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November 29, 2011

TO: ~~Mr. Clayton Wong, Fiscal Officer~~
FROM: ~~Councilmember Ernest Y. Martin~~
RE: ~~Rail~Volution 2011 Conference Trip Report~~

Attached is the report and findings of the Rail~Volution 2011 Conference in Washington, D.C., October 16-19, 2011.

In addition to attending the aforementioned conference, I also met with Peter M. Rogoff, Administrator and Joel R. Washington, Community Planner, both of the Federal Transit Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation to discuss its review of the Honolulu's revised financial plan and full funding agreement. Accompanying me at this meeting was Ms. Laura Figueira.

If you have questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call me directly.

Attachment

Monday, October 17, 2011

Register for Conference

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 am Opening Plenary

❖ *Welcome to Washington, DC*

- Guest Speakers:
 - Councilmember Mary Cheh, Ward 3, DC City Council, Washington, DC
 - Mayor Vincent C. Gray, The District of Columbia
- Speakers welcomed conference attendees and noted the importance of rail within the District of Columbia

❖ *What is the Next American Dream?*

- Guest Speakers:
 - Mr. Christopher Leinberger, Visiting Fellow, Brookings Institute, Washington, DC
 - Mr. Manuel Pastor, Professor, American Studies and Ethnicity; Director, Program for Environmental and Regional Equity; University of Southern California
- Speakers examined the shift in the population distribution back to urban centers and the desire for walkable urban and livable communities versus drivable suburban settings.
- Speakers also discussed challenges faced in providing housing that is equitable where different groups live, work and play together.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Rail~Volution 101

❖ *Introduction to Building Livable Communities with Transit*

- Guest Speakers:
 - GB Arrington, VP, PB's Place Making Group, Portland, OR
 - Ann Cheng, Director, TransForm, Oakland, CA
 - Michael A. Allegra, GM, Utah Transit Authority, Salt Lake City, UT
 - Harriet Trgoning, AICP, Director, Office of Planning, Washington, DC
 - Emerick J. Corsi, President, Real Estate Asset Services, Forest City, Cleveland, OH
- Workshop outlined the principles of building livable, walkable communities.
- Speakers focused on the importance of smart growth around transit stations and transit lines.
- Speakers discussed the challenges and opportunities faced by transit agencies, municipalities, and developers in building livable communities.

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1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Attended a series of meetings at Capitol Hill with key staff from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure – U.S. House of Representatives (Senior Professional Staff Member Helen Zyblikewycz), Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies – U.S. Senate (Subcommittee Staff Director Alex S. Keenan) and U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye. Meetings were focused on the City's rapid transit project and federal funding application. Also in attendance at these meetings were members of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), Mr. Keslie Hui and Ivan Lui-Kwan, Councilmember Breene Harimoto and Ms. Laura Figueira of our office.

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

8:30 am – 9:30 am Plenary

❖ Plenary

- Guest Speakers:
 - Congressman Earl Blumenauer, 3rd District, Oregon
 - William W. Millar, President, American Public Transportation, Washington, DC
 - Ray LaHood, Secretary, US Department of Transportation, Washington, DC
- Congressman Blumenauer, founder of Rail~Volution and Mr. Millar discussed public transportation's role in addressing the economic, environmental and demographic issues facing our communities
- Secretary LaHood discussed President Obama's initiative to put Americans back to work through his American Jobs Act. Secretary LaHood explained how the American Jobs Act would help achieve the president's vision for a national high-speed rail network.

10:00 am – 3:00 pm Site Tour

❖ *Transforming Tysons*

- Mobile workshop focused on the construction of four new Metrorail stations and Tysons Corner – extension of the heavy rail system to Dulles Airport.
- Workshop provided examples of how redevelopment of sites can be successful in creating walkable urban neighborhoods centered on transit.

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2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Workshops

- ❖ *Partnerships: Working Together for TOD Success*
 - Guest Speakers:
 - Peter Albert, Manager, Urban Planning Initiatives, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, San Francisco, CA
 - Teresa Brice, Exec. Director, Local Initiative Support Corporation, Phoenix, AZ
 - Theresa O'Donnell, AICP, Director of Sustainable Development and Construction, City of Dallas, TX
 - Speakers discussed the importance of creating partnerships between transit agencies, municipalities, developers and non-profits when planning, developing and constructing sustainable Transit-Oriented Developments.

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Workshop

- ❖ *Getting to YIMBY: Building Community Support for Livable Communities*
 - Guest Speaker:
 - Anna Chamberlin, Transportation Planner, District Department of Transportation, Washington, DC
 - Jeffrey Tumlin, Principal, Nelson/Nygaard, San Francisco, CA
 - Don Vehige, Urban Design, GGLO, Seattle, WA
 - Speakers highlighted the different techniques planners are using to outreach to communities and organizations affected by development around transit.
 - One specific technique is transportation demand management helped planners overcome neighborhood resistance – usually threatened by the perception of added density, increased traffic and spillover parking.
 - Speakers shared examples of how they were able to change people of NIMBY (not in my back yard) mindset to YIMBY (yes in my back yard).

