

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Palmer Commons
Second and Third Floor Renovation

Action
Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Palmer Commons Second and Third Floor Renovation project will renovate and upgrade approximately 22,000 gross square feet. This renovation will support and expand flexible instructional and program space. The project will add huddle rooms, a student lounge, a single occupant restroom, audio visual equipment, and new furniture. The new classrooms are intended for multiple users across North and Central Campus schools and colleges and will provide centrally scheduled, flexible instructional space designed to support multidisciplinary teaching and expand access to arts and creative coursework in new areas of campus. These improvements will expand access to high-demand arts and creative courses and support additional sections and new classes designed for flexible spaces. The scope of this project includes the architectural, electrical, and mechanical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$10,000,000. Funding will be provided from Office of the Provost resources. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond or note proceeds, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of SmithGroup will design the project. A construction schedule is planned to be completed in the spring of 2027.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Palmer Commons Second and Third Floor Renovation 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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Chief Financial Officer

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