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Heather,

This correspondence is in regard to the **UW-Madison L&S Academic Building (Levy Hall) Project** located on Block 16 with frontages along W. Johnson Street and N. Park Street (address TBD).

The College of Letters & Sciences Levy Hall will be a new 115,00 GSF, 5-story academic building at the intersection of W. Johnson Street and N. Park Street situated in the South Campus Neighborhood near the southern gateway to the UW-Madison campus. (Master Plan reference to this neighborhood is attached). Generally, this neighborhood is to be comprised of taller buildings with minimal setbacks to lend a more dense urban character that maintains an active street frontage to encourage a sense of civic life. This project continues the campus planning intent to realign the physical location of L&S departments into cohesive academic districts that are meant to foster collaboration between compatible departments.

The building will collocate ten (10) humanities departments under one roof, which are currently housed in seven (7) buildings across campus. The intent is to create an identity and sense of community, as well as a hub for engagement, collaboration, and learning for Afro-American Studies, Classical & Near East Studies, Gender & Women's Studies, History, Jewish Studies, Religious Studies, Integrated Liberal Studies, American Indian Studies, Asian American Studies, and Chican@ Studies. In addition with these academic units will be a range of (14) collaborative instructional spaces ranging in size from 25-student interactive classrooms to a 400-student, inclusive and interactive lecture hall, with a total building seat capacity of 1,200 students. The building will also include a variety of informal spaces where students can pursue knowledge independently as well as within a larger learning community.

The project and proposed building was approved in the 2015 Campus-Institutional (C-I) District

Master Plan per MGO 28.097. In addition, both Zoe Bayliss Co-Op Hall (#0577) constructed in 1955 (AHI #160471) and Susan B. Davis Residence Hall (#0578) constructed in 1961 (AHI #160490) will be deconstructed as part of the project. Although these buildings are listed on the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) Architecture and History Inventory (AHI), per the B. Miller 2009 study they are “not eligible for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) listing due to lack of individual architectural or historic distinction.” In addition, two small surface parking lots will be decommissioned and removed as part of this project. The project will go through the UW Design Review Board for its approval.

As this project is envisioned as Phase 1 (north half) of the Block 16 development, the master plan identifies a Phase 2 (south half) of Block 16 which contains additional academic space, an underground parking garage, and large greenspace/stormwater management facility. As set up work for these phases UW-Madison is actively securing ownership of the few remaining parcels on the block. As such, we will be submitting a rezone/demolition application in tandem with this Phase 1 project for these parcels. Specifically, 209 Bernard Court and 911 Clymer Place will be removed ahead of Phase 1 for ‘lay-down’ construction/staging area.

This project will also require a Wisconsin Environmental Protection Agency (WEPA) Phase 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which is underway along with our WDNR permitting process for stormwater management.

Project Vision:

Levy Hall will be a model environment for learning and scholarship at UW-Madison, providing a welcoming, accessible place which supports the culture, health, and well-being of all who use it.

- Spotlight and Support Academic Excellence and Innovation
- Create a Landmark of Cultural Inclusivity for UW-Madison
- Provide a Gracious and Accessible Experience for All
- Connect to History and the Natural Environment

Project Cost:

Total project cost: \$78,452,000 (\$53,512,000 total construction budget). Enumerated budget: \$88,441,000.

Project Schedule:

- Design Review Board MTG #1: March 2022
- Notify Alder: April 2022
- Design Review Board MTG #2: June 2022
- Joint Campus Area Committee Informational MTG: June 2022
- City of Madison Developer Assistance Team MTG: July 2022
- Joint Campus Area Committee Recommendation MTG: October 2022
- Design Review Board MTG #3: November 2022
- City of Madison Drawing Submittal: December 2022
- Board of Regents Approval: December 2022
- Demolition Begin Work: May 2023
- Demolition Complete: June 2023
- New Construction Start Work: June 2023

- Substantial Completion: March 2025
- Occupancy: June 2025

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out. We appreciate your support and look forward to any question you may have.

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