

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on Budget and Finance

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Subject: **Authorization to Plan**
MSU Museum – Infrastructure Improvements - Accreditation

RECOMMENDATION

The Trustee Committee on Budget and Finance recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for temperature and humidity environmental controls at the MSU Museum.



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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby authorizes the Administration to plan for the project entitled "MSU Museum – Infrastructure Accreditation Improvements - Accreditation."

BACKGROUND

The MSU Museum opened in 1857 and is one of the earliest established museums in the nation. It is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the gold standard for all museums in the United States. The Museum is one of only four museums in Michigan to have Smithsonian Institute Affiliate status, which allows MSU to borrow objects and exhibitions from the Smithsonian. The Department of Anthropology and its archeology program require access to accredited museum collections for teaching and research, as do science programs such as Integrative Biology and Ecology, Evolution and Behavior. The Mammal Research Collection ranks 25th in the Western Hemisphere and is accredited by the American Society of Mammalogists. The Museum is a registered scientific institution with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. It is a registered scientific institution with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

The Museum will lose its American Alliance of Museums (AAM) accreditation without investment that provides temperature and humidity environmental

controls in alignment with standards for collections stewardship, storage, and exhibition. Accreditation helps the Museum secure federal agency grants (NSF, NEH, NEA, IMLS) that support continued collections care and maintenance and investment in educational programming. It is critical to respond to these infrastructure needs by 2024 as the AAM will conduct a mid-cycle review to determine if these requirements for accreditation have been addressed.

Description of Project:

This project is anticipated to upgrade climate control for the MSU Museum, including a comprehensive replacement of heating ventilation and air conditioning systems and humidity control, along with replacing the building windows. The project will also review code requirements as appropriate.

The MSU Museum is on West Circle Drive in the north academic district.

Communication Plan:

Input will continue to be solicited from the campus community during the planning phase.

Preliminary Project Cost Information

The planning for this project will incur costs for consultants, designers, and cost estimating. The administration will bring forward a funding plan when seeking authorization to proceed, which may include debt financing.

cc: Board of Trustees, S. Stanley, T. Woodruff, N. Beauchamp, M. Woo, M. Zeig, B. Quinn, V. Gore, L. Frace, T. Glasmacher, M. Heil, B. Kranz, M. McCabe, J. Mumma, L. Gremel, J. Rayis, L. Adams, K. Oosterhoff, C. Leese, J. Andrews, J. Stoddart

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