

## Memorandum

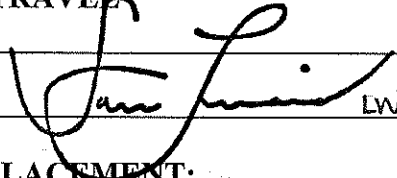
**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Mayor Sam Liccardo

**SUBJECT:** REPLACEMENT MEMO FOR  
MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR  
TRAVEL

**DATE:** 6/26/17

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**REASON FOR REPLACEMENT:**

This memorandum updates the source of funds and clarifies the focus for the SPUR Study Tour.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Authorize travel for Mayor Liccardo to Barcelona on July 5, 2017 to July 8, 2017 for the VTA Transit Construction Study Trip.
  - a. Authorization for: Mayor Liccardo
  - b. Location: Spain
  - c. Meeting Date: July 5, 2017 to July 8, 2017
  - d. Source of Funds: Personal funds, combined with flight funded by the Knight Foundation
  - e. Purpose: Mayor Liccardo, along with San José Director of Transportation Jim Ortbal and staff from VTA and BART, will be visiting the Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona (TMB). The study trip will focus on the unique single-bore, earth-pressure balance tunneling technology, which has only been utilized in Barcelona. The city is interested in learning how this technology could potentially be utilized to bring BART to downtown in a way that could vastly reduce construction impacts on nearby Downtown residents and businesses relative to traditional cut-and-cover techniques, and improve construction safety. Expenses, including hotel, will be paid for by Mayor Liccardo's

personal funds, but he will utilize the Knight Foundation-funded flight (below) to get to Europe.

2. Accept travel payments and authorize travel for Mayor Liccardo to Holland and France on July 8, 2017 to July 13, 2017 for the SPUR Study Tour.

- a. Authorization for: Mayor Liccardo
- b. Location: Holland and France
- c. Meeting Date: July 8, 2017 to July 13, 2017
- d. Source of Funds: Knight Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization
- e. Purpose: Immediately following his time in Barcelona, Mayor Liccardo will be joining Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez, Councilmember Lan Diep, San José Director of Transportation Jim Ortbal, and San José Assistant Director of Economic Development Nanci Klein on a study tour of major transit hubs in Holland and France. The study tour will focus on major transit stations and the surrounding developments.