

# Out of State Travel/Training Request Presented to Oversight Committee for Approval

Requesting Supervisor/Manager: Dan Koski Department: DPI

Names of Employees Attending: Jeremy Walvoord, Carol Mielke

Name of Training	Dates of Training	Location of Training
Faster User Training Conference	November 5 - 8, 2023	Houston, TX

Estimated cost of training	\$ 2100.00
Estimated cost of travel	\$ 900.00
Estimated cost of meals	\$ 400.00
Estimated cost of accommodations	\$ 1500.00
Estimated cost of misc. expenses	\$ 100.00 Please explain Shuttle to and from Airport
Any anticipated overtime costs	\$ 0
Total estimated cost	\$ 5000.00

**Requesting Supervisor/Manager Comments:**

FASTER is the system used for vehicle maintenance and parts inventory for police, fire, transit, city and MPU vehicles. The Conference is essential for learning ways to gain efficiencies in operations and collaborating with other FASTER professionals to better utilize system.

**What are the objectives for the training?**

Personnel will attend job specific tracks and bring back the knowledge to share with users. We will be looking for ways to improve efficiency, streamline operations and reduce inventory.

**How will this training be shared / implemented upon return?**

Personnel will bring back the knowledge they learn and have training to share what was learned with all users of the FASTER software.

**How will this training benefit the City? What is the return on the investment?**

We are looking to streamline processes through the system, learn about features not being used, and use the tools that FASTER has available to reduce paperwork and date entry time. This will also help identify ways to reduce parts inventories.

**Supervisor Approval/Decline**

Approved  Declined  Reason for decline: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor/Manager Signature:  Dated: 10-24-23

**\*\*Please attach any additional information you would like considered with this request**

## Sonja Birr

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**From:** Jeremy Walvoord  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2023 11:46 AM  
**To:** Sonja Birr; Carol A. Mielke  
**Subject:** FW: External: Register Now: FASTER User Conference in Houston!

FYI

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**From:** Karen Dorow <kdorow@manitowoc.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 9:46 AM  
**To:** Jeremy Walvoord <jwalvoord@manitowoc.org>  
**Cc:** Dan Koski <dkoski@manitowoc.org>  
**Subject:** FW: External: Register Now: FASTER User Conference in Houston!

If you are interested in going to this we should get it on a committee agenda soon. Let me know.



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**From:** FASTER Asset Solutions <[conference@transit-technologies.com](mailto:conference@transit-technologies.com)>  
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Registration Now Open! FASTER Asset Solutions' User Conference

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**USER CONFERENCE**

**Houston, We Have Lift Off!**  
Karen,

Registration is now open for *FASTER* Asset Solutions' User Conference this November 5-8 to be held in Houston, TX! Take advantage of Early-Bird Rates while they're available!

[Register Now](#)

This year's theme is the Power of Partnerships and what better of a home for this year's conference than Space City, where even the global leader of space exploration (NASA) relies on partnerships to successfully accomplish its diverse missions.

*FASTER* Asset Solutions is excited to partner with its' Transit Mobility Alliance sister companies to deliver a world-class educational networking event this November. We hope you will join us in Houston!



#### **What is the Transit Mobility Alliance?**

The Transit Mobility Alliance User Conference will bring together the community of clients surrounding *FASTER* Asset Solutions, Passio, Ecolane, TripMaster by CTS Software, Vestige, ArgoTrak, and MJM Innovations for four days of collaboration, education, and partnership. This conference is designed to provide numerous learning opportunities for clients in addition to networking opportunities with hundreds of top-performing fleet and transit professionals across the U.S.

#### **Is this different from *FASTER's* User Conference usually held in Virginia?**

The *FASTER* User Conference has been enhanced to include the entire Transit Mobility Alliance. While the conference location is headquartered in Houston, TX this year, rest assured, this is the same conference you know and love, with an added bonus: our sister companies and their clients!

#### **What additional value does this conference partnership bring to attendees?**

The expanded conference was developed to provide added value to our attendees. The

Transit Mobility Alliance will bring a wealth of knowledge across the transit and fleet industry to be delivered in educational sessions. In addition, you will also have the opportunity to visit with our sister companies and their clients, discuss industry best practices, and learn how others are using the Transit Mobility Alliance partnership to their advantage. We invite you to join us for this expanded user conference, where we are driving innovation through partnerships!

**Are government rates negotiated with the Hilton Americas-Houston?**

Government rates are available on a first-come, first-served basis and must be reserved through the Hotel Reservations office directly. The direct line to Reservations is (713) 577-6667. Proof of eligibility will be required.



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**Questions?**

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