

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

May 22, 2024

Agenda Item 8b - 24-0712

International Travel Request

Subject:

International travel requests for Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) staff participation in the 2024 Social Housing Field Study in Vienna, Austria as directed by the MTC Administration Committee on May 8, 2024.

International Travel Request:

The Global Policy Leadership Academy (GPLA) has invited MTC to participate in the upcoming Vienna Social Housing Field Study Trip from July 14 to July 20, 2024. 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. Key topics include urban planning, construction, financing, land management, and community engagement. The curriculum will be tailored to Bay Area and California contexts and include daily lectures, symposia, gatherings, exhibits, and field trips. The MTC Administration Committee approved the attendance of Executive Director Andrew Fremier and Director Rebecca Long and two MTC Commissioners, and requested that a staff member from Bay Area Housing Finance Authority also participate. Consistent with that direction, this item seeks approval for Director Kate Hartley to participate in the study trip.

During this program, the delegation will discuss:

1. The role of government in planning and funding social housing
2. The economics of the Vienna Social Housing Model including rents and incomes served
3. A comparison of affordable housing in the USA to the Vienna Social Housing Model
4. Urban planning and urban design
5. Creating permanent affordability for all Housing subsidies in Vienna
6. Creating a walkable and bikeable city

Registration costs include the educational programming, lodging, meals, and ground transportation. All registration and travel expenses will be coordinated and covered by MTC.

Issues:

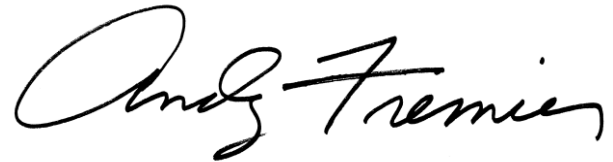
None.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Commission authorize Kate Hartley for international travel as described above, with full registration and associated travel costs covered by MTC.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Commission Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed International Travel Request



Andrew B. Fremier

Request for Commission Approval

Summary of Proposed International Travel Request

Work Item No.: 5100

Staff: Kate Hartley

Travel Location: Vienna, Austria

Travel Dates: July 13, 2024 through July 20, 2024

Purpose of Travel: Vienna Social Housing Field Study

Travel Cost Estimate: \$10,000

Funding Source: Expenses covered by MTC

Fiscal Impact: \$60,000 (including prior approval made at MTC Administration Committee on May 8, 2024)

Motion by Committee: Kate Hartley, Section Director, is authorized for international travel as described above and in the Commission Summary Sheet dated May 22, 2024, with a requirement to set aside funds.

Commission: Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

Approved: May 22, 2024