

**Agency or Agencies
Meeting Body**

July 23, 2025

Agenda Item 8c - 25-1023

**International Travel Request: MTC Staff and Commissioner Participation in the 2025
Social Housing Field Study in Vienna, Austria**

Subject:

International travel request for MTC staff and Commissioner participation in the 2025 Social Housing Field Study in Vienna, Austria, as directed by the MTC Administration Committee on July 9, 2025

International Travel Request:

The Global Policy Leadership Academy (GPLA) has invited MTC to participate in the upcoming Vienna Social Housing Field Study Trip from September 20 to September 27, 2025. Program participants will learn from and engage with GPLA key faculty and a variety of Viennese housing experts to gain firsthand knowledge about a proven model of social housing. MTC and ABAG sent a small delegation of Commissioners, Directors, and staff to a prior iteration of the field study in July 2024.

At its July 9 meeting, the MTC Administration Committee approved the attendance for the September 2025 trip of Commissioners Moulton-Peters and Fleming along with Deputy Executive Director for Housing and Energy, Daniel Saver. The Committee further voted to add Commissioner Melgar to the field study trip. The Committee directed staff to return for final approval. Consistent with that direction, this item seeks approval for an increase to the travel budget to accommodate the additional participant.

Additional information about the September 2025 field study is included in the July 9, 2025 Administration Committee Summary Sheet included as Attachment B.

Issues:

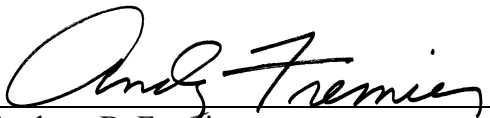
None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Commission increase the budget to a total of \$40,000 for international travel for the Vienna Social Housing Field Study for Commissioners and MTC staff as described above and in the Attachments, with full registration and associated travel costs covered by MTC.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Request for Commission Approval – Summary of Proposed International Travel Request
- Attachment B: Summary Sheet and Summary Approval from July 9, 2025 Administration Committee



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Request for Commission Approval

Summary of Proposed International Travel Request

Work Item No.: 5100

Staff: Daniel Saver, Deputy Executive Director, Housing and Energy

Commissioners: Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Victoria Fleming, and Myrna Melgar

Travel Location: Vienna, Austria

Travel Dates: September 20, 2025 through September 27, 2025

Purpose of Travel: Vienna Social Housing Field Study

Travel Cost Estimate: \$40,000 (\$10,000 increase to the \$30,000 budget approved by the MTC Administration Committee on July 9, 2025)

Funding Source: General Fund

Fiscal Impact: Funding is contingent upon inclusion in the FY20250226 MTC agency budget

Motion by Commission: To increase the budget to a total of \$40,000 for international travel for the Vienna Social Housing Field Study for Commissioners and MTC staff as described above and in the Commission Summary Sheet dated July 23, 2025 and all attachments thereto, and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside funds for this purpose.

Commission:

Sue Noack, Chair

Approved: July 23, 2025