

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 19
DATE: October 19, 2010

RECOMMENDATION

OAKWOOD/WASHTENAW INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT GRANT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents authorize the President to make any and all adjustments in right-of-way necessary for the construction of improvements at the corner of Washtenaw and Oakwood associated with the implementation of the City of Ypsilanti's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement grant.

STAFF SUMMARY

In the Winter of 2009, Eastern hired the firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber to conduct a traffic study for the intersection of Washtenaw and Oakwood. The study was thorough and recommended the following improvements (see attached diagram):

- Right turn bay on Westbound Oakwood
- Dual left turn lanes on Southbound Oakwood
- Signal and pedestrian improvements

In May 2010, the City of Ypsilanti applied for a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) improvement grant through the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) for the improvements to the intersection. All the stakeholders are continuing work on the grant and a final decision is expected in early 2011.

To implement the improvements outlined in the CMAQ grant, Eastern will have to allow for additional right-of-way to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). This recommendation requests the Board of Regents delegate the authority to President Martin to make any and all right-of-way adjustments necessary to implement the grant improvements.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The grant funding distribution for the project has not yet been finalized; Eastern share or match, however, is not expected to be significant.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

Date



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