



MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

TO: Members of the Board of Regents

FROM: Mick Robinson
Deputy Commissioner for Administration & Finance

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SUBJECT: Montana University System Long Range Building Program

Shortly after the beginning of this calendar year, the Montana University System (MUS) received a request from the Architecture and Engineering Division (A & E) of the Montana Department of Administration to develop a MUS Long Range Building Program (LRBP) priority list for possible inclusion in the State Long Range Building Program to be presented to the 2013 legislature session. **NOTE:** For planning purposes, even into future biennia, A & E has encouraged the MUS to present a comprehensive list of projects and deferred maintenance priorities. A prioritized list is required to be submitted to A & E by July 1, 2012.

As we have discussed in previous Board meetings, the MUS LRBP process began in earnest last September and included campus visits, tours of campus facilities and a prioritization process for MSU campuses and UM campuses. With this step in the process, we present for your review and consideration, a draft MUS LRBP prioritization list which incorporates the recent prioritization work completed by the MSU campuses and the UM campuses. You will note that the priority list includes a combination of Major Deferred Maintenance projects and Major Construction projects. It is important to mention that all of the Major Construction projects included on the list also address serious deferred maintenance concerns. This priority list would be for consideration in the "state cash program" and/or a possible "state bonded program".

The second grouping includes Authority only projects. These projects would not require the use of state funds and would normally be funded with grant funding or private gifts.

While we all recognize the challenging budgetary situation that lies ahead, it is important that you as a Board adopt a priority list of deferred maintenance projects and major construction projects. In the event that funding would become available to address the infrastructure needs of the MUS, your staff will have your guidance to help us in our work of directing funding opportunities toward properly approved MUS priorities.

With final approval of a MUS LRBP priority list scheduled for the May Board of Regents meeting, we welcome your comments and direction as we move the process forward toward final approval and the July 1, 2012 submittal into the State LRBP process.