



# Memorandum

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Mayor Sam Liccardo

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRAVEL  
FOR MAYOR SAM  
LICCARDO**

**DATE:** August 31, 2022

Approved:

Date:

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**Recommendation:** Authorize travel for Mayor Liccardo to Washington, DC from September 12-13, 2022, for meetings at the White House and U.S. Department of Transportation.

**Location:** Washington, DC

**Meeting Dates:** September 12 – September 13, 2022

**Source of Funds:** Mayor's Office Budget

**Anticipated Cost:** \$ 2,320.00

**Purpose:** President Biden invited several public officials to join him for a signing ceremony at the White House for the historic Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which marks the largest climate investment in U.S. history, and one from which San Jose should see significant investment. It will build American supply chains for clean energy manufacturing, and provide tax credits for EV ownership among other climate investments. I will use the opportunity to speak with Administration officials about potential funding opportunities for San Jose.

The majority of the trip, however, will be focused on meeting with senior officials at the U.S. Department of Transportation to discuss the VTA's funding strategy for the BART Silicon Valley Phase II extension. These visits are being coordinated with VTA and our federal lobbying team at Holland & Knight.