

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

International Travel: Moneme

PURPOSE:

To obtain Board of Directors ratification of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) travel to Madrid, Spain as a member of a U.S. delegation of transit executives sponsored by the Competitiveness Group/Long-term Assets Infrastructure LLC (CG/LA).

DESCRIPTION:

On September 8, 2009, CG/LA Infrastructure requested that Emeka Moneme join a delegation of U.S. transit executives (i.e. Gary Thomas/DART, Matt Cohen/RTD, Amy Kovalan/CTA, Kathleen Sanchez/LA Metro, etc.) in Madrid, Spain to meet with the executive team of Metro de Madrid for a week-long seminar. This seminar, from September 29 - October 2, 2009, was designed as a forum for U.S. and Madrid transit officials to exchange ideas and experiences centered around:

- Technology Decisions
- Investment Strategies
- Public Private Partnerships/Concessions
- Client Satisfaction
- Operational Issues Fundamental for Success

CG/LA Infrastructure - an international infrastructure research and consulting firm - coordinated the Madrid seminar in an effort to link top U.S. transit leaders with European transit leaders as a part of their infrastructure advocacy efforts. Washington Metro and Metro de Madrid are both recognized as industry leaders and, thus, were asked to participate. Discussions related to innovative Investment Strategies and Public Private Partnerships are in line with Washington Metro interests.

FUNDING IMPACT:

No impact on funding. Metro did not incur any costs for the CAO's trip. CG/LA

Infrastructure paid for all transportation, food and lodging costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Ratification of the CAO`s travel between September 27, 2009 and October 3, 2009 to Madrid, Spain as requested by CG/LA Infrastructure.