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### COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

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4. **Authorization of Project No. BR-60-2401, Coliseum Turf Installation, Albany State University**

Recommendation: That the Board authorize Project No. BR-60-2401, Coliseum Turf Installation, Albany State University (“ASU”), with a total project budget of \$1,958,750 to be funded with grant awards from the Arthur M. Blank Foundation, the NFL Foundation, and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation.

Understandings: ASU has been selected to receive grant awards to replace the existing natural grass field at the Coliseum with a synthetic field surface (the “Project”). Home of the Golden Rams, the Coliseum’s current field has experienced significant wear and tear and drainage issues during heavy rains. The scope of the Project includes installation of new concrete curbing, goal posts, a black vinyl chain link fence, and the synthetic turf system. Additionally, the construction entrance would be stabilized and stormwater management addressed, which could involve upgrades to the existing water pump to improve field drainage.

With a primary goal of improving the playing surface to enhance safety and performance for student athletes, the Project would also provide a versatile space for intramural sports and other activities that promote health and wellness for ASU students. It could also reduce ongoing maintenance expenses for the university, which would free up resources for other critical needs. The Project is consistent with ASU’s master plan and aligns with its commitment to providing top-quality facilities for their students and community.

The estimated construction cost for this Project is \$1,633,750. If authorized by the Board, ASU will proceed with the design and construction of the Project in accordance with the conditions and terms of the grant and Board of Regents procedures. The grant would also include \$100,000 of separate supplemental funding to address expenses associated with ASU's management and oversight of the field improvement and conversion, along with an additional \$225,000 allocated for allowances and contingencies.

# Coliseum Turf Installation May 2024

