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COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the **Office of Public Records** in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE **OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING**

Name of Traveler: Nicole Christus

Employing Office/Committee: Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): American Public Transportation Association

Travel Date(s): November 7, 2021 - November 8, 2021.

Description/Title of Attached Forms: (1) the final version of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and (2) the final version of the itinerary

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): Omitted the final version of the private sponsor travel certification form and the final version of the itinerary in my post-travel paperwork.

July 14, 2022
(Date)

Neil O. Christus
(Signature of Traveler)

(Revised 4/19/2010)

Congressional Staff Itinerary: APTA 2021 TRANSform Conference and EXPO Orlando, FL

			Sunday, November 7, 2021
5:40 PM	8:04 PM		Arrival at Orlando International Airport (Orlando) UA 2268
9:00 PM	9:30 PM	30 minutes	**Dinner**
			Monday, November 8 , 2021
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	30 minutes	**Breakfast**
8:30 AM	10:00 AM	1.5 hours	**OPENING GENERAL SESSION WITH KEYNOTE** Featuring **Dr. Cady Coleman** Former NASA Astronaut and U.S. Air Force Colonel
10:00 AM	10:30 AM	30 minutes	**Break**
10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2 hours	**EXPO 2021** Exhibitors will showcase products, technologies, and services designed to improve public safety, enhance the passenger experience, increase sustainability, and improve efficiencies and profitability in the public transportation system. There will be four Learning Zones on the EXPO show floor where attendees can learn about the latest innovations that will help systems operate more efficiently. The learning zones include, Innovations Learning Zone, Solutions Learning Zone, Procurement Learning Zone, and Hot Topics Learning Zone.
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	1 hour	**Lunch**
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	1.5 hours	**General Session: Federal Partners Update** **Presiding** **Jeffrey A. Nelson**, CEO/Managing Director, Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District (MetroLink), Moline, IL **Fireside Chat** **Featured Speakers** **Hon. Nuria I. Fernandez**, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Washington, DC **Hon. Amit Bose**, Deputy Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Washington, DC **Moderator** **Joseph J. Giuliett**i, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Transportation, Newington, CT **Panelists** **Stephen J. Gardner**, President, AMTRAK, Washington, DC **Gregory K. Hynes**, National Legislative Director, SMART Transportation Division, Washington, DC **Victoria Newhouse**, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Security Policy and Industry Engagement (OSPIE), Transportation Security Administration, Washington, DC (invited)
3:00 PM	3:30 PM	30 minutes	**Break**
3:30 PM	5:00 PM	1.5 hours	**Congress and the Year Ahead on Infrastructure Investment** This session focuses on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Build Back Better Act, Transportation Appropriations, and implementation of critical infrastructure investment. **Congressional Staff Panel** (This discussion is off the record and not for attribution.) **Moderators** **Dorval R. Carter, Jr.**, President, Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago, IL **Erika Mazza**, Vice President, Government Affairs, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Austin, TX **Panelists** **Homer Carlisle,** Professional Staff Member, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs **Nicole Christus,** Professional Staff Member, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs **Kara Fischer,** Senior Counsel, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation **Andrew Neely,** Deputy Policy Director, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation **Jackie Schmitz,** Professional Staff Member, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	1 hour	**Dinner**

Congressional Staff Itinerary: APTA 2021 TRANSform Conference and EXPO Orlando, FL

8:25 PM	10:35 PM		Departure from Orlando International Airport (Orlando) Southwest 5859

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): American Public Transportation Association (APTA)

2. Description of the trip: APTA's 2021 TRANSform Conference and EXPO

3. Dates of travel: 11/07/21-11/08/21

4. Place of travel: Orlando, FL

5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See addendum for list of Senate invitees.

6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:

☐ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

– OR –

☒ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) *(see question 9)*.

7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

– AND –

☐ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

8. I *certify* that:

☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.

– AND –

☐ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**
I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☒ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10).*

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**
If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

APTA is the sole sponsor and organized and conducted the event. APTA has sole financial responsibility for this conference.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

To strengthen and advance public transportation. The trip provides education and information sharing opportunities between the staffer and a broad spectrum of the public transportation industry.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

APTA has sponsored similar trips annually for more than 20 years. This event was last held in 2019.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Each year, APTA presents conferences and webinars. Each event is developed to improve the knowledge, professional and technical skills, and networking opportunities for public transportation officials at all levels.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate ☐ Actual Amounts	$97.38 - Air Fare $43.92 -Taxi Fare	$229/night-tax not included	$99	None

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation **or** b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

a) without regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The location was pre-selected by APTA's members through a committee process. (See addendum for the completion of item 18.)

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Rosen Centre, Orlando, FL

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel was selected for its proximity to the meeting's location, it's an adequate facility to host a conference, and its pricing is competitive.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Lodging expenses are $229, above the federal per diem of $129.

Meal expenses are $99 for one day and one travel day, this total is the combination of the daily per diem of $49.50 for the first and last travel day.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

The type of travel provided will be round-trip air flight, economy class with ground transportation to and from the airport and hotel.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

n/a

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Paul P. Skoutelas

Name and Title: Paul P. Skoutelas, President and CEO

Name of Organization: American Public Transportation Association (APTA)

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

(to be completed by each additional sponsor)

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the 11/07/21-11/08/21 trip to Orlando, FL is true, complete, and correct.

Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)

Place of Travel

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