Quarterly Travel Coordinator Meeting

Thursday, August 1, 2024

STATEWIDE TRAVEL PROGRAM





PowerPoint will be shared via email after the meeting

Housekeeping



Recording will be shared via email after the meeting



Type any questions you have in the Q&A, we will share completed Q&A after the meeting

Agenda

Meet the Statewide Travel Program (STP) Travel Management Services (TMS) Travel Payment Services (TPS) Virtual Payments (VCN) **Airlines** Lodging **Car Rentals Travel Policy & Compliance**

Resources & Training

Jessica Allen Student Assistant





Nhan Cao Virtual Card Number Account Specialist

Katy Harlow Lodging Programs Specialist

Samantha Hernandez Program and Compliance Emergency Response

Jennifer Miller Airline Travel Services Contact Administrator

Alex Muir Program and Compliance Emergency Response

Alissa Navarro Optional User Account Support

Meet the Statewide Travel Program



Craig Rinker
Program and
Compliance Emergency Response



Donnie Rivelle Statewide Travel Program Manager



Stephanie Ross Assistant Chief, Statewide Travel Program



Michele Slape Statewide Travel Program Manager



Brenda Shields
Travel Management Services Provider
Contract Administrator



Deep Sahota Student Assistant



Sarah Thomas Commercial Car Rental Contract Administrator & Transportation Network Companies Administrator



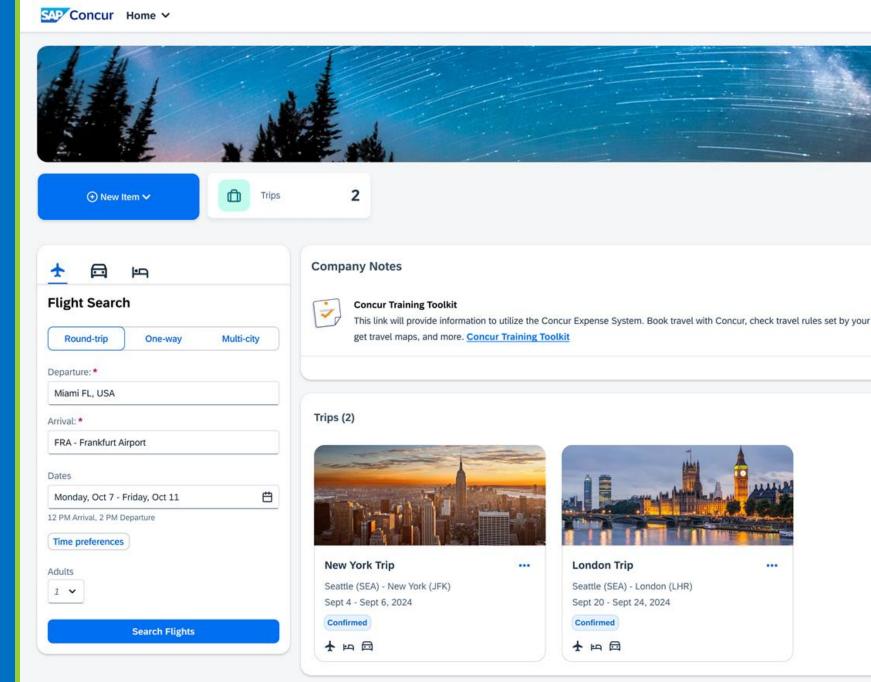
Lori Wassan Travel Payment Services Contract Administrator



Kenneth Wong Statewide Travel Program Manager

Concur Updates

- New look to the Concur Home page
- Coming in late August 2024



Contacting CI Azumano

- Busiest hours are 7am–9am and 3pm–5pm
 - Advise travelers to refrain from calling during these peak times
 - Use Concur as much as possible; agents should only be used for complex trips and mid-trip changes
- Effective July 1, 2024, (916) 376-3989 has been disconnected. (877) 454-8785 is the <u>only</u> telephone number to reach a travel agent.
- Please note that if you do not have an urgent request, you can email <u>caltravel@ciazumano.com</u> instead.



CI Azumano Menu Options

- When calling an agent, there are several menu options that can assist you with directing your call to the correct agent. Below are the phone menu options and how best to use them:
 - Press "0" for urgent travel occurring within the next 48 hours
 - Press "1" To receive a callback (holding your place in queue), please wait for the message to finish
 - Press "3" For a copy of your Invoice, or visit www.caltravel.ciazumano.com
 - Press "4" If you have travel arrangements for a group of 10 or more, or email <u>caltravelgroups@ciazumano.com</u>



Useful resources on our website

- Training guides
- Concur Video tutorials
- o iBank FAQs/User Guide
- Travel-related information (i.e. airlines, car rentals, virtual cards, etc.)



