THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

University of Michigan-Dearborn

University Mall Renovation

Action

Schematic Design Approval and Approval of Budget Modification

Requested:

Background:

At the November 1996 meeting, the Regents approved the General Campus Renovations Phase III (GCRP III) project for the Dearborn Campus. The \$46.9 million State Capital Outlay project involves three components: the new College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters building (CASL), the new Environmental Interpretive Center (EIC) and the renovation of the University Mall building. This action request focuses on the University Mall building.

In April 2000, the Regents approved the appointment of Neumann Smith & Associates as the architect for the University Mall renovation project. The complete renovation of the University Mall building will provide space for student services, student organizations, and auxiliary services. The building will serve as a central location for students and visitors entering the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. Schematic design has just been completed and we are seeking approval of the exterior appearance of the proposed changes to the facility.

The University Mall renovation budget, currently approved at \$10.938,000, would neither allow completion of energy efficient mechanical and electrical systems nor allow construction of an important entryway connecting the Mall to the CASL building. It would also not support the purchase of furnishings. To renovate completely all 82,400 square feet of space and include energy efficient building systems, the rear entryway, and provide furnishings will require a \$2,100,000 increase in the project budget to \$13,038,000. Since the EIC building and CASL building are nearing completion and CASL is well under budget, we can safely transfer \$2,100,000 of State funding from the CASL budget to the University Mall project. The State of Michigan has approved this change pending Regents' concurrence.

The State will fund seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost of the University Mall project and the UM-Dearborn will fund the balance (25%) from student fees. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents.

We recommend the Regents approve the schematic design for the University of Michigan-Dearborn University Mall Renovation project as presented and approve the project budget increase to \$13,038,000.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Little Chancellor

University of Michigan-Dearborn

Robert Kasdin

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

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APPROVED BY THE REGENTS ON