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Wednesday, October 19, 2011

8:00 am – 9:30 am Workshop

❖ *The Process of TOD Planning and Development*

- Guest Speakers:
 - Heather Tabbert, AICP, Project Manager, TriMet, Portland, OR
 - Lyle Bicknell, Principal Urban Designer, City of Seattle, WA
 - John Francis Torti, Principal, Torti Gallas and Partners, Silver Spring, MD
- Workshop outlined different strategies used to create a vision and plan for Transit-Oriented Development.
- Speakers described ways to implement the vision created

10:00 am – 11:30 am Workshop

❖ *Creating a Sustainable Future: Three Critical Approaches*

- Guest Speakers:
 - Scott Pomeroy, Sustainability Manager, Downtown DC Business Improvement District, Washington, DC
 - Lothar Wiwjorra, Senior Urban Designer, Land Use Planning and Policy, City of Calgary, Alberta
 - Andrew S. Gruber, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council, Salt Lake City, UT
- Each speaker presented different approaches to plan, fund and design the future
 - Calgary's framework for the achievement of design excellence
 - Downtown DC EcoDistrict
 - Wasatch Choice for 2040, a long-range scenario planning in Utah.

12:00 pm – 1:30 am Plenary

❖ *Invitation to Rail~Volution 2012 in Los Angeles, CA*

❖ *Whose Responsibility is Livability?*

- Guest Speakers:
 - Calvin E. Hollis, Executive Director, Office Countywide Planning and Development, LA County Metro Transportation Authority, Los Angeles, CA
 - Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Building Services, US General Services Administration, Washington, DC
 - Peter Calthorpe, Principal, Calthorpe Associates, Berkeley, CA

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- Robert Peck discussed US General Services Administration (GSA) mission to use expertise to provide innovative solutions for their customers in support of their missions, and by so doing, foster an effective, sustainable, and transparent government for the American people.
- GSA is responsible for administering supplies, providing workplaces for federal government. It is also responsible for modernizing government buildings and transform them to “greener” buildings and providing federal government transparency – Data.gov
 - Mr. Peck also discussed GSA’s three major strategies:
 - Innovation
 - Customer Intimacy
 - Operational Excellence
 - Mr. Peck explained how GSA supports the initiative of livability because its commitment to a Zero Environment Footprint to move forward services and solutions that eliminate waste.
- Peter Calthorpe discussed Vision California to help explain California’s approach to creating livability – social, economic and environmental in developing transit, walkable neighborhoods and bikeable districts.

2:00 pm – 5:00 am Workshop

❖ *Complete Communities*

- Guest Speakers:
 - Art Rodgers, Senior Housing Planner, DC Office of Planning, Washington, DC
- Speaker highlighted several DC communities that benefited from transit and explained how transit provided an opportunity for affordable housing development.
- Speaker also noted the importance of local businesses and necessary services such as grocery, healthcare and banking to the success of an affordable community.

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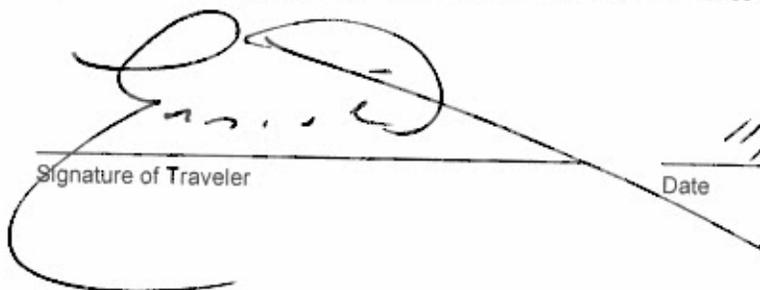
CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: November 7, 2011

Traveler: ERNEST Y. MARTIN
 Event: RailVolution Conference 2011
 Location: Washington, D.C.
 Dates: From October 14, 2011 To October 19, 2011

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	\$485.00 425.00	
2. Airfare	\$1,186.85	
3. Hotel	\$1,863.46 1540.05	
4. Meals	\$41.31	
5. Ground Transportation	\$52.00 47.50	Taxi and Metro Card
6. Tips	10 \$12.00 + 7.50 =	Housekeeping tip
7. Other	\$50.00	Baggage Fees
Other	60.00	Tour 14 - Transforming Tissues
Other	17.50	
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	3690.02 3368.21	

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

11/7/2011
 Date