



Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo
SUBJECT: RETROACTIVE REQUEST FOR TRAVEL
DATE: 11/6/17

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RECOMMENDATION: Retroactively authorize travel for Mayor Sam Liccardo to Washington, D.C., from November 9 - 10, 2017 to attend the FCC Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee meeting.

Authorization for: Mayor Sam Liccardo

Location: Washington, D.C

Meeting Date: November 9-10, 2017

Source of Funds: Mayor's Office Funds

Purpose: On January 31, 2017, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai announced the formation of a new federal advisory committee, the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC or Committee), which will provide advice and recommendations for the Commission on how to accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access. Mayor Liccardo is one of only three municipal representatives appointed to the committee out of nearly 30 representatives.

The BDAC's mission will be to make recommendations for the Commission on how to accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access, or "broadband," by reducing and/or removing regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment for all Americans. Many of the recommendations deal with relevant issues such as how best to deploy small cells in the public rights-of-way, balancing broadband deployment with other municipal needs, and local authority around broadband deployment. As a leader in the smart cities space, San Jose can offer several lessons learned to this conversation as well as plays a vital role in making sure that the voices of local communities are heard at the federal level.