

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Utility Tunnel Reinforcement Medical Center Campus Area

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

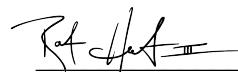
Background:

Most Medical Center Campus utility infrastructure is distributed through underground tunnels that connect the Central Power Plant to Medical Campus buildings. A recent study of the Huron Tunnel, at East Huron Street and Zina Pitcher Place, identified notable signs of aging and concluded repairs are necessary. This project will rehabilitate approximately 300 feet of tunnel and associated vaults, renew mechanical and electrical systems, restore structural components, and upgrade the tunnel ventilation infrastructure. The project will require temporary and localized surface disruptions during construction, but access to nearby buildings and emergency services will be maintained throughout the project. There will be no permanent impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$8,600,000. Funding will be provided from Utilities 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 and engineering firm of Wade Trim will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2027.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Utility Tunnel Reinforcement Medical Center Campus Area 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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