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TO: COUNCIL CHAIR RON MENOR
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOEY MANAHAN 

SUBJECT: Travel Report on Travel to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada for Rail~Volution 2019

For your information, attached is a travel report summarizing my participation in the Rail~Volution 2019 Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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

Rail~Volution 2019 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Rail~Volution is an annual public transit conference, place-based events and online resource library showcase how land use, transportation and development can transform communities into livable places — healthy, economically vibrant, socially equitable and environmentally sustainable. This annual event brings together planners, community activists, transit officials, consultants, developers, lenders, grassroots organizations, academics, elected officials, health advocates and housing advocates to share the most cutting edge information in their fields. I was fortunate to be part of this year's panel to discuss about "Anti-Displacement Zones and Proactive Policies".

The following is my travel report:

Friday, September 6, 2019

- Arrived in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Saturday, September 7, 2019

- **Bike the Night Welcome Event**

I was able to attend the welcome event that took us on a 6.2 mile slow roll bike ride. There were about 5,000 other people on bikes for a luminous parade through Vancouver's city streets. We rode through car-free streets and explored some of Vancouver's most iconic roads and take in the sights at night. It was hosted by HUB Cycling, who work to remove barriers to cycling and improve our communities, health, and environment.

- **A Moveable Feast: The Richmond Night Market**

Rail~Volution invited attendees to explore the Richmond Night Market, which features over 100 food stalls and more than 200 retail vendors. We learned about the history of this market and the opportunities of activating an under-utilized space near a major rapid transit station. TransLink spoke to us about plans for a rapid transit station along the Canada Line to be funded by development.

Sunday September 8, 2019

- **Conference Registration**
- **Welcome Reception at the Polygon Gallery** – We took the SeaBus that crosses the Burrard Inlet, connecting Downtown Vancouver with the North Shore. Each ferry can seat up to 385 passengers at a time, and departs every 15 minutes during the day. There are two terminals: Waterfront in Downtown Vancouver, which connects with buses, SkyTrain and West Coast Express; and Lonsdale Quay in North Vancouver, which connects with an extensive network of North Shore buses.

Monday September 9, 2019

- **Conference Panel- Planning to Stay Put: Anti-Displacement Zones and Proactive Policies**
 - I was one of the panelist and I discussed that the City and County of Honolulu is investing in real estate properties in the TOD zone. Our goal is to acquire properties to ensure that affordable housing will be preserved in TOD zones for the future. Also, affordable housing around the rail will establish ridership and create healthy mixed use communities. Other panelists like, Mela Bush-Miles, Director of Transit Oriented Development and EJ, Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE), Boston and Jeremiah Ellison, City Council Member, City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN discussed revamping TOD practices, initiating landmark upzoning policies, implementing anti-displacement zones, developing cultural corridors, assembling equity advisory committees, and passing proactive renter protection ordinances in their cities.

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

- **TransLink Headquarters Tour**
 - Move Oahu Forward arranged a tour with TransLink headquarters in Vancouver, a public transit service which includes an extensive bus system throughout the region, SkyTrain rapid transit, SeaBus passenger ferries, West Coast Express commuter rail, and HandyDART for passengers who are unable to use conventional transit. Our group received a briefing and learned about the SkyTrain system, and then head to the tour of the Control Center and the Vehicle Maintenance facility. After the tour, we travelled to a few stations to see their TOD projects.
- **Housing the Missing Middle: What Can Agencies Do to Fill the Need?**
 - I attended the afternoon session that talked about how we can better serve the people who work in our urban centers but are priced out of living within them. One of the panelist is Walter Thoemmes, Managing Director, Commercial Real Estate, Kamehameha Schools, Honolulu, Hawaii. He shared with us how Kamehameha Schools is identifying their properties that is a best fit to develop and provide affordable housing for Honolulu residents. Other panelists are Ron Golem, Deputy Director. Real Estate and Joint Development, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, San Jose, CA, Gregory Floyd, Senior Land Use Planner, Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), Atlanta, GA, and Jan Callison, County Commissioner, Hennepin County, Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. The panelists provided their respective agencies roles in providing affordable housing and other housing initiatives for lower-income residents which coexist with better service to transit riders.

