THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FORM (Form TAF)

1. Date of Request:	2. Travel Request #:	3. Department/Division:	4. DEPT/ORGN:	5. Appropriation No.:
8/19/2026		MA DOR, Office of Tax Analysis		

6. Name of Traveler(s):	7. Title(s):	8. Dates of Travel:
Sunil Pokharel	Senior Economist	September 26, 2026 – September 30, 2026

9. Travel Itinerary and Justification

This is a tax revenue estimation conference which has been organized by the Federation of Tax Adminstrators. This year, the Conference will be held in Jacksonville, Florida.

Key state economists, revenue estimator, and revenue forecasters will provide insights on the direction of both the U.S. and the state economies. State economists/estimators and other experts will discuss innovative tax policy analysis. The organizers will also leverage the academic community's expertise to help state revenue economists/estimators better understand and evaluate tax policy.

This out-of-state travel to the conference is mission critical; we expect to get feedback from other states about their recent tax policy analysis practices, revenue trends, and many more, which are extremely important for conducting our core duties; attached is the program agenda for this year's Conference.

Supporting documentation, i.e. Agendas or brochures. **See attached.**

10. Expenses	Personal Funds	MA State Funds	Federal/ Other State Funds
Transportation: (check all that apply) ☐ Rail ☐Bus ☒Airfare ☐Car: ☐ State ☐Personal ☐Rental ☐Taxi ☐Other:		$874.41	
Lodging:		$504.41	
Meals:		$150.00	
Other: (please list): Ground Transportation Conference Fee		 $100.00 $695.00	
Sub Total(s):		$795.00	

GRAND TOTAL: _ $2,323.82

11. Certifications and Authorizations (See G.L. c. 30, §25B)

I hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is true and correct.

Signature of Traveler: Sunil Pokharel Date: 08/19/2026

I hereby certify that sufficient funds are available for the above described travel accommodations.

Signature of Agency CFO: Timothy Rooney Date: 08/24/2026

I hereby authorize the anticipated travel described above and related expenses listed in this form.

Signature of Traveler's Appointing Authority: Kazim P. Ozyurt Title: Chief Economist/Director Date: 8/19/2026

I hereby authorize the anticipated travel described above and related expenses listed in this form.

Signature of the Traveler's Cabinet Secretary: Matthew J. Gorzkowicz Date: 09/14/2026

12. Travel Funded By Private Entity, Foreign Government Entity, or Federally Recognized Tribe:

Travel Funded By Private Funds: ☐Yes ☒No
If Yes: $_____ Source (Contact Information):_____

TRAVEL FUNDED BY PRIVATE SOURCES MUST BE DISCLOSED TO AND AUTHORIZED BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO 930 CMR 5.08 (2)(d)(1). FOR THE APPROPRIATE FORM GO TO: https://www.mass.gov/disclosure-forms

Sunil Pokharel

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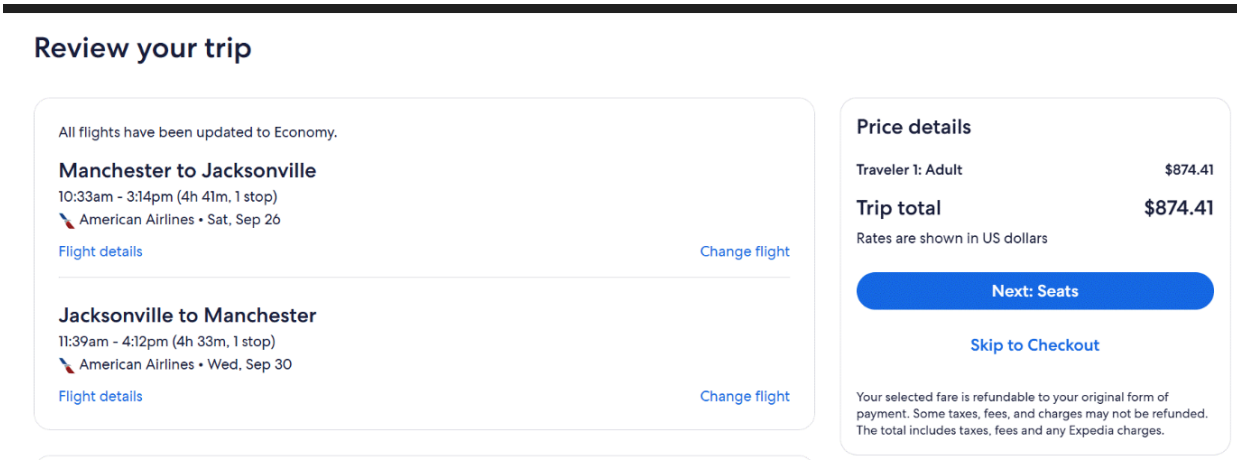

FTA Revenue Estimation and Tax Research Conference 2026

Hotel

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront

225 East Coastline Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Hotel information
Deadline for booking a room at the conference rate is **Sept. 1, 2026**, or when the block fills.
FTA has arranged for a conference block of rooms at the government per diem rate of **$110 per night** before taxes

FTA Registration Fee

Admission Items

Government Registration
Government Attendee
$695.00

Summary Agenda
The list of current agenda topics is available below. A detailed agenda with session topics and speakers will be added closer to the event date, so check back periodically for updates.

Saturday, September 26
1-5 p.m. — Research Roundtable

Sunday, September 27
9 a.m.–12 p.m. — Research Roundtable, Executive Branch Staff
9 a.m.–12 p.m. — Research Roundtable, Legislative Branch Staff
1 p.m.–3 p.m. — Research Roundtable, Executive Branch Staff (Continued)
1 p.m.–3 p.m. — Research Roundtable, Legislative Branch Staff (Continued)
3-5 p.m. — Registration
5:30-7:30 p.m. — Opening Reception

Monday, September 28
8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. — General Session, Economic Outlook and State Revenue Trends
12–1:30 p.m. — Luncheon with Speaker
1:45–3:15 p.m. — Concurrent Session Breakouts
3:45–5 p.m. — Regional Breakouts

Tuesday, September 29

8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

- FTA session with the National Tax Association
- Federal Actions and State Impacts

1:30–3:15 p.m. — Concurrent breakout learning sessions

3:45-5 p.m. — Concurrent breakout learning sessions

5:30-8:30 p.m. — Closing Event

Wednesday, September 30

8:30–11:30 a.m.

- General Session
- Legislative Updates
- Regulatory Updates