[Your manager's name],

I am seeking your approval to attend **Road Expo Scotland 2025**, taking place on November 26-27, 2025 at the SEC Glasgow. This event presents an unparalleled opportunity that promises to significantly benefit our council's transport initiatives and strategic objectives, while also allowing me to enhance my professional development in line with our service delivery goals.

This event, above all others, is *the* most influential gathering of Scotland's road, transport and traffic ecosystem. This will give me direct access to Transport Scotland officials, fellow local authority professionals, engineering specialists, technology providers, and government representatives that we normally wouldn't see in one place altogether. Attending will be critical to achieving [add project(s) or initiative(s) for service improvements/best practice sharing/strategic partnerships/policy updates/technical knowledge]. We should consider the impact on our residents and service delivery if we don't stay current with sector developments while other councils do.

**Here is why attending Road Expo Scotland 2025 is essential to improving our council services:**

1. **To enhance service delivery:** Through various networking opportunities with fellow local authority professionals, I'll gain direct access to best practices and innovative solutions being implemented across Scotland's councils. With representatives from every major Scottish local authority in attendance, alongside Transport Scotland leaders, I can learn from successful projects and avoid common pitfalls that could impact our residents.
2. **To build strategic partnerships:** Road Expo Scotland 2025 provides the premier platform to connect with Transport Scotland officials, neighbouring councils, and industry specialists, paving the way for collaborative projects, joint procurement opportunities, and shared resources. Co-located with Bridges Scotland, the event brings together the complete infrastructure ecosystem, enabling cross-sector partnership opportunities.
3. **To stay current with policy and funding:** Our participation ensures we're informed about the latest Transport Scotland initiatives, government policy changes, and funding opportunities. With over 1,500 road, traffic and transport professionals attending annually, this is where major announcements about Scottish transport strategy, grant programmes, and legislative changes are often made first.
4. **To gain technical expertise:** Road Expo Scotland 2025 brings together leading practitioners sharing insights on major projects like the A9 Dualling programme, traffic control innovations, low emission zones implementation, and road safety strategies. These sessions will provide practical knowledge we can apply to our own infrastructure challenges, helping us deliver better value for our council tax payers.

**A snapshot of who I'll be able to connect with:**

**/** Representatives from every major Scottish local authority
**/** Transport Scotland senior leadership and policy teams
**/** 1,500+ road, traffic and transport professionals
**/** Fellow council engineers and technical specialists
**/** Technology providers offering local authority solutions
**/** Government officials and policy makers
**/** Bridge design and infrastructure experts
**/** Traffic management and highway maintenance specialists

**The event is free to attend**, making this an excellent value opportunity for professional development and knowledge sharing. The event is co-located with Bridges Scotland and runs in partnership with Transport Scotland, ensuring access to the most relevant and current information for local authority professionals. After attending, I'll prepare a comprehensive briefing note for our team highlighting key takeaways, best practices, potential partnership opportunities, and how the insights can be applied to improve our council's transport services and resident outcomes.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to your reply.

Best regards,

[Your Name]