Visit our Resources page at:

https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OFAM/Travel/Resources

Reporting

- Monthly service fees (Concur and agent-assisted bookings) are provided on the Activity Detail Report from CI Azumano
- Service fees are billed in arrears and in a lump sum on the U.S. Bank statement
- o After receiving the report from CI Azumano, the lump sum charge will appear on the following month's U.S. Bank statement

Activity Detail Report Email – Received on or around 6/3/24

4446206 - General Services, Department of - State of CA Activity Detail By Issue Date StartDate 2024-04-26 to 2024-05-25



CAReports <careports@ciazumano.com>

Activity Detail Report 4/26/24 – 5/25/24

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Fees on the U.S. Bank statement 5/26/24 – 6/25/24

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05-29 05-	28 24164074149434530113653	ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR 800-7747578 OK 17243507	5,299.84
05-29 05-	28 24164074149434530114065	ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR 800-7747578 OK 17030937	14,181.55
06-17 06-	16 24755424168281687330004		544.75

Reminders

- Concur should be the primary modality of booking travel; agents should only be used for complex trips and mid-trip changes
- Pre-trip changes to airline reservations can be done in Concur ONCE;
 subsequent changes must be called into CI Azumano
- No longer need to call an agent to apply a UTC. Book online and any applicable UTCs or MCOs will be applied to the new flight reservation
- When emailing CI Azumano for a travel request, only use caltravel@ciazumano.com
 - Do not send emails to concur@ciazumano.com

Travel Payment Services

Citibank Prompt Payment Incentive Rebate

- The annual Citibank Prompt Payment Incentive rebates earned by participating user agencies during the final Citibank Travel Payment Services (TPS) contract term are close to being released.
- Additional information and instructions will be provided to eligible agencies soon.



Travel Payment Services

Citibank Refunds

- Citibank is still processing all credit refunds - checks will be issued to agencies with a credit balance. If you have not provided STP with your agency's mailing address, please do so as soon as possible.
- Credits may continue to come in. We recommend checking CitiManager each month to see if your agency has any outstanding credits.



Travel Payment Services

U.S. Bank Payment Remittance Reminders

- If payment is made by check, the full 16-digit account number must be included on the front of check for payments to be applied correctly. This applies to all direct billed type of accounts (CTA, MTG, VCA).
- Please ensure separate checks are issued for each managing account.
 Do not send a bulk payment with multiple account numbers listed.
- If including the statement in the payment package, please refrain from using staples or paperclips.
- If the department is using Fi\$Cal, use supplier ID USBANKTRVL to make your payment.
- Failure to follow this guidance may result in mis-postings and account delinquencies.

Travel Payment Services

U.S. Bank Resources

- Online Training Resources (<u>Click</u> <u>Here</u>)
- Client Services
 Contact Information:
 - 877-846-9302,Option 3
 - <u>CPSPublicSectorClie</u>

 <u>ntServices@usbank.c</u>
 <u>om</u> (up to 24-hour response time)



Access Online Training for the State of California Travel Card Prog

Program Administrator Training

These recordings provide training for Program Administrators for the implementation of the State of California Travel Ca

Video tips

If a video stops, wait for it to continue buffering, and it will start again.

For closed captions, play the video in Chrome. Go to your browser settings (it's 3 dots in the upper right-hand corner of

Getting started with Access Online (all Program Administrators)

Download the Getting started with Access Online presentation

This course shows you basic navigation, how to update personal information, how to view cardholder and managing acc It demonstrates how to view transactions and submit a dispute for an individual cardholder account. It ends by showing

Login and navigation video (03:32 minutes)

Manage personal information video (05:59 minutes)

View managing account information and statements video (05:42 minutes)

View cardholder account information and statements and transaction declines video (06:49 minutes)

View transactions video (04:51 minutes)

Locate resources video (03:46 minutes)

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Virtual Payments

U.S. Bank Virtual Card Managing Accounts

- You should see two Virtual Card Accounts within your U.S. Bank Access Online
 - One managing account is tied to TravelStore hotel bookings; this will remain active for the remainder of the year for any previously booked lodging reservations prior to switching to CI Azumano.
 - The second Virtual Card Account is associated with CI Azumano hotel bookings.
 - Always review both statements and make payments accordingly.
- To download the reconciliation report in SNAP for each statement, make sure to use the appropriate SNAP login.

