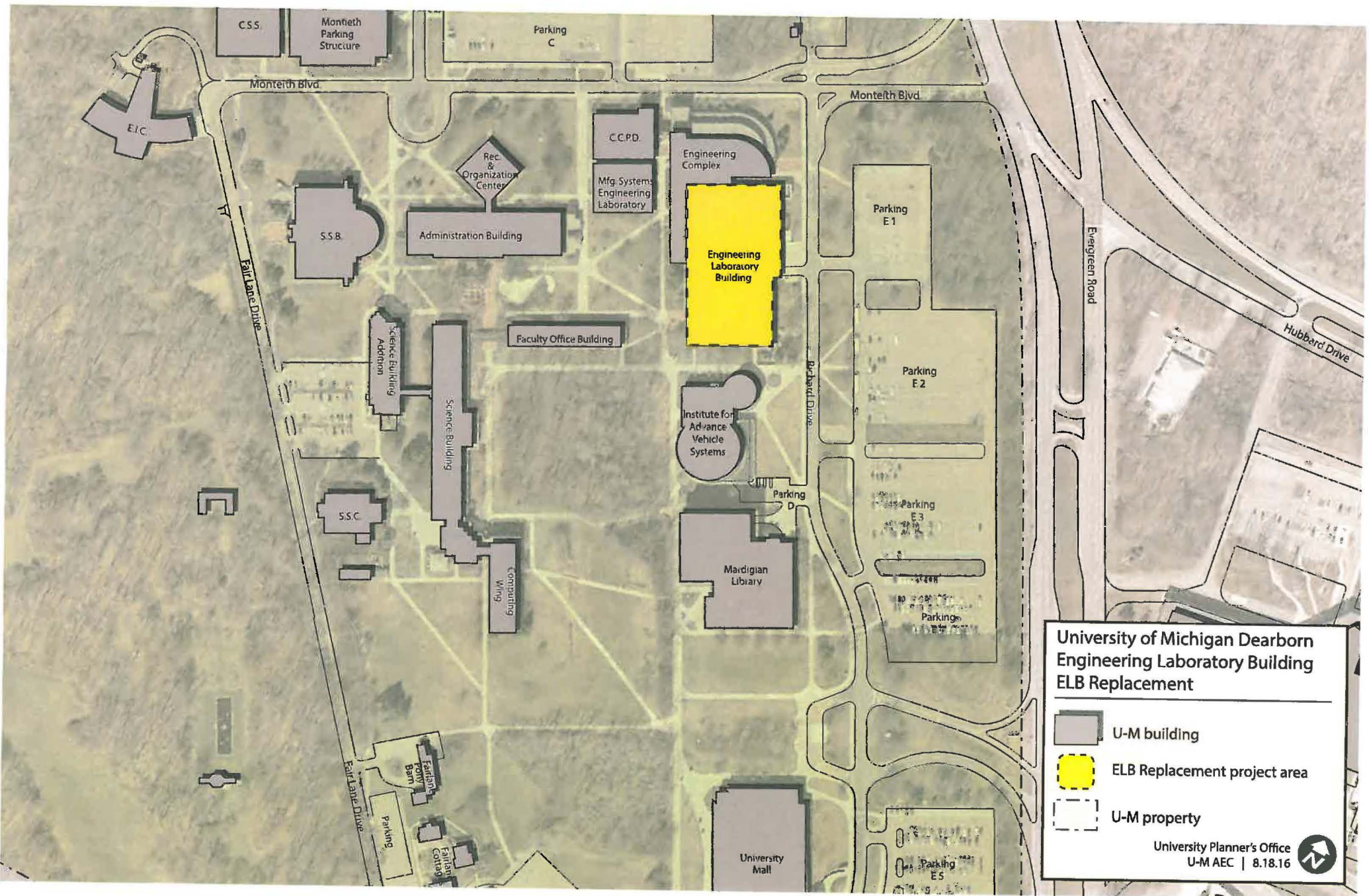


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Attachment



**University of Michigan Dearborn  
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-  U-M building
-  ELB Replacement project area
-  U-M property

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