TO: AC Transit Board of Directors

FROM: Linda A. Nemeroft, District Secretary

SUBJECT: Travel Authorization

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Consider authorizing Director Williams to attend the Congressional Black Caucus 45th Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. on September 16-20, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report requests approval of out-of-state travel for Director Williams to attend the Congressional Black Caucus 45th Annual Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., September 16-20, 2015. Conference activities include, but are not limited to, approximately 70 public policy forums, a national town hall, networking sessions, procurement fair, prayer breakfast, and the Phoenix Award Dinner.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost of the trip is $2,878.25 and includes registration, airfare, lodging, per diem and ground transportation as follows:

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*Includes tax.

**Per Diem rate reduced for: 1) first and last day of travel; and 2) conference provided meals included in the registration fee.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Pursuant to Board Policy 180A, all out-of-state travel for Directors to attend a conference or a meeting related to District business at District expense shall be approved by action of the Board of Directors prior to incurring expenses.
The Annual Legislative Conference is the leading policy conference on issues impacting African Americans and the global black community. While the conference is not exclusive to transit (it features one transit-related session), it does feature more than 70 public policy forums on health, education, economic empowerment, the environment, and civic engagement and many other business-related activities, including a national town hall, networking sessions, and procurement fair.

Upon return from the trip, Directors are required to provide a brief oral or written summary of their activities and/or information learned during the trip not later than the next Board meeting.

In accordance with Policy 180A, the Board is requested to authorize out-of-state travel to the 2015 Congressional Black Caucus 45th Annual Legislative Conference for Director Williams.

ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES:

The conference offers professional development and educational opportunities of value to members of the Board.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

There are no alternatives to the course of action recommended in this report.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS/POLICIES:

Board Policy 180A – Travel and Meeting Expense Reimbursements for Directors and Board Officers.

ATTACHMENTS:
1: CBCF 45th Annual Legislative Conference Preliminary Schedule of Sessions

Department Head Approval: Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary
Prepared by: Doreen Mathews, Executive Administrative Assistant
ALC 2015 is the leading policy conference on issues impacting African Americans and the global black community. From September 16–September 20, 2015, more than 9,000 thought leaders, legislators and concerned citizens converge in Washington, D.C. to explore public policy issues from an African-American perspective.
Full Schedule

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Voice Student Workshop: Women of the CBC
- 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Professional Development Series for Educators
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM PolicyNow Beta Launch - News Briefing
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Health & Wellness Luncheon
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Public Lands, Climate and Conservation: Peril & Opportunity for African Americans
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ENERGY BRAINTRUST -- Workforce and Economic Development in Energy
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM The New Energy Economy: The Value of the African-American Community
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM 7th Annual Black Women's Roundtable Policy Forum: Power of the Sister Vote - Black Women Leading the Way in 2016
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Miss Representation: How Women are Portrayed in the Media
- 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM CBC Spouses 19th Annual Celebration of Leadership in the Fine Arts

Thursday, September 17, 2015

- 7:00 AM - 10:30 AM Community Breakfast and Health Fair
- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM New Attendee Welcome
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM National Town Hall
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Money, Wealth and Disparities: Mastering the Game
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Income, Poverty & Health Insurance: Newly Released Statistics from the Census Bureau
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Culturally Responsive, Relevant and Trauma Sensitive Family Empowerment
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Black Economic Empowerment in the 21st Century - What You Need to Know
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM EMERGING LEADERS - Instant Apprentice Luncheon: Leadership and Mentoring
- 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Valuing Black Lives Pt1
- **12:00 PM - 7:00 PM** Exhibit Showcase Grand Opening
- **12:30 PM - 1:00 PM** Corporate Lounge Opening
- **12:30 PM - 2:00 PM** General Session Luncheon
- **1:30 PM - 3:30 PM** The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham Voting Rights Braintrust
- **1:30 PM - 3:30 PM** CBC Tech 2020 Workforce Diversity: Tech Talk with Industry Leaders
- **1:30 PM - 3:30 PM** Full Employment in the 21st Century: Innovative Strategies for Inclusive Growth
- **1:30 PM - 3:30 PM** Providing Opportunities in Homeland Security
- **1:30 PM - 3:30 PM** The Black Church in the 21st Century: Victorious/Vigilant/Viable?
- **1:30 PM - 3:30 PM** Underground Railroad Issue Forum
- **2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** CBC Spouses Essay Contest and Issue Forum - The Most Pressing Issue from the POV of Generation X
- **2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** The Media are the Messengers: Negative Black Images in the Media, Movies and News, and What to do About Them
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** EDUCATION BRAINTRUST: Education as a Civil Right: Federal Policy Solutions to Advance Access From Cradle to Career
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** EMERGING LEADERS Town Hall - Corporate Responsibility in the Workplace
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** From Selma Champions to Baltimore Leaders: Sharing the Principles of Effective Movements
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** Halting the Criminalization of Adolescence
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** National AIDS Strategy Reboot, HIV and reaching marginalized populations
- **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** The Minorities in Energy Initiative: Energizing the Future by Engaging Diverse Americans in STEM
- **2:00 PM - 5:00 PM** Women’s Health: BUILDING A HEALTHY LEGACY: OUR PRESCRIPTION FOR THE FUTURE
- **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** The Cause for Excellence: Advancing Equity and Engagement in CTE
- **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** Judiciary/Criminal Justice
- **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** Policing Reform Legislation
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM TRANSPORTATION BRAINTRUST

- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM CBC Tech 2020 Ensuring Equity: Advancing African American Youth in STEM
- 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Marijuana, Guns and Abortion: Can D.C. residents get their rights without fighting for Statehood?
- 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Jazz Forum
- 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Where are the Jobs for African Americans: A Discussion on Infrastructure, Workforce Development and Opportunity
- 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM Gospel Extravaganza
- 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM Leadership Reception - Honoring Rep. G. K. Butterfield, Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus
- 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM Sojourner Truth Women's Leadership Reception
- 8:00 PM - 11:30 PM Jazz Concert - 30th Anniversary Celebration
- 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM The Black Party: Live and Direct

Friday, September 18, 2015

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Reversing the School to Prison Pipeline for African Americans and Minorities
- 9:00 AM - 11:50 AM Black Elected Officials Roundtable
- 9:00 AM - 11:50 AM From Ferguson to $15: The Economic Path Forward
- 9:00 AM - 11:50 AM 11th Annual African American Prostate Cancer Disparity Summit: Black America's Prostate Cancer Burden- A National Review
- 9:00 AM - 11:50 AM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BRAINTRUST - The Future of Consumer Electronics & The Journey to Mars and Beyond
- 9:00 AM - 11:50 AM VETERANS BRAINTRUST - The President's Vow: Ending Homelessness among Veterans by 2015
- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM CHILD WELFARE BRAINTRUST: No Place Like Home: The Reunification of Families with Children of Incarceration Parents
- 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Do Black Lives Matter in Congress? Activism and Action Restoring Trust Between Community and Police
- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM AFRICA BRAINTRUST
• 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM JUDICIARY BRAINTRUST
• 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM HEALTH BRAINTRUST - The March Towards Health Equity
• 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Valuing Black Lives: The Global Emotional Emancipation Summit
• 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Exhibit Showcase
• 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ENVIRONMENTAL BRAINTRUST: Shared Impacts of Climate Change and Environmental Justice
• 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM A Voice: Keep the Faith in Education: Rep. Adam Clayton Powell and the Passage of ESEA
• 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Beyond the Bridge: Voting Rights After the 50th Anniversary of the 1965 March from Selma to Montgomery
• 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Race Solutions 2015
• 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CRIMINAL JUSTICE BRAINTRUST: Building Relationships Between Law Enforcement and Communities of Color
• 9:00 AM - 11:50 AM CBCF - Sojourner Truth Session: Black Women & The Criminal Justice System: We, Too, Sing America
• 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM The Men Speak on Unfailing Bridges
• 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM FINANCIAL SERVICES BRAINTRUST
• 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM EMERGING LEADERS - POWER to the People: Preparing the Next Generation of Leaders
• 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Overcoming the Odds: STEM Education and College Completion for African Americans
• 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM EMERGING LEADERS - Alumni Panel
• 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Sisters Network - Breast Cancer Issue Forum
• 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM HBCU College and Career Fair
• 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM The Youth PROMISE Act: A PROMISE to dismantle the School to Prison Pipeline
• 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM My Brother's Keeper Town Hall
• 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Economic Development Through Technology for the Afro Diaspora
• 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Black Faith and Civic Activism
• **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** Closing the Skills Gap through Technology

• **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** EMERGING LEADERS - Black Voices in Media

• **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** Meet and Match Procurement Fair: Minority Suppliers Doing Business with the Public and Private Sector

• **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** The State of African American Small Businesses: Tackling Barriers to Achieve Economic Prosperity

• **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** Wealth Building in the African American Community

• **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** YOUNG, GIFTED AND BLACK BRAINTRUST

• **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** Black Men & Women Speak: Where Do We Go From Here?

• **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** Community Health Centers, Health Disparities and Addressing the Social Determinants of Health.

• **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** Ensuring Solar Access in Underserved Communities: Successful models and national opportunities

• **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** Fixing the Crisis in African American Economic Security: Attaining Opportunity and Prosperity for All African Americans

• **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** Fostering Economic Opportunities for the Caribbean Diaspora in the United States

• **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM** Hip Hop and Politics

• **3:30 PM - 5:30 PM** Not All Degrees Are Created Equal: Race and Ethnicity in Choice of College Major

• **5:00 PM - 7:00 PM** CBCF Reception

• **6:00 PM - 8:00 PM** CBCF Alumni Association Networking Reception

**Saturday, September 19, 2015**

• **7:30 AM - 10:00 AM** Prayer Breakfast

• **10:00 AM - 2:00 PM** Returning Citizens: What Really Works in Re-entry?

• **10:30 AM - 12:00 PM** Not For Sistah's Only

• **10:30 AM - 1:00 PM** Documentary Screening: 25 to Life

• **10:30 AM - 2:00 PM** Removing the Confederate Flag is Simply Not Enough
• **1:30 PM - 3:30 PM** Environmental Sustainability in Black Communities

• **5:00 PM - 6:00 PM** Pre-Dinner Reception

• **6:00 PM - 9:30 PM** Phoenix Awards Dinner

Sunday, September 20, 2015

• **11:30 AM - 2:30 PM** CBCF Donald M. Payne Memorial Fellowship Cruise