

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

<b>Ministry</b>	Highways and Infrastructure	
<b>Title of Travel</b>	Western Transportation Advisory Council (WESTAC) meetings	
<b>Location</b>	Vancouver, British Columbia	
<b>Date(s)</b>	October 12 - 14, 2016	
<b>Participants</b>	Honourable David Marit, Minister of Highways and Infrastructure Jason Wall, Chief of Staff Nithi Govindasamy, Deputy Minister of Highways and Infrastructure Blair Wagar, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Policy Division	
<b>Purpose of Travel</b>	Attend WESTAC Meetings	
<b>Total Travel Expenditures for Participants</b>		
<b>Air Travel</b> (including airfare and airport service fees)		\$2,088.06
<b>Ground Travel</b> (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, and buses)		\$ 227.50
<b>Accommodation</b> (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$1,487.60
<b>Meals</b> (personal per diem meal claims)		\$ 315.00
<b>Conference &amp; Registration Fees</b>		n/a
<b>Miscellaneous</b> (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
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,118.16</b>
<b>General Travel Expenditures</b>		
<b>Business Hosting Expenses</b> (luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		n/a
<b>Miscellaneous</b> (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		n/a
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,118.16</b>

## Overview of Travel and Objectives

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### **WESTAC**

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.

### ***Various port tours***

Toured strategically important transportation facilities at the Port of Vancouver. These tours provided a better understanding of the movement of goods. They also provided the opportunity to see first-hand how bulk grains are loaded onto containers.