

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents  
October 15, 2015

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Walter E. Lay Automotive Engineering Laboratory  
Infrastructure and Interior Improvements

Action

Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The Walter E. Lay Automotive Engineering Laboratory was constructed in 1955 and houses the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The College of Engineering proposes an interior renewal of approximately 16,000 gross square feet of space that will update infrastructure, including electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, and wired and wireless data systems; upgrade the fire alarm system; and renovate public spaces, restrooms, corridors, and offices. 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 \$2,900,000. Funding will be provided from College of Engineering resources. 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 architectural firm of Ann Arbor Architects Collaborative will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of four on-site construction jobs. A phased construction schedule is planned in order to minimize disruption to the academic calendar with construction to be completed in the fall of 2017.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Walter E. Lay Automotive Engineering Laboratory Infrastructure and Interior Improvements 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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Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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