

September 24, 2026

ITEM 226-2011-R0926

Request for Authorization to Plan and Design Bobcat Stadium Improvements; 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 \$5,000,000 to begin the planning and design functions to expand capacity at Bobcat Stadium and improve the safety, accessibility, and gameday experience of all facility users.

EXPLANATION

1. The success of the MSU football program, growth of the fanbase and demand for tickets have resulted in sellout crowds at Bobcat Stadium, including standing room only sections.
2. Existing portions of Bobcat Stadium have reached their maximum capacity with no viable alternatives to increase seating and improve the overall gameday experience for our fanbase.
3. The age of Bobcat Stadium combined with contemporary venue expectations limits MSU's ability to attract events (such as concerts), limits the experience of patrons on gamedays, and restricts options for future growth.
4. MSU Athletics has undertaken a preliminary assessment of opportunities for facility improvement and additional revenue generation through a ticket-holder survey.
5. Using results from the survey, MSU will begin the planning and design of Bobcat Stadium to increase seating capacity, offer enhanced premium seating opportunities, upgrade concession areas and make the stadium accessible by current standards.
6. As the design process advances and cost estimates are secured, the University will return to the Board of Regents at a future meeting to obtain additional design and project delivery authorities.
7. The project will be paid for using donor funds, supplemented by Athletic facility and/or football program revenues, if needed.
8. Leasing the project to the Foundation (under MCA 20-25-309) or requesting state delegation of any portion of the project 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.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment #1: Physical Plant 1003.7