

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the  
Regents  
September 18, 2014

Subject: Stephen M. Ross Athletic Campus  
Athletics South Competition and Performance Project

Action Requested: Approval of Project and Authorization to Appoint an Architect

Background:

As described with the launch of the Athletics Victors for Michigan fund raising campaign last year, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics wishes to improve the facilities that serve nearly two-thirds of all student-athletes; those who compete in track and field, cross country, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, wrestling, rowing, and gymnastics. This project will construct approximately 310,000 gross square feet of space for the new Athletics South Competition and Performance Project to become the future home for men's and women's track and field, cross country, lacrosse, soccer, and women's rowing. The project will include an indoor and outdoor track competition venue for 2,000 and 1,000 spectators respectively. In addition, a lacrosse stadium will be built on the site that will accommodate 3,000 spectators. A consolidated performance team center is more cost-effective to provide specialized team spaces and shared resources for strength and conditioning, athletic medicine, a performance lab, meeting space and locker rooms. When completed, the development will allow hosting of home, regional, and national competitions, and use by students participating in recreational sports. The recent purchase of 17 acres of the Edwards Brothers Malloy property will allow development with less impact to existing wetlands during construction and create future opportunities to manage storm water in that area. Edwards Brothers Malloy will continue to occupy the building and lease back from the university through December 31, 2014. We intend to demolish the existing building in preparation for this project and will seek approval prior to demolition. The 700 commuter parking spaces will remain to allow remote parking with bus transportation to the Central Campus area, but those spaces could be used for event parking during non-peak hours. An additional approximately 200 parking spaces will be provided by the project.

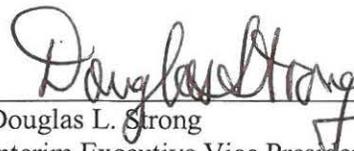
The estimated cost of the project is \$168,000,000. Funding will be provided from Athletic Department resources and gifts, including the recent \$100,000,000 naming gift from Stephen M. Ross. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of TMP Architecture will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 210 on-site construction jobs. Design is scheduled to begin immediately and we will return with a construction schedule when we seek approval of schematic design.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Stephen M. Ross Athletic Campus Athletics South Competition and Performance Project as described and authorize commissioning TMP Architecture for its design.

Respectfully submitted,



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