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FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOEY MANAHAN

SUBJECT: Travel Report on Rail~Volution, Low Income Housing Institute and Urban
Rest Stop Site Visits, Woodland Park Zoo Site Visit

For your information, attached is a travel report summarizing my trip to Seattle, Washington and Dallas, Texas from 21 October 2015 to 31 October 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 – October 21-31, 2015

Seattle, Washington - Meetings & Site Visits

Dallas Texas - Rail~Volution 2015 Conference

Rail~Volution is an annual public transit conference that draws industry insiders – all people interested from elected officials to citizens – from across the country.

Rail~Volution's mission is to "serve as a catalyst for the movement to build livable communities with transit by inspiring people in communities and regions to make better transit and land use decisions. [They] do this by partnering, equipping, and connecting people and institutions at all levels." The conference was based at the Hyatt Regency Dallas, but 20 mobile workshops drew the attendees to sites across the metro area to showcase the local urban farming movement, transportation equity, integrating transportation into sports and museums facilities and hospitals, and other developments in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Throughout the conference, Rail~Volution featured approximately 40 sessions featuring speakers from across the nation. Among those on the roster

Along with attending the conference in Dallas, I also visited Seattle, Washington to meet with the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) and other organizations that are working to address City of Seattle's homeless issue.

Seattle – October 21 –24, 28 – 31, 2015

During my last trip to Seattle, I was honored to be invited by the Low Income Housing Institute to speak on the importance of hygiene centers to solving the homelessness crisis at the opening of Seattle's third Urban Rest Stop in Ballard on October 1, 2015. I was joined by members of the Seattle City Council and officials from the State of Washington as well as members of the community.

With this trip, I had the opportunity to look more in-depth at plans and specifications of Urban Rest Stops. I learned more details of URS operations by visiting their newest hygiene center in Ballard. I saw how clients were greeted and how statistics were kept.

I had meetings on October 22 and 29 to focus on the developmental aspects for the Urban Rest Stops, such as the Request for Proposal process, how they work in conjunction with non-profit organizations, look at their floor plans, workforce training for workforce and family housing and their operating budgets. I also was able to learn about Seattle/Washington state's controlled singular Request for Proposal process, which, ensures that public funding is leveraged against tax credits and other means of financing.

I was able to witness the effectiveness of the Low Income Housing Institute's newest Urban Rest Stop in Ballard on October 29. I met with the Urban Rest Stop manager, Ronni Gilboa, and she allowed me to be at the hygiene center as their clients came in for the day. For a newly operating hygiene center, the preliminary statistics for Urban Rest Stop at Ballard was 40-60 clients a day. This amount is expected to reach 200+ clients a day once services are enhanced by the City in this area.

On October 23, I had the opportunity to visit the Woodland Park Zoo of Seattle. I had a follow up meeting with the CEO of the zoo, Mr. Bruce Bohmke, who is also a member of the national zoo accreditation board that gives Honolulu Zoo its accreditation.

After meeting Mr. Bohmke, I was toured by LIHI to a workforce housing project in Bellvue, WA, August Wilson Place, also a project by the Low Income Housing Institute. This workforce housing was finished in the spring of 2015 and provides 57 affordable workforce apartments available to families and individuals making 60% or less of area median income (\$37,080 for one person or \$42,360 for two). There are 12 units set aside for the formerly homeless, eight units for veterans and three units for people with developmental disabilities. August Wilson is located in one of the most desirable cities to live in the United States where home prices are out of reach for average Americans especially the workforce.

On October 30, I was toured by Anna Fiorella of FareStart/CatalystKitchens. FareStart is a culinary job training and placement program for homeless and disadvantaged individuals. Since 1992, FareStart has provided opportunities for over 7,500 people to transform their lives, while also serving over 6 million meals to disadvantaged people in the community.

Rail~Volution – October 24 – 28, 2015

The Mobile Workshops (MW) of Rail-Volution are highly recommended. They provide greater insight into the actual experience of riding mass-transit and experience Transit Oriented Development first-hand. While taking the different modes of transportation several guides explain the actual work that has gone into planning for a particular line, connectivity, and the development of various stops as well as the coordination required along a particular corridor.

The MW I attended, a Rail~Volution 1999 mobile workshop presented a development vision centered around a rail station and a million-square-foot vacant warehouse on the south side of Dallas. A lot has happened since then. Today, The Cedars is home to over 1,000 lofts, apartments, condos and single family homes, as well as commercial and entertainment development. A public-private partnership is developing a new Dallas Police Department headquarters. A mile-long pedestrian spine, developed through a \$5.5 million sustainable development grant, will eventually link two stations. Even if you missed the 1999 mobile workshop, you'll want to hear all about the exciting developments.

The Workshops and Plenary Sessions of Rail-Volution were held every day of the conference and provided great insight from many different perspectives of mass-transit from many different points of view including the Federal, State, and Municipal levels. Speakers from various levels of government and various cities and States spoke on their fields of expertise and oftentimes drew from their own experiences in either advocating, planning, designing, and constructing mass transit projects all over the country. The plenary Sessions were also useful for networking and are highly recommended.

A few recaps from the Workshops and Plenary Sessions are below:

North Texas: Then and Now

DART had 20 miles of light rail and the Trinity Railway Express was a 10-mile commuter line when Rail~Volution came to town in 1999. Since then, DART's light rail network has grown to 90 miles and the TRE is 34 miles long and goes to Fort Worth. Billions of dollars in private

capital is being invested in thriving transit-oriented developments along DART's corridors, transforming the region with exciting live, work and play communities.

The View from Tarrant County

Tarrant County is taking a multipronged approach to address the mobility demands of a booming area. Residents welcomed the Trinity Railway Express commuter line in 2000. Today the county is making plans for the arrival of its second commuter rail line, the 27-mile TEX Rail, scheduled to open in 2018.

That Was Then, Here's What's Now

Ambassador Ron Kirk welcomed Rail~Volution to Dallas in 1999. DART Rail took hold during his tenure, setting the stage for an aggressive expansion and the creation of a welcoming environment for the nation's first high-speed rail line, the Texas Central Railway, linking Dallas and Houston. The privately funded project is scheduled to open in 2021 with a station near Downtown Dallas that is sure to attract new transit-oriented development.

A Federal Transit Perspective

America is facing an affordable housing crisis. Where do transit agencies fit in? A large portion of transit ridership is made up of lower-income, transit-dependent patrons. Hear how crisis has spurred innovation and how transit agencies and their partners are tackling the problem, head on: The FTA has added affordable housing to the New Starts criteria. Los Angeles Metro has set a goal that 35 percent of housing on Metro land be affordable. In the Bay Area, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is investing in affordable TOD. Learn more about these groundbreaking efforts and join a spirited discussion of the opportunities and barriers faced by transit agencies working to address America's affordable housing challenge.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 2 November 2015

Traveler: Joey Manahan

Event: Seattle Meetings & Site Visits; Rail-Volution 2015

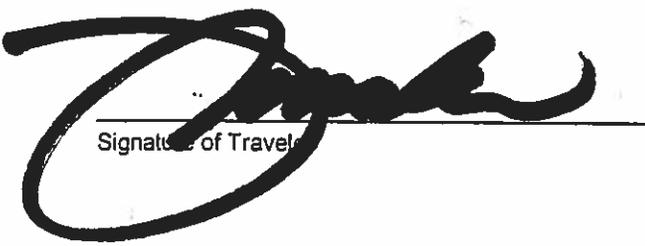
Location: Seattle, WA & Dallas, TX

Dates: From ²⁵ 21 October 2015 To ²⁸ 31 October 2015

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare	25.00	Baggage for flight from Seattle to Dallas
3. Hotel		
4. Meals	274.02 ^{240.52} 271.20	Meals during trip
5. Ground Transportation	631.43 ^{511.48}	Ground transportation in Seattle and Dallas
6. Tips	^{50.71}	
7. Other	^{25.00}	Baggage Fee
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	896.45 ^{827.71}	

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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

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 Date