Office of the President February 23, 2024

Members, Board of Trustees:

## IMPROVE ATHLETICS FACILITIES 4 (TRACK AND FIELD COMPLEX – RESURFACE OUTDOOR TRACK) CAPITAL PROJECT

<u>Recommendation:</u> that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Improve Athletics Facilities 4 (Track and Field Complex – Resurface Outdoor Track) capital project.

<u>Background:</u> Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation.

The University of Kentucky Track and Field Complex officially opened on October 5, 2012, and is home to the university's world-class men's and women's track and field programs. Since completion, several former UK students have gone on to shatter world records in their events, including Sydney McLaughlin, Kendra "Keni" Harrison, Jasmine Camacho-Quinn and Alexis Holmes.

The surface of the nine-lane, 400-meter oval, runways, and warmup areas has exceeded its useful life and must be replaced. This project is well-timed as the university is scheduled to host several elite-level outdoor track meets including the 2024 NCAA East Region Championships, the 2025 Southeastern Conference Championships, the 2026 NCAA East Region Championships, the annual Jim Green Invitational and the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Boys' and Girls' High School Track and Field Championships.

This \$2,000,000 project, authorized by the 2022 Kentucky General Assembly, is within the total legislative authority of \$5,000,000 and will be funded with private funds.

Action taken:	☑ Approved	☐ Disapproved	☐ Other	

