

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents

March 17, 2006

Subject: Stanford Lipsey Student Publications Building
Infrastructure Improvements

Action
Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

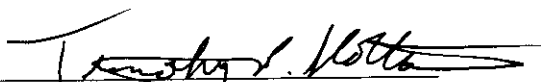
The Stanford Lipsey Student Publications Building is a historically significant building built in 1932 by the same architects who designed the Michigan Union and the Michigan League, Pond & Pond, Martin and Lloyd of Chicago. The building was originally constructed as the headquarters for compiling and printing three student publications - the *Michigan Daily* newspaper, the *Michiganensian* yearbook, and the humor magazine *Gargoyle*. Today, the building is used for the same purpose, although those publications are now printed off-site. Over the past seventy-four years, a few areas of the building have been reconfigured and the exterior roof and masonry repaired, but the building is essentially unchanged.

This proposed infrastructure project includes fire protection enhancements, information technology upgrades, and replacement of the building's mechanical and electrical systems. Improvements include a new fire detection and alarm system, and a fire suppression system will be installed throughout the building. A new egress stair and limited-use elevator will be installed to meet code and accessibility requirements. In addition to the infrastructure work, approximately 7,500 net square feet of space on the first and second floors of the building will be renovated to improve the efficiency of operations for the *Michigan Daily*, *Michiganensian* and *Gargoyle* staff. The renovation will be sensitive to the building's historic character, and will include restoration of many of the building's character-defining features. The scope of the project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is \$3,900,000. Funding will be provided from gifts, including a generous gift from Stanford Lipsey, and investment proceeds. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by increasing the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Regents. The University of Michigan Department of Architecture, Engineering and Construction will design the project. Construction is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2007.

We recommend that the Regents approve the Stanford Lipsey Student Publications Infrastructure Improvements project as described and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing the bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,



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