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DATE: March 15, 2018  
 TO: Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) Board Members  
 FROM: William A. Fashing, Executive Director  
 SUBJECT: Travel Authorization for Planning Staff

**Request**

The Executive Director is requesting approval for staff members to attend conferences which require over 500 miles of travel. Staff and conferences are outlined below.

Staff	Conference Name	Dates	Location
Ken Pearrow	ESRI Public Sector User Conference	May 2-4	Charlotte, NC
Conference Description: CWCOG uses ArcGIS technology to create maps and study transportation issues. The conference provides immersive sessions and the hands-on training led by Esri tech experts.			
Bill Fashing	National Association of Regional Councils Annual Conference and Exhibition	Jun 3-6	Orlando, FL
Conference Description: The Annual Conference and Exhibition focuses on promoting effective regional cooperation and solutions through interaction and education specifically for regional councils.			
Robert Stevens	Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations	Sep 24-28	San Antonio, TX
Conference Description: AMPO is the transportation advocate for metropolitan regions and is committed to enhancing MPOs' abilities to improve metropolitan transportation systems.			

**Background**

These conferences are held annually and include sessions on a several of topics directly related to the job responsibilities of the employee scheduled to attend. A mixture of local elected officials, city and county staff, state and federal agency leaders, professionals in community planning and transportation, and various others committed to building more livable communities will be in attendance. These conferences have been identified as essential trainings for on-going professional development of staff appropriate to their positions.

**Policy Implications**

Travel over 500 miles requires board approval. The topics and contents of the agenda are directly related to the operation and enhancement of the CWCOG and its members.

**Budget Implications**

The estimated cost for airfare, hotel, and registration is approximately \$1,500 per conference. Funds were budgeted for this purpose within the approved 2018 budget. There are no additional costs to CWCOG members.

**Staff Implications**

None.

**Executive Committee Approval**

None.

*Attachment*

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# Esri Southeast User Conference

May 2-4, 2018 | Charlotte, NC | Charlotte Convention Center

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### Day 1

7:30 am – 8:30 am  
Continental Breakfast

7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Registration

8:30 am – 12 Noon  
Plenary Session 1 - Vision

12 Noon – 1:30 pm  
Hosted Lunch

1:30 pm – 4:00 pm  
Technical Sessions, User  
Presentations and Hands-On  
Learning Lab

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
GIS solutions EXPO and  
Social

### Day 2

7:30 am – 8:30 am  
Continental Breakfast

7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Registration

8:30 am – 10:00 am  
Plenary Session 2

10:00 am – 10:30 am  
Break in GIS Solutions Expo

10:00 am – 3:00 pm  
GIS Solutions EXPO

10:30 am – 11:30 am  
Technical Sessions, User  
Presentations and Hands-On  
Learning Lab

11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Hosted Lunch

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Technical Sessions, User  
Presentations and Hands-On  
Learning

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Conference Social – Location  
TBD

### Day 3

8:00 am – 9:00 am  
Continental Breakfast

8:00 am – 11:30 am  
Registration

9:00 am – 11:30 am  
Technical Session, User  
Presentations and Hands-on  
Learning Lab

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The Annual Conference and Exhibition is the largest national event focused on promoting effective regional cooperation and solutions through interaction and education. Held annually in June, NARC's Annual Conference is the premier place to learn how to engage in effective regional collaboration.

Representatives of Councils of Government and Metropolitan Planning Organizations — leadership, professional staff, board members, local elected officials, technical and program staff — come together to share best practices, attend informative sessions on program, legislative and regulatory issues, as well as avail of training and technical services. Speakers include experts from the public and private sector, congressional and state lawmakers, and individuals from universities and non-profit organizations.

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### 52nd Annual Conference and Exhibition

*June 3-6, 2018 – Wyndham Lake Buena Vista, 1850 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Orlando, FL*

Hosted by [MetroPlan Orlando](#)

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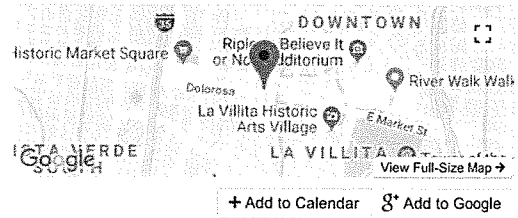
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
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**WHEN:** September 24, 2018 – September 28, 2018 all-day

**WHERE:** San Antonio  
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