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August 29, 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: Trustee Finance Committee

From: Fred L. Poston 

Subject: Long-Term Property Lease to the Capital Area Transportation Authority

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Finance Committee recommends the Board of Trustees approve granting a 50-year property lease for approximately nine acres to the Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) for \$1.00 for the purpose of constructing a multi-modal transportation station, with such other terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the Vice President for Finance and Operations and Treasurer.



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BACKGROUND

CATA, in partnership with MSU and the City of East Lansing, was awarded a \$6.28 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to develop the Capital Area Multi-Modal Gateway project. MSU's contribution to the project is providing the local match for the federal grant in the form of a long-term ground lease of the site, which was appraised at approximately \$3.2 million. The lease site is the current home of the Amtrak Station on Harrison Road.

Project objectives include the addition of bus bays and customer waiting areas, bus service between Chicago and Detroit, access to Amtrak's Blue Water Line, barrier-free access, improved transfers between intercity and local bus services, increased accommodation for taxi, rental car, and bike-sharing services, and enhanced pedestrian and vehicular safety.

The Administration is recommending that the Board of Trustees approve the execution of this long-term property lease.

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