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

- **Closing Plenary- The Future is in Our Hands: The Next 25 Years Will be Different**
 - On this closing plenary, we've learned that we can change the future for the better- that by building coalitions, instead of competing, we make the pie bigger. But we've

also seen unintended consequences from our actions. Displacement. Accelerated change in existing communities. Fragile populations forced to move further from jobs and high-quality transit service. The City and County of Honolulu definitely has a lot to learn from other cities achievements, accomplishments and challenges.

Thursday, September 12, 2019

- **Debrief with Hawaii Delegation to Rail~Volution**

My staff Anela and I met with State of Hawai'i and City and County of Honolulu and other attendees from Hawai'i and Honolulu for a debriefing meeting.

Friday, September 13, 2019

- **Meeting with Rail~Volution Leaders on Next Steps for Honolulu**

After visiting Honolulu and touring them through my Council District – I had the opportunity to meet in-depth with Dan Bartholomay and Sarah Rudolf. I learned about their ACT2 Program and was invited to a bigger discussion the following day.

Saturday, September 14, 2019

- **ACT2: Accelerate Community Transit + Community Transformation**

- After the conference, I was invited to participate at leadership meeting with the Rail~Volution organization group for their Accelerate Community Transit + Community Transformation (ACT2) program. The ACT2 program offers a place-based program designed to deliver the boost your community needs to develop and activate an ecosystem that supports transit, land use and community development the Rail~Volution way. They work closely with communities to examine their on-the-ground conditions and identify key focus areas, then co-develop and deliver a training and action program that will propel your group in the right direction.
- ACT2 works with local coalitions and collaboratives to:
 - o Galvanize your group by identifying mutual goals and priorities
 - o Boost capacity by providing staggered training opportunities and real-time mentoring
 - o Fuel progress with a series of strategic actions that build toward your larger goal(s)
 - o Equip leaders to use “the Rail~Volution way” to approach their regional transit work.

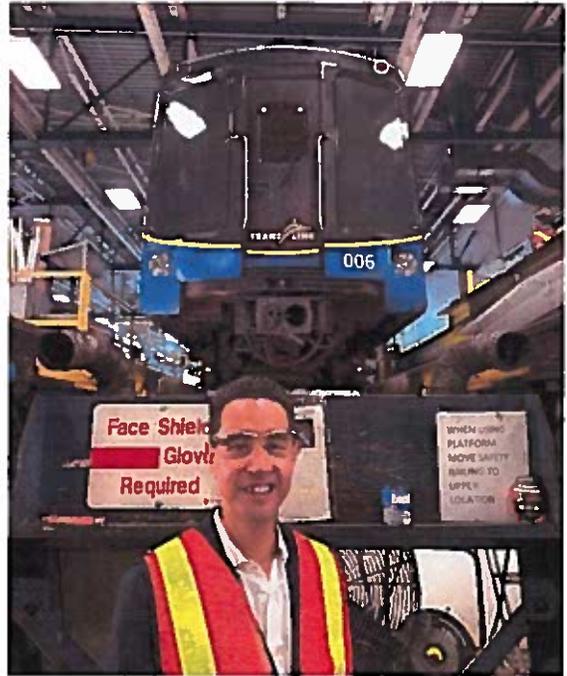
Sunday, September 15, 2019

- Departed from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Plenary: Anti-Displacement Zones and Proactive Policies



Tour of TransLink Headquarters



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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 23 September 2019

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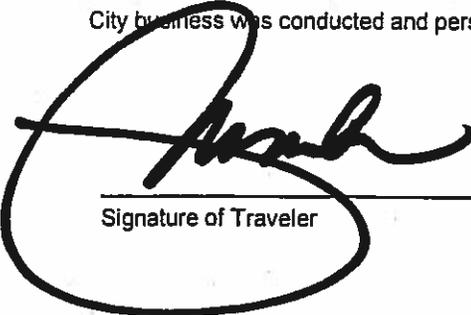
Event: RAIL-VOLUTION 2019

Location: VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Dates: From 9/5/2019 To 9/12/2019

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel	3034.99 → \$2,295.24 Re ✓	
4. Meals	848.08 → \$239.34 223.16 ✓	
5. Ground Transportation	196.36 \$148.64 - 121.43 ✓	
6. Tips		
7. Other	30	Luggage fee ✓
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8. Adjustment		
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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

11/23/2019
Date