



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: RETROACTIVE REQUEST
FOR TRAVEL FOR MAYOR
SAM LICCARDO

DATE: November 17, 2021

Approved:

Date: 11/17/21

Recommendation: Retroactively authorize travel for Mayor Liccardo to attend the signing ceremony of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in Washington, DC from November 14 - 16, 2021, and to advocate with legislators and staff for transit appropriations.

Location: Washington, DC

Meeting Date: November 15, 2021

Source of Funds: Mayor's Office Budget

Anticipated Cost: \$1,836.00

Purpose: President Biden invited several large-city mayors to join him for the signing ceremony of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act at the White House.

Mayors like me actively advocated for the passage of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to enable greater federal investment in transit, water broadband, and electric grid infrastructure in cities like San José. During my 36-hour visit to Washington, I also met with senior staff on key appropriations committees, two cabinet members, and several legislators to advocate for supplemental federal appropriations for key transit projects, such as BART-to-San José and Caltrain electrification.

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Council Policy 9-5 (Travel by Elected and Appointed City Officials), Section D.1.d, allows for retroactive approval when there is insufficient time to obtain advance Council approval. President Biden's invitation was received on Saturday, November 13, 2021 for the signing ceremony on November 15th. I was able to make arrangements to arrive in Washington, DC on Sunday, November 14th and therefore did not have sufficient time to obtain advance Council approval.