Virtual Payments

SNAP

- SNAP Tool is Conferma's reporting and reconciliation system. It streamlines the accounts payable and reconciliation processes with accurate data provided by U.S. Bank alongside the deployment data that was captured on creation of the virtual card.
- SNAP Tool Features:
 - Download transaction reports to reconcile U.S. Bank statements.
 - Access full virtual card numbers.
 - Resend the credit card authorization form.
 - Create virtual cards manually using SNAP to pay for past hotel bookings.
 - View virtual card declines within the "Card Activity" section.
 - Retrieve hotel receipts submitted by the hotel/traveler.
- o If you would like to learn how to use these SNAP features, make sure to check out our upcoming SNAP training registration is available on our <u>events page</u>.

Airlines

General Information

- Real ID Reminder May 7, 2025
- Airline contracts extended for 12 months (7/1/24-6/30/25)
 - New airline solicitation in process.
- Universal Air Travel Plan (UATP)/Datamine



Airlines

Unused Ticket Credits (UTCs)

- If you have a UTC that cannot be used (i.e., traveler left the agency or does not have future travel plans) please email <u>Caltravel@ciazumano.com</u> to inquire if the airline has available options.
- Southwest Check Travel Funds <u>https://www.southwest.com/travel-funds</u>
- Dgs.ca.gov/OFAM/Travel
 - Resources > Airfare > Airline Unused Ticket Credit Management



Airlines

MM 21-07 / SAM Section 4117.1

- DGS Management Memo 21-07 has been replaced by official policy in <u>State</u> <u>Administrative Manual Section 4117.1</u>
- Semiannual compliance reports coming out end of August
 - Will receive two reports: one from CI
 Azumano and one from CalTravelStore

Lodging

Cancelling Lodging Short Notice

- Travelers need to be aware of the hotel's cancellation policy before booking.
 - Some properties include short notice cancellations in their policies, but many requires advance notice of 24, 48, or even 72 hours.
- If the property doesn't provide for short notice, it is important to cancel the reservation with the hotel directly and **not** in Concur.
- Property needs to be notified as soon as the need to cancel is known.
- Travelers must make every attempt to cancel their reservation.
 It is at the hotel's discretion as to whether they want to waive any fees.
- If assistance is needed, please contact <u>Katy.Harlow@dgs.ca.gov</u>



Car Rentals

Personal Use

- All Travel Coordinators should be aware of the personal use discount and be able to provide instruction to their travelers.
- We will be reenforcing travelers to contact their TC's for the information.
- If you do NOT have the personal use information, please email <u>Sarah.Thomas@dgs.ca.gov</u> to be provided with the information.



Car Rentals

Returning ZEV Rentals

- Similar to ICE (gas fueled) rentals, travelers are not required to recharge ZEVs prior to returning them to Enterprise.
- There should not be any charges on statements for this purpose.
 - To dispute these charges, please email <u>TSS_StateofCA@ehi.com</u> and cc: <u>Sarah.Thomas@dgs.ca.gov</u>.



Car Rentals

New Concur Guide: How to Book a ZEV

 There is a new training resource to guide travelers on how to book a ZEV, listed on our Concur Training resource page.

Concur Travel Booking Tool Training, Guides



Updated Car Rental Resources:

Car Rental Resources for State Travel

Travel Policy

MM 14-03 / SAM Section 4117

- DGS Management Memo 14-03 has been replaced by official policy in <u>State</u> <u>Administrative Manual Section 4117</u>
- Applies to all methods of travel (air, rail, car rental and lodging)
- Additional lodging-specific guidance can be found in <u>State Administrative Manual</u> <u>Section 4117.3</u>

