



# MEMORANDUM

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## Travel Authorization for Lobbying Efforts in Washington DC, May 11-14, 2026

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The City has a contract with The Ferguson Group (TFG) for Federal Lobbying Services. In working with our lobbyists there has been encouragement for an elected official from the City to travel to Washington DC to meet with our Federal Delegation and their staff to build relationships and promote the federal funding requests that are necessary for completion of important City projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Erickson has expressed her interest and availability to travel to Washington DC for this important lobbying effort. If she finds she is unable to attend, this authorization can be extended to another Council Member.

Meetings will be scheduled for Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>, so travel will commence over the weekend prior.

Approximate cost estimates for travel include round trip airfare from Homer to Washington DC at \$1200 and room rates starting at \$250 per night. These costs may vary depending on availability at scheduling. Per Diem is \$58 per day, for three meals.

**Recommendation:** Approve travel authorization for travel to Washington DC for lobbying purposes.