MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on Budget and Finance

From: Daniel Bollman
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Subject: Authorization to Plan
Research Building in Detroit

RECOMMENDATION
The Trustee Committee on Budget and Finance recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for a new research building in furtherance of MSU’s 2030 Strategic Plan and consistent with the University’s agreement with Henry Ford Health.

RESOLUTION
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby authorizes the Administration to plan for the project entitled “Research Building in Detroit.”

BACKGROUND
Among other goals, the MSU 2030 Strategic Plan calls for the university to reach $1 billion in annual research expenditures, and triple National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funding within five years. The University strategic partnership with Henry Ford Health is a key component to expanding research, along with expanding MSU’s footprint in Detroit, and creating the cornerstone for a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center. In February 2021, MSU executed the Master Affiliation Agreement with Henry Ford Health. The agreement calls for a research building to be constructed at the Henry Ford Health (HFH) campus in Detroit.

Description of Project:
The project is anticipated to include wet bench laboratories and central support facilities including core labs, vivarium, and common meeting areas. MSU and Henry Ford Health will collaborate on the planning and design. The project will be on the Henry Ford Health Detroit campus.
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 planning process will investigate all project delivery options and optimize the funding structure for the least cost approach. It is anticipated that funding will be from research facilities and administrative costs, gifts, and may include either a lease or debt financing. The definitive recommendation for financing structure will be made during the authorization to proceed.


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