

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 6/22/2022

Staff Report No. 22-371

TO: AC Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary
SUBJECT: Board Member Travel Authorization

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Consider authorizing members of the Board of Directors to attend the National Association of City Transportation Officials' (NACTO) 2022 Designing Cities Conference on September 7-10, 2022 in Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville, Massachusetts.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE:

Goal - Convenient and Reliable Service
Initiative - Service Quality

The NACTO Designing Cities Conference brings together 900 officials, planners, and practitioners to advance the state of transportation in cities.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:

The total cost of the trip is approximately \$4,365.00. Expenses are estimated below:

Conference Fee (member:\$625; non-member: \$850)	\$850.00
Optional Workshop Fee	\$250.00
Airfare	\$930.00
Lodging (5 nights @ \$299/night + taxes)	\$1,741.00
Per Diem* (6 days @ \$74/day)	\$444.00
Ground Transportation (5 days @ \$30/day):	\$150.00
TOTAL:	\$4,365.00
<i>* Reduced amount for first and last days of travel; excludes conference-provided meals included</i>	

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) is an association of 91 major North American cities and transit agencies formed to exchange transportation ideas, insights, and practices and cooperatively approach national transportation issues. NACTO's mission is to build cities as places for people, with safe,

sustainable, accessible, and equitable transportation choices that support a strong economy and vibrant quality of life.

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Pursuant to Board Policy 155, all out-of-state travel for Directors and Officers to attend a conference or a meeting related to District business at District expense shall be approved by action of the Board of Directors prior to incurring expenses. This Travel authorization has been prepared in accordance with Board Policy 155. In addition, the policy bans District funded out-of-state travel to any of the states listed on the California Attorney General's website that are listed pursuant to California Government Code Section 11139.8 unless one of the exceptions listed in said Government Code section applies. As of the writing of this report, none of the travel destinations provided in this report are on the list of banned states.

Board Policy 155 further requires Directors to provide a brief oral or written summary of their activities and/or information learned during the trip not later than the next Board meeting following their return from the trip.

In accordance with Policy 155, the Board is asked to authorize out-of-state travel for the conference(s) and/or meeting(s) outlined herein.

ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES:

The meetings and conferences in this report provide an opportunity to improve knowledge, professional and technical skills, and provide networking opportunities for public transportation officials and professionals at all levels. The impact on the District of sending Directors and the General Manager to these meetings would be entirely positive.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:

There are no alternatives to the course of action recommended in this report.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION/POLICIES:

Board Policy No. 155 - Travel, Meeting and Miscellaneous Expense Reimbursement for Directors and Board Officers.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. NACTO 2019 Conference Schedule (2022 Conference Schedule not available)

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