

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Administration Committee**

July 9, 2025

Agenda Item 2c-25-0987

International Travel Request: MTC staff and Commissioner participation in the 2025 Social Housing Field Study in Vienna, Austria

Subject:

International travel requests for MTC staff and commissioner participation in the 2025 Social Housing Field Study in Vienna, Austria.

International Travel Requests:

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. Key topics include urban planning, construction, financing, land management, and community engagement. The exclusive curriculum will include daily lectures, symposia, gatherings, exhibits, and field trips.

MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments sent a delegation to the July 2024 Field Study that included Commissioners Abe-Koga and Ramos, as well as Executive Director Fremier, Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) Director Kate Hartley, and Legislation and Public Affairs Director Rebecca Long. Commissioner Schaaf also attended as part of a prior delegation. GPLA staff intend to continue to offer these trips on at least an annual basis, building a social housing “community of practice” across the Bay Area, California, and other metropolitan regions in other parts of the country.

For the September 2025 Field Study, GPLA staff anticipate delegations from regional housing finance agencies in Los Angeles and San Diego, state housing officials, state legislators, and other stakeholders from the Bay Area that will include elected officials, high-level staff, and public housing officials. Deputy Executive Director of Housing and Energy, Daniel Saver, was identified as staff for whom the upcoming study trip would be valuable because of his expertise and experience, as well as the opportunity to deepen relationships with fellow participants that can advance the mission and workplans at MTC and BAHFA.

In addition to the above listed staff, the following commissioners have been identified by MTC Chair Noack to participate as valued contributors in their role as representatives of the SF Bay Area:

1. Vice Chair Stephanie Moulton-Peters

2. Commissioner Victoria Fleming

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

MTC has retained a credit for an unused registration to the 2024 Social Housing Field Study in Vienna, Austria, which will be applied toward one of the participants listed above, lowering the total estimated cost per person. Registration costs include educational programming, lodging, meals, and ground transportation. All registration and travel expenses will be coordinated and covered by MTC.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

1. Staff recommends that the Committee authorize MTC staff Daniel Saver for international travel as described above, with full registration and associated travel costs covered by MTC.
2. Staff recommends that the Committee authorize Commissioners Stephanie Moulton-Peters and Victoria Fleming for international travel as described above with full registration and associated travel costs covered by MTC.

Attachments:

- Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed International Travel Request



Andrew B. Fremier

Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed International Travel Request

Work Item No.:	5100
Staff:	Daniel Saver, Deputy Executive Director, Housing and Energy
Commissioners:	Stephanie Moulton-Peters and Victoria Fleming
Travel Location:	Vienna, Austria
Travel Dates:	September 20, 2025 through September 27, 2025
Purpose of Travel:	Vienna Social Housing Field Study
Travel Cost Estimate:	\$30,000
Funding Source:	General Fund
Fiscal Impact:	Funding is contingent upon inclusion in the 2025-26 MTC agency budget.
Motion by Committee:	That Daniel Saver, MTC Commission Vice Chair Stephanie Moulton Peters, and Commissioner Victoria Fleming are authorized for international travel as described above and in the Administration Committee Summary Sheet dated July 9, 2025, and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside funds in the FY 2025-26 budget for this purpose.
Administration Committee:	Amber Manfree, Vice Chair
Approved:	July 9, 2025