November 19-20, 2026

ITEM 227-2009-R1126

Request for Authorization to Plan and Design a Track Athlete and Operations Facility; Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with MCA 20-25-302 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to expend up to $3,000,000 to continue planning and design for a Track Athlete and Operations Facility.

EXPLANATION

1. The MSU indoor and outdoor tracks are separated from student athlete support facilities which creates operational and student athlete safety challenges.
2. The outdoor track facility lacks an adequate operations center to support events and the Kennedy Stark Athletic Center (KSAC) does not have locker rooms, changing areas and associated student-athlete support spaces.
3. The locations and adjacency to Bobcat Stadium would allow for an operations center to serve both the outdoor and indoor track venues, creating enhanced benefit.
4. The Track Athlete and Operations Facility will enhance the student-athlete experience and improve safety and operational efficiency, expand seating capacity to provide more opportunities for student athletes and fans, and create centralized operations to support event efficiency and consistency and improve fan experience.
5. MSU intends to seek construction authority at a future BOR meeting once cost estimates are secured.
6. The project will be paid for using facility revenue and donor funds.
7. Leasing the project to the Foundation (under MCA 20-25-309) must first be approved by the Commissioner. Approval of this item gives the Commissioner the authority to approve the project delivery approach and the provisions contained within a lease.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Physical Plant 1003.7