

September 18, 2025

ITEM 220-2003-R0925**Request for Authorization to Renovate Within and Construct Additions to the Visual Communications Building; Montana State University**

THAT

Consistent with MCA 18-2-102 and BOR Policy 1003.7, the Board of Regents authorizes Montana State University to spend up to \$27,500,000 to renovate and construct additions to the Visual Communications Building on the Bozeman campus.

EXPLANATION

1. MSU received \$2,000,000 of authorization in BOR Item 206-2008-R0523 to complete planning and design for improvements at the Visual Communications Building.
2. MSU received \$12,000,000 of authority in House Bill 5 from the 66th Legislature to construct improvements at the Visual Communications Building.
3. MSU received \$4,000,000 of authority in House Bill 5 from the 68th Legislature to construct improvements at the Visual Communications Building.
4. MSU received \$11,500,000 of authority in House Bill 5 from the 69th Legislature to construct improvements at the Visual Communications Building.
5. MSU is planning and designing with support from architects, engineers, and contractors competitively selected for the project; the project is in budget.
6. Fundraising is complete and this project is fully funded by private donations.
7. The project consists of renovations of existing space, the construction of a new building, as well as a small support building for broadcast logistics.
8. The project will enhance academic collaboration and student opportunities for experiential learning with enhanced technology, a registrar-accessible classroom, and space for uniting the School of Film and Photography, Black Box Theater, and Montana PBS.
9. The work will be paid for with private donations.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Project Details (BOR Policy 1003.7)