Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Administration Committee

June 10 2026 **Agenda Item 3d-26-0705**

International Travel Requests: MTC staff and commissioner participation in the 2026 Smart City Mobile Council Trip to the Netherlands.

Subject:

International travel requests for MTC staff and commissioner participation in the 2026 Smart City Mobile Council Trip to the Netherlands.

Background:

Pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 1058, Revised, this memorandum constitutes the monthly travel report to the Administration Committee. As a reminder, the Commission revised the policies governing Commissioner and staff travel to require that three items be approved by, or reported to, this Committee:

1. International travel (outside the United States and Canada) must be approved in advance by this Committee at a regular public meeting.
2. All MTC-funded Commissioner travel must be disclosed in regular monthly reports to this committee.
3. On a quarterly basis, actual vs. budgeted travel expenditures must be reported to this Committee.

International Travel Requests:

The Smart City Mobile Council has invited MTC to participate in their upcoming trip to the Netherlands from September 21 to September 24, 2026. Program participants will meet with national and local officials, researchers and transit operators to learn about optimal practices that have made the Netherlands a leader in successful outcomes for reliable transit, safer streets, and lower operating costs. This trip includes travel to several cities within Netherlands as the delegation takes part in a field study observing local neighborhoods, different modes of transportation and engaging in real-time mobility planning.

Commission Chair Noack and Chief Deputy Executive Director Alix Bockelman were identified as MTC Commission and staff representatives for whom the upcoming trip would be valuable because of their expertise and experience, as well as the opportunity to deepen relationships with

fellow participants that can advance the mission and workplans at MTC. Susan Adams will be joining the delegation in the Netherlands as an ABAG Board representative.

If any listed Commissioner or staff participant is unable to attend, Executive Director Fremier, in consultation with Chair Noack, may invite an alternate participant with comparable experience and impact in the transit field to fill the reserved slot/s.

All travel, lodging and reasonable food expenses will be coordinated and covered by MTC. Smart City Mobile Council does not charge a registration fee for this program.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

1. Staff recommends that the Committee authorize MTC staff Alix Bockelman for international travel as described above, with associated travel costs covered by MTC.
2. Staff recommends that the Committee authorize Chair Sue Noack for international travel as described above with associated travel costs covered by MTC.

Attachments:

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

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Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed International Travel Request

Work Item No.:	5100
Staff:	Alix Bockelman
Commissioners:	Sue Noack
Travel Location:	Netherlands
Travel Dates:	September 21, 2026 through September 24, 2026
Purpose of Travel:	Smart City Mobility Council Trip to the Netherlands 2026
Travel Cost Estimate:	$15,000
Funding Source:	Expenses covered by MTC
Fiscal Impact:	$15,000
Motion by Committee:	MTC Commission Chair Sue Noack and Chief Deputy Executive Director Alix Bockelman are authorized for international travel as described above, with a requirement to set aside funds.
Administration Committee:	Gina Papan, Chair
Approved:	