


**MICHIGAN STATE**  
**UNIVERSITY**

August 29, 2012

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Trustee Finance Committee

**From:** Fred L. Poston 

**Subject:** **Authorization to Plan**  
Duffy Daugherty Football Practice Field - Construct Filming Tower  
(footprint change)

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Trustee Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Administration to plan for modifications that may result in a material change to the campus footprint for the project entitled Duffy Daugherty Football Practice Field - Construct Filming Tower.



**BACKGROUND**

**Program Need:**

Like all major football programs, MSU records practices from a high vantage point. In order to provide a safer environment for videotaping and viewing football practice, the Athletic Department believes it would be best to replace the current scissor lift with a permanent tower.

**General Description of the Project:**

The planning of this project is anticipated to include a concrete-pier footing to support a 50 foot video tower with a roof and 40 foot high viewing platform for video recording and use by coaches. The tower will require electricity and data. It will sit between the practice fields replacing a concrete slab where the temporary lift now sits. It will be accessed by internal stairs with access secured by lockable mesh gates at the bottom.

The Duffy Daugherty football practice fields are located on Shaw Lane, east of the Clara Bell Smith Student Athlete Academic Center and Duffy Daugherty football building in the athletic and recreation district. The location of this project is consistent with the Campus Master Plan and Planning Principles.

It is anticipated that the design changes would impact the campus footprint in this area.

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Based on an assessment of the factors stated in the Project Planning and Approval process concerning Project Labor Agreements (PLA), the Vice President for Finance and Operations and Treasurer has determined that a PLA would not be required for this project.

**Communication Plan:**

During the planning phase, the campus community will be given opportunities to provide feedback on the project as it is being designed. Input from the project planning team will be solicited during the design phase.

**Preliminary Project Cost Information:**

As information, the preliminary project cost estimate is less than \$1 million and the source of funds for the project is expected to be from auxiliary activities – intercollegiate athletics. This project will return to the Board for approval of the footprint under authorization to proceed.

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