

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel
(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Highways and Infrastructure
Title of Travel	Western Transportation Advisory Council (WESTAC) 2017 Fall Member Forum
Location	Calgary, AB
Date(s)	November 6 - 7, 2017
Participants	Honourable David Marit, Minister of Highways and Infrastructure Blair Wagar, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Policy, Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure
Purpose of Travel	To attend the Western Transportation Advisory Council Fall Member Forum
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)	\$707.11
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, and buses)	\$216.69
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)	\$639.96
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$86.00
Conference & Registration Fees	n/a
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, and other sundry expenditures)	n/a
Subtotal	\$1,649.76
General Travel Expenditures	
Business Hosting Expenses (luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)	n/a
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)	n/a
Subtotal	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$1,649.76

Overview of Travel and Objectives

The Western Ministers responsible for transportation shared with WESTAC members their respective visions for transportation and shared their provincial priorities. Positive and collaborative relationships with all levels of government, shippers and carriers, both within Saskatchewan and outside our borders, are critical. Saskatchewan's prosperity is linked to trade and exports. To ensure this, Saskatchewan is focused on three strategic priorities:

1. Supporting trade with infrastructure investments;
2. Enhancing economic corridors and gateways to improve the movement of goods;
and
3. Efficient management of the transportation network.

Saskatchewan's objectives for the meeting:

- Build relationships with business and western provinces, and advance Saskatchewan's position in support of the Western Transportation Trade Corridor.
- Work collaboratively with stakeholders and the federal government to improve market access to international markets.
- Encourage WESTAC to forge common principles and priorities in the western region.
- Profile Saskatchewan's support of the five fundamental themes in the Transportation 2030 framework, as well as continued investments by the federal government and private sector in the Pacific Gateway Trade Corridor.
- Focus the discussion on the need for strategic infrastructure investments in western Canada to facilitate reliable and efficient trade relative to the trade and transportation corridor initiative.