
B. The level of approval required for formal project approval shall be based upon estimated total project costs:

1. Projects with an estimated total project cost of in excess of $4.0 million will require approval by the board based on recommendations from the regents’ committee responsible for facilities;

2. Projects with an estimated total project cost in excess of $2.0 million but not more than $4.0 million will require approval by the regents’ committee responsible for facilities;

3. Projects with an estimated total project cost in excess of $1.0 million but not more than $2.0 million will require approval by the chair of the regents’ committee responsible for facilities;

4. Projects with an estimated total project cost of $1.0 million or less will require approval by the chief finance officer.


A. Schematic design approval represents approval of the location of the facility, its relationship to other facilities, the functional relationship of interior areas, the basic design including construction materials, mechanical, electrical, technology infrastructure and telecommunications systems, and any other changes to the project since formal project approval.

B. Unless otherwise designated by the approval authority or a material change in the project is subsequently identified, Schematic Design Approval also represents approval of the proposed cost of the next phases of the project and authorization to complete the design development process, to bid and award a contract within the approved budget, and to proceed to completion of project construction. Provided however, if a material change in the project is subsequently identified, such change will be subject to the approval process described in P05.12.047.

C. (not included – outlines requirements for submittal materials)

D. The request for schematic design approval shall also include a variance report identifying any significant changes in scope, cost, schedule, funding plan, operating cost impact, or other cost considerations from the time the project received formal project approval.
E. Schematic design approval levels shall be the same as formal project approval levels; provided however, if no material change in the project has been identified since formal project approval, approval levels shall be as follows:

1. Projects with an estimated total project cost of in excess of $4.0 million will require approval by the board based on recommendations from the regents’ committee responsible for facilities;

2. Projects with an estimated total project cost of more than $2.0 million but not more than $4.0 million will require approval by the regents’ committee responsible for facilities;

3. Projects with an estimated total project cost of more than $1.0 million but not more than $2.0 million will require approval by the chair of the regents’ committee responsible for facilities;

4. Projects with an estimated total project cost of $1.0 million or less will require approval by the university’s chief finance officer.  

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E. Schematic design approval levels shall be as follows:

1. Projects with an estimated total project cost of in excess of $4.0 million will require approval by the board based on recommendations from the regents’ committee responsible for facilities;

2. Projects with an estimated total project cost of more than $2.0 million but not more than $4.0 million will require approval by the regents’ committee responsible for facilities;

3. Projects with an estimated total project cost of more than $1.0 million but not more than $2.0 million will require approval by the chair of the regents’ committee responsible for facilities;

4. Projects with an estimated total project cost of $1.0 million or less will require approval by the university’s chief finance officer.  

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