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July 24, 2015

TO: COUNCIL CHAIR ERNEST Y. MARTIN
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOEY MANAHAN 

SUBJECT: Travel Report on NACo 2015 Annual Conference and Exposition

For your information, attached is a travel report summarizing my attendance at the NACo 2015 Annual Conference that took place in Charlotte, North Carolina on July 10-13, 2015

If you have any questions regarding the report, you may call me at extension 85007 or email jmanahan@honolulu.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Travel Report

NACo 2015 Annual Conference and Exposition

Charlotte Convention Center, Mecklenburg County/Charlotte, North Carolina

I had the opportunity to participate in the NACo 2015 Annual Conference and Exposition held in Mecklenburg County/Charlotte, North Carolina from July 10 to July 13, 2015.

NACo's Annual Conference and Exposition provides an opportunity for all county leaders and staff to learn, network, and guide the direction of the association. The Annual Conference held each July is hosted by a NACo member county.

This year, the conference was held in Mecklenburg County/Charlotte, North Carolina. The Annual Conference provides county officials with a great opportunity to vote on NACo's policies related to federal legislation and regulation; elect officers; network with colleagues; learn about issues impacting counties across the country; and view products and services from participating companies and exhibitors.

In addition to meeting with lawmakers and other federal officials, the conference offered exceptional educational opportunities. Hawaii local lawmakers were given the opportunity to share ideas and information with other county officials across the nation.

Workshops/Meetings Attended in NACo 2015 Annual Conference and Exposition:

During the NACo 2015 Annual Conference and Exposition, I had ample opportunity to attend more meetings than before, especially those which subject matter reflect my position as Chair of the Committee on Transportation within the Honolulu City Council. During this trip, I also am grateful for the opportunity to participate as a member of the NACo Membership Committee Meeting and the elections of the NACo governing officers, such as the 2nd Vice President.

The days were filled with opportunities to meet and discuss the ideas and successes of the City and County of Honolulu, but I also valued learning from other counties' ideas and successes.

Friday, July 10, 2015

- **Transportation Steering Committee: Highway Subcommittee Meeting**
 - The meeting featured a presentation on Highway and Truck Safety: Through its policy resolutions process, the Transportation Steering Committee continues to oppose any increase in truck size and weight due to the impact on locally owned infrastructure and road safety. During this presentation, the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) discussed developments in federal truck size and weight issues that impact counties nationwide. Topics included the longer double-trailer truck configuration currently under consideration in Congress, often called Twin 33s, as well as the technical reports recently released by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

- **Transportation Steering Committee: Transit/Rail Subcommittee Meeting**
 - The meeting featured a presentation and discussion regarding Rail Safety Issues: With the increased transportation of hazardous materials by rail through urban and rural areas across the country, the subcommittee was joined by representatives from the Association of American Railroads (AAR) and Norfolk Southern to learn more about rail safety issues and discuss ways counties can work with railroads to make our communities “Safe and Secure.” During this meeting, AAR demonstrated their AskRail app, a safety tool that provides first responders immediate access to accurate and timely data about what type of hazardous materials a railcar is carrying so they can make an informed decision about how to respond to a rail emergency. In addition, Norfolk Southern and AAR will provide additional information and insight about the role of railroads and counties in domestic freight movement.
- **Transportation Steering Committee: Ports Subcommittee Meeting**
 - The meeting featured a presentation on America’s Multimodal Freight System: Freight transportation is the backbone of American commerce. Our robust system of freight movement is an economic engine, producing millions of jobs and a higher standard of living for large and small communities across the country. Unfortunately, the infrastructure that facilitates freight movement is struggling to keep pace with current demands of the supply chain, let alone projected increases in freight movement in the coming years. During this presentation, the subcommittee will learn more about the needs of our multimodal freight system and ways counties can help expand freight capabilities and work toward solutions for this growing national challenge.
- **Transportation Steering Committee: Airports Subcommittee Meetings**
 - The meeting featured a presentation on Airports and Economic Development called “An Economic Engine of the Carolinas: Planning for the Future of Charlotte Douglas International Airport.” Not only do counties play a significant role in the ownership and management of a third of the nation’s airports, but airports serve as a lifeline and major economic driver for many urban and rural communities. During the committee meeting, the subcommittee heard from Charlotte Douglas International Airport’s economic affairs manager regarding the airport’s development and plans to move beyond aviation and become a major logistics hub.

Saturday, July 11, 2015

- **Transportation Steering Committee Meeting**
- **Peer Roundtable Discussion: Infrastructure Financing Possibilities for Counties**
- **Open General Session with featured speakers: Jerry Abramson (Deputy Assistant to the President), the Honorable Ashton Carter (United States Secretary of Defense), AND Brad Daugherty (TV Analyst, NASCAR Owner and Former Basketball Star); Presided over by the Honorable Riki Hokama, President of the National Association of Counties and Council Member of Maui County, Hawaii.**

Sunday, July 12, 2015

- Premier Solutions Session: Public-Private Partnerships – A Valuable Tool for Counties to Advance Critical Infrastructure Projects
- Workshop: Driving into the Future with Technology at the Wheel: Automated Vehicles, Ridesharing Apps and Mobile
- Workshop: Understanding How Demographic Changes and New Mobility Patterns are Reshaping Transportation Investments and Land Use Planning
- Premier Solutions Session: Challenges and Opportunities for Energy Infrastructure in Counties.

Monday, July 13, 2015

- Hawaii Delegation breakfast meeting to meet and greet with all 2nd-Vice-President candidates for the National Association of Counties
- Workshop: Reducing Fatalities and Serious Injuries on County Roads
- Election of NACo Officers and Business Meeting
- Closing General Session with featured speakers: The Honorable Anthony Foxx (United States Secretary of Transportation), and Soledad O'Brien (Journalist, Documentarian, News Anchor and Producer); Presided over by the Honorable Riki Hokama, President of the National Association of Counties and Council Member of Maui County, Hawaii.
- Conference Celebration Event that was held at the NASCAR Hall of Fame as well as the Charlotte Convention Center.

Conclusion:

I am honored to participate in this year's NACo Annual Conference and Exposition. NACo is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. The organization promotes sound public policies, fosters county solutions and innovation, promotes intergovernmental and public-private collaboration and provides value-added services to counties and taxpayers money. As the City and County of Honolulu is going through major changes to make life better for residents, it is important that County officials and staff to attend where they can learn and provide the City and County of Honolulu in aspects such as legislative affairs, executive management, public affairs, county solutions and innovations, information technology, finance, administration, and more. I hope and plan to attend future NACo Annual Conference and Exposition and other related meetings or conferences.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 07/31/15

Traveler: **Joey Manahan**
 Event: **NACo 2015 Annual Conference & Exposition**
 Location: **Charlotte, North Carolina**
 Dates: From **10 July 2015** To **13 July 2015**

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel		
4. Meals	51.50	Receipts attached
5. Ground Transportation	134.96 128.36	Receipts attached
6. Tips	6.00	Receipts attached
7. Other		
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8. Adjustment	(6.00)	
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	185.86 179.86	

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This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment.


 Signature of Traveler

7/31/2015
 Date