

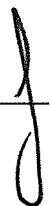
SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON D.C. FOR TULARE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (TCAG) "ONE VOICE TRIP"; APRIL 28 – MAY 1, 2014


SOURCE: Administration

COMMENT: Representatives of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) are making preparations for travel as part of its annual "One Voice Trip" to Washington D.C., scheduled for Monday, April 28th through Thursday, May 1st. As the City's designated TCAG representatives, both Mayor Hamilton (Alternate Member) and Council Member Gurrola (Member) are planning to join the delegation, with TCAG providing for hotel accommodations on Monday through Wednesday night, as well as an airfare reimbursement of \$740 for each. The City would be responsible for providing meal per diems and any parking/subway/taxi reimbursements for the travel dates at a total estimated cost of \$950, which would be charged to the Council Members expense budgets. Although TCAG will not compensate for the travel, it has been recommended that the City Manager also travel with the Council Members in support of the delegation, at an estimated cost of \$1,900 to the City.

TCAG is planning for the City's representatives to play a significant role in the "One Voice Trip", as advocating for continued (and additional) Federal bridge funding is a centerpiece of TCAG's agenda for the trip. With the widening of the Plano Street bridge currently under construction, the widening of the Jaye Street bridge being planned for construction in the 2015/16 fiscal year, new bridges over the Tule River planned for both Indiana and Newcomb Streets, as well as additional improvement/widening projects planned for several bridges over the Porter Slough, the City of Porterville is significantly impacted by the future of Federal funding for bridge projects.

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the travel of Mayor Hamilton, Council Member Gurrola and the City Manager to Washington D.C. as part of the TCAG "One Voice Trip", and authorize the expenditure of City monies in support of the trip.

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