

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Hill Auditorium Renewal Project

Action Requested: Approval of Project and Appointment of Architect

Background:

At the November 1989 meeting, the Regents authorized the development of a feasibility study for an addition to and the renewal of Hill Auditorium, which was originally constructed in 1913. The Regents also approved the appointment of Albert Kahn Associates, Inc., the original architects of the building, along with Quinn Evans/Architects, a nationally recognized historic preservation consultant, to undertake the study. The feasibility study resulted in a comprehensive plan for the renewal of Hill Auditorium, including a complete infrastructure upgrade and many improvements in functionality. The results were presented to the Regents at the September 1990 meeting with the hope that the proposed project would begin when funding became available.

We have begun an update to the 1990 study to refine the definition of scope and the cost estimate for the project. We will identify the first phase of this project based on programmatic need, structural need prioritization, and the logical sequencing of work. At a future meeting we will present the first phase of the project, the estimated cost, and identify the source of funds. The presentation will detail the proposed scope of work and seek approval for any changes that would effect the physical appearance of the building.

We recommend the Regents approve re-initiating the Hill Auditorium Renewal Project and authorize commissioning the firms Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. and Quinn Evans/Architects to execute design and construction drawings as well as recommendations regarding phasing of the project.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Vice President

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

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