Travel Policy & Compliance

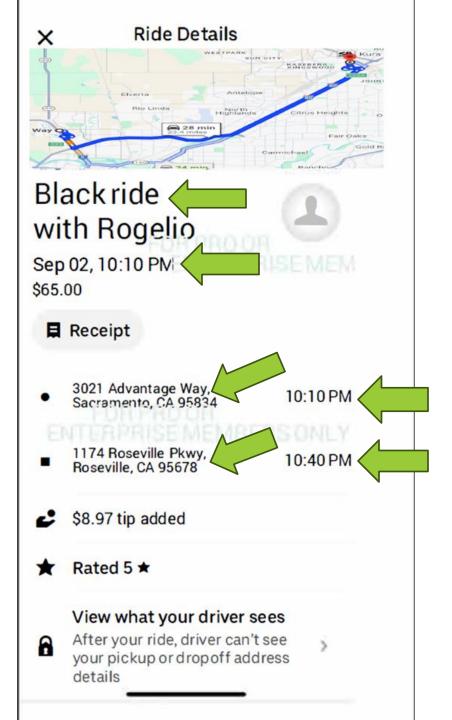
Enterprise Fuel Audit

- Direct-bill fuel audit for FY 22-23 and 23-24.
- Vehicle type vs. gallons of fuel charged
- Distance driven vs. gallons of fuel charged
- Audit completion in early August. Refund checks to agencies will be issued within 1-2 months. If your agency's mailing address has changed recently, contact <u>STPaudits@dgs.ca.gov</u> ASAP.
- Travelers review invoice and travel coordinators review statements. Discrepancies sent to <u>calgovacctsup@ehi.com</u>.
- Audit guide available via STP Rental Car Resources page in August 2024.

Travel Policy & Compliance

Rideshare

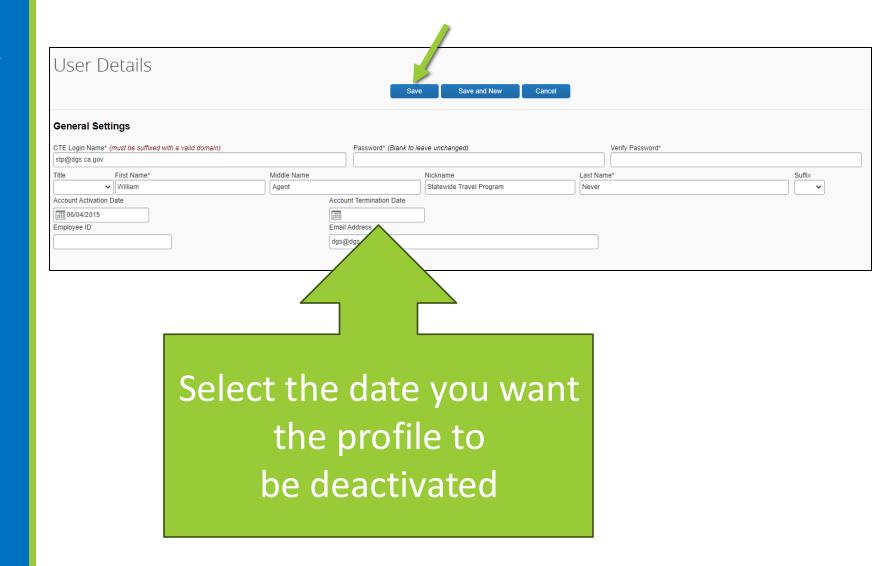
- Ride share audit guide: Do the charges align with the trip?
- Check the ride times (Normal business hours/ Holidays/ Weekends)
- Check the ride destinations (Addresses, maps, and receipts)
- Check the ride classification (No luxury classes allowed).
 Stay up to date on the ride classifications
- Check if they avoided surge/ peak pricing hours



Travel Policy & Compliance

Concur Reminders

- Remove Concur access for employees separating from agency
- Don't have a system in place for Concur account closures?
 - Add to employee transfer/ separation checklist
 - Coordinate with agency leadership to add
 Concur termination to offboarding processes.
- Ensure any future booked travel is cancelled and contact <u>STPaudits@dgs.ca.gov</u> if the separating traveler has a UTC.
- Concur-->Company Admin -->
 User--> Account Termination -->
 Save



Resources

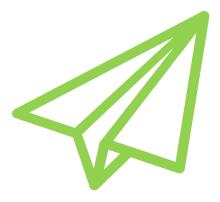
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- o Website: <u>www.dgs.ca.gov/ofam/travel</u>
- o Email: <u>statewidetravelprogram@dgs.ca.gov</u>
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CI Azumano

- Website: <u>www.caltravel.ciazumano.com</u>
- o Email: <u>caltravel@ciazumano.com</u>
- o Phone: 877.454.8785





Upcoming Trainings

Concur Training

- August 6, 2024 ~ 10:00am 11:00am PST
- November 6, 2024 ~ 10:00am 11:00am PST

VCN SNAP Training

October 28, 2024 ~ 2:00pm – 3:00pm PST

iBANK Training

September 19, 2024 ~ 11:00am – 12:00pm PST

THANK YOU!

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