

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Palmer Field Temporary Recreation Facility

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

At the March 2022 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the schematic design for the Central Campus Recreation Building Replacement project and authorized proceeding with construction. The demolition of the existing Central Campus Recreation Building will begin immediately following the Fall Semester 2022 to clear the site for the new facility that is projected to open in the spring of 2025. In order to provide Central Campus with indoor recreation space during the construction of the new facility, we propose to construct a temporary recreation facility on Palmer Field. The facility will contain 23,000 gross square feet and provide nearly 90% of the most popular workout space for students, including strength and cardio equipment and a small indoor track. In addition to the services provided to students, faculty and staff at this temporary facility, Recreation Sports will continue to provide services at the Intramural Sports Building, North Campus Recreation Building, the Coliseum, outdoor recreation fields and spaces that are available for use in Intercollegiate Athletics Facilities. The temporary facility would be removed following the completion of the new Central Campus Recreation Building, and the site restored. The scope of work includes all the necessary site work and site utilities required to support the facility. There will be no permanent impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$9,500,000. Funding will be provided by reserves. 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 project is expected to provide an average of 42 on-site construction jobs. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2022, so the temporary building can be opened before the demolition of the existing CCRB begins in January 2023.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Palmer Field Temporary Recreation Facility as described, and authorize awarding construction contracts within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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