

**Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**POLICY BOARD  
Friday, March 31, 2017 1:00 p.m.  
Honolulu Hale Room #205  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii**

**Members Present:**

Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair	Senator Will Espero
Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair	DPP Acting Director Kathy Sokugawa
Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine	FHWA Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo (Non-Voting)
DOT Deputy Director Jade Butay	OP Leo Asuncion (Non-Voting)
DTS Director Alternate Jon Nouchi	DOH Lola Irvin (Non-Voting)
HART Deputy Exec. Director Brennon Morioka	

**Member(s) Absent:** Representative Henry Aquino; Councilmember Ikaika Anderson: Senate second seat is vacant

**Guests Present:**

Joe Magaldi (CAC Vice Chair)	Chris Clark (DTS)
Ryan Tam (HART)	Caterine Picard (DPP)
Patrick Tom (DOT)	Lisa Leonardo (CCL)
Lori Arakaki (DPP)	Radiant Corden (Councilmember Manahan's office)
Jeffrey Lee (DPP)	DOH Heidi Hansen-Smith (Non-Voting)

**OahuMPO Staff Present:** Alvin Au, Randolph Sykes, Taylor Ellis, Veronica Schack, Amy Ford-Wagner, Dylan Armstrong, and Kiana Otsuka

Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

The meeting's powerpoint presentation can be found on the OahuMPO website at:  
[http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1124](http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1124)

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR**

Chair Ryan Yamane called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

## **II. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

Members introduced themselves and Chair Yamane thanked persons in the audience for attending.

## **III. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2016 POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Elefante and seconded by Deputy Director Butay to approve the minutes as circulated. All members voted in favor. There being no discussion, objections, or abstentions the minutes were approved as circulated.

## **IV. REPORTS**

### **A. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Chair Yamane introduced the new Interim Executive Director Alvin Au, provided a brief background on the events leading up to the hiring of Interim Executive Director Au, and noted the continued effort to search for a permanent Executive Director.

Interim Executive Director Alvin Au discussed his written report which was distributed to members prior to the start of the meeting. He indicated that the OWP is expected to be presented to the Policy Board at their next meeting and announced that Community Planner Taylor Ellis will be away for several months for military training so Kiana Otsuka will be Acting Community Planner during Mr. Taylor's absence. He also noted that the next meeting will be in late May and its start time is expected to be 2:00 p.m. to accommodate Policy Board member schedules.

The Interim Executive Director's Report may be viewed at:

[http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1123](http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1123)

### **B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

TAC Chair Ryan Tam gave a brief overview of items covered at the March 10, 2017 TAC meeting. He reported the TAC's approval of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Revision 15 contingent upon completion of the intergovernmental review comment period and updating of some of the fiscal constraint tables. He noted that although TAC did not discuss the preamble text to the TIP, agency staff did provide comments. TAC Chair Tam expressed TAC's appreciation of OahuMPO's efforts to improve the accessibility of the TIP document but added TAC feels the document needs further editing and discussion so they will be working with OahuMPO on this issue. TAC also requested OahuMPO provide an update on ORTP and a timeline for the revision of the policy and procedures which will sunset in June 2018.

### **C. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

CAC Vice Chair Joseph Magaldi gave an overview of agenda items covered at the last CAC meeting, noted that the CAC Bylaws Committee which was announced at the January Policy Board meeting has met, reported that CAC is working on a self-improvement program, and

reiterated CAC's continued desire to have membership on the Policy Board. He confirmed that the current CAC Chair is Richard Poirier.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to address.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Traffic Signal Prioritization Methodology – Ty Fukumitsu**

Deputy Director Nouchi announced and apologized that Mr. Fukumitsu was not able to do his presentation at the meeting and requested this item be tabled for the next Policy Board meeting.

**B. FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Revision 15**

Dylan Armstrong of OahuMPO briefly explained the TIP process, the criteria that constitutes an amendment, and discussed the four amendment projects included in Revision 15, noting there were no new substantive comments after the last TAC meeting and that Appendix C includes comments received as of the time the document was sent out to Policy Board members.

To the Chair's question inquiring if the anticipated start date of project OS67 is this year, Pat Tom of HDOT responded that it is the intent to begin the project this year. He added that the project is expected to take a few years to complete and the dollar amounts listed in future years represent cash flow to pay invoices.

Interim Executive Director Au responded to Acting Director Sokugawa's inquiry that Appendix C responses would be updated to be more explicit and to include the amount of and reasons for the changes.

A motion was made by Deputy Director Nouchi and seconded by Acting Director Sokugawa *to approve of Revision 15 to the current TIP as presented*. There was no further discussion, objections, or abstentions and the motion was approved unanimously.

**VII. INVITATION TO INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

To Councilmember Pine's and Senator Espero's questions on the status of the Makaha Farrington Highway Realignment study, