

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel and Expenses

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Highways	
Title of Travel	WESTAC Fall Member Forum	
Location	Calgary, AB	
Date(s)	November 20 – 22, 2022	
Participants	Honourable Jeremy Cockrill, Minister of Highways (HI) Lee Guse, Chief of Staff to Minister Cockrill Blair Wagar, Deputy Minister, HI Ryan Cossitt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy, Planning & Regulation, HI	
Purpose of Travel	To attend Fall Member Forum & DM Council of Transportation Meeting	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$2,453.80
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$221.32
Accommodation (including room charges, and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,138.39
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$237.00
Conference & Registration Fees		\$1,390.00
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)		\$19.99
	Subtotal	\$5,460.50
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (expenses for luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0.00
	Subtotal	\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$5,460.50

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Western Canada's Transportation & Supply Chain (WESTAC) Forum is the premier forum for transportation leaders in Western Canada. It is the destination for forward-thinking business, government and labour leaders in search of insights, discussions, and solutions that contribute to the long-term, sustainable success of transportation across Western Canada.

The Fall forum in Calgary looked at the Canadian workforce, focusing on transportation. There was also a focus on how to improve transportation efficiency and grow the western economy to benefit everyone. This meeting resulted in the agreement by Ministers from SK, AB and MB to develop the now signed "MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING COLLABORATION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF ECONOMIC CORRIDORS".

Travel Activity

As Forum Chair and Saskatchewan's official representative, Minister Cockrill attended the WESTAC Fall Forum, Leaders Council, and Board of Directors Meeting. This provided an opportunity to discuss The National Supply Chain Task Force report and recommendations with the senior representatives of WESTAC member organizations, including provincial and federal governments and key industry stakeholders. This also provided an opportunity to meet with provincial counterparts from Alberta and Manitoba to begin discussions on drafting a memorandum of understanding that would serve to guide collaboration between our three provinces on the development of economic corridors.

Minister Cockrill, Lee Guse and Ryan Cossitt attended for the full 1.5 days of meetings, while DM Wagar only attended Nov 22 for the meeting with provincial, federal and industry leaders on Canada's National Supply Chain Task Force Report. Most Western DMs also attended. Detailed itinerary as follows:

- Monday, Nov 21
 - ADM Cossitt met with AB and MB counterparts on regional transportation issues in support of upcoming Western Minister's meetings and FPT Minister's Responsible for Transportation and Highways Safety meeting in February 2023. Several Federal government officials were in attendance and the National Supply Chain Task Force report was the specific focus. Saskatchewan's attendance helped enhance support of Saskatchewan's role and interest in regional transportation priorities across western Canada.
- On Tuesday, Nov 22, only senior representatives of member organizations, and select officials, were invited to attend the WESTAC Leaders Council, which is focused on The National Supply Chain Task Force.
 - This task force was appointed by Minister Alghabra to make short and long-term recommendations for the transportation supply chain. Louise Yako, one of the Task Force Co-Chairs presented the activities of the Task Force and their report recommendations. This was followed by a roundtable to provide comments and reactions to the report. This offered SK attendees a first-hand

account of industries'/shippers' reactions to the report and Canada's intended actions.

- A final 1-hour meeting Tuesday morning was required for Minister Cockrill as chair of the WESTAC Board of Directors meeting.