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TO: COUNCIL CHAIR ERNEST Y. MARTIN
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOEY MANAHAN 

SUBJECT: Travel Report on Rail~Volution 2016

For your information, attached is a travel report summarizing my trip to San Francisco, California from 9 October 2016 to 12 October 2016.

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.

Travel Report – October 9-12, 2015

San Francisco, California - Rail~Volution 2016 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 in San Francisco, California. This year’s conference offered more than 75 workshops to address nearly every aspect of building livable communities with transit and featured thought-provoking policy overviews of livability issues, as well as specific hands-on strategies than be used and applied in other communities, especially here in Honolulu.

Along with the workshops, the conference offered 22 mobile workshops that provided hands-on, real-world learning about livability issues throughout the region.

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-views including Federal, State, and Municipal levels. Speakers from levels of government and various cities and states spoke on their fields of expertise and often times drew from their own experiences in either advocating, planning, 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:

Sunday – October 9, 2016

TOD @ DOT & FTA: Funding, Financing & Resources: This workshop covered what the DOT and FTA are doing to help communities plan and implement TOD policies and encourage joint development. There was a brief overview about the FTA TOD Technical Assistance Initiative and new joint development policies. They discussed the recent changes to the TIFIA and RRIF program that make TOD eligible for financing.

Monday – October 10, 2016

Opening Plenary – Introduction to the Bay Area: The San Francisco Bay Area is the country’s third largest economy. But booming industries and incredible wealth creation bring with them a host of issues: Exploding real estate values benefit property owners, but cause income inequality and displacement. A surge in transit ridership taxes an aging transportation network already bursting at the seams. Conference attendees were briefed about the tensions emerging from these conflicting storylines where housing, job growth, and transportation are inextricably linked. Consider growing suburban poverty leading to hundred-mile commutes: continued resistance to housing development in job- and opportunity-rich locations: the urgent need for investment to update aging transportation infrastructure, and a renewed sense of shared responsibility across

the Bay to provide housing for people of all incomes, coupled with fears of traffic and congestion from growth without proper management.

The Bay Area region and the State of California are addressing these issues through innovative funding and financing mechanisms, local housing and transportation initiatives, and climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies. What they are exploring can certainly be integrated into the work that we do here in Honolulu and the State of Hawaii.

Adding an E to TOD: Strategies and Case Studies for Equity TOD: In this workshop, they addressed tactics to the attendees' toolbox by addressing the following questions: How do you identify opportunities; What strategies can you use to assess feasibility and attract financing; How have private development intermediaries and nonprofits attracted the right partners to serve their high-need populations; and What risks should you identify and mitigate before going forward?

TOD Showdown: Public Sector vs. Private Sector: In one corner: The Government. In the other: A For-Profit Developer. The prize? A TOD built at a recently opened light rail station, on land owned by the transit agency. The Government (the transit agency, the city, and the community) have a long list of what they want from the developer to bring their cherished plan to life. The Developer has an equally long list of needs to line up financing, placate equity partners, deliver a feasible project on-time, and identify tenants. No raging bull here – just straight talk that highlights the differences between public and private sector approaches to TOD.

Tuesday – October 11, 2016

Live from the Bay Area: The Talking Headways Podcast: The Talking Headways Podcast is a weekly chat show hosted by Jeff Wood of The Overhead Wire and featured on Streetsblog USA. Attendees, like myself, were part of a live conference audience as panel speakers discussed a wide range of topics related to sustainable transportation and urbanism.

Pecha Kucha Slam at the Great American Music Hall: The Pecha Kucha Slam featured fast-moving presentations and even faster-thinking presenters.

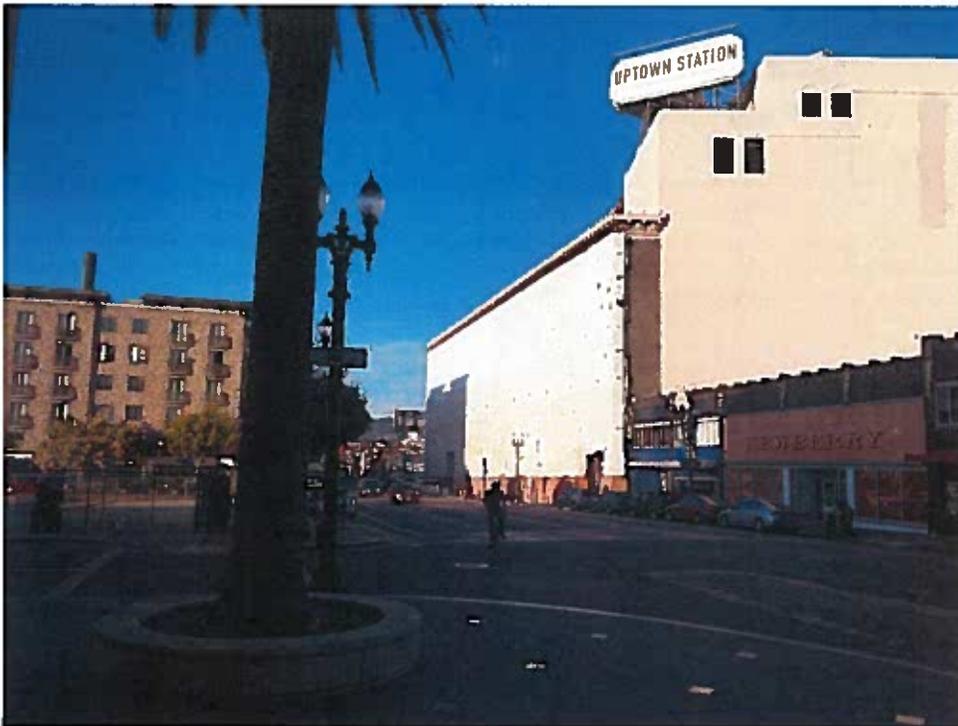
Wednesday – October 12, 2016

Closing Plenary: Building Livable – and Healthy – Communities with Transit: Rail-Volution's vision is that "America's cities and regions be transformed into livable places – healthy, economically vibrant, socially equitable and environmentally sustainable – where people have transportation choices."

Moderator: Adelee Le Grand, AICP, Vice President of Transit Planning and Chief Strategy Officer, Transdev North America, New Orleans, Louisiana. Speakers are Jeffrey Tumlin, Principal, Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, San Francisco, California and Dr. Anthony B. Iton, MD, JD, MPH, Senior Vice President of Healthy Communities, The California Endowment, Los Angeles, California.



Advocating for rail TOD and pedestrian safety with FTA Administrator Leslie Rogers.



Excellent TOD that is revitalizing Oakland.



The group of presenters at Rail~Volution's Pecha Kucha Slam at the Great American Hall.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 10/17/16

Traveler: Joey Manahan

Event: Rail-Volution 2016

Location: San Francisco, California

Dates: From 10/9/16 To 10/12/16

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	545.00	Rail-Volution conference fee
2. Airfare	700.00	Hawaiian Air round trip ticket
3. Hotel	1994.05	Stay during Rail-Volution conference
4. Meals	109.57	Meals during conference
5. Ground Transportation	50.00 50.00	Transportation during conference
6. Tips	18.00	
7. Other		
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	3408.62 3416.62	

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

Date