

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

Ministry	Highways and Infrastructure	
Title of Travel	Council of Ministers Responsible for Transportation and Highways Safety (Council of Ministers)	
Location	Toronto, ON	
Date(s)	September 27 - 29, 2016	
Participants	Honourable David Marit, Minister Nithi Govindasamy, Deputy Minister, Highways and Infrastructure	
Purpose of Travel	The Council of Ministers meetings are open only to the federal government, the ten provinces and the three territories. The Council of Ministers generally meet once per year in conjunction with the Transportation Association of Canada Annual Conference.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)		\$1,853.92
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, and buses)		\$ 323.75
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$1,328.20
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$ 129.00
Conference & Registration Fees		\$0
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)		\$0
	Subtotal	\$3,634.87
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)		\$0
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0
	Subtotal	\$0
	TOTAL	\$3,634.87

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Overview of Travel and Objectives

Recognizing the important contribution of transportation to economic growth and quality of life, Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Transportation and Highway Safety met to discuss the future of transportation in Canada and to reaffirm their commitment to working together.

The Ministers agreed on a number of shared priorities to help:

- Enhance safety;
- Support internal and international trade corridors;
- Improve the traveler experience;
- Address climate change;
- Foster innovation; and
- Share information.

Safety remains a priority for all Ministers as they are committed to pursuing a dialogue on road, rail and marine safety. The Ministers also agreed to work together to address climate change, including mitigation and infrastructure adaptation, and provide leadership towards the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector.

Also discussed was the commitment to improve the efficiency of trade and transportation corridors, including addressing infrastructure requirements and reducing internal barriers to trade. The Minister agreed in principle on amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding Respecting a Federal-Provincial-Territorial Agreement on Vehicle Weights and Dimensions. The Ministers discussed further harmonization measures for trucks such as electronic logging devices and investing in efficient and seamless trade corridors in order to bring goods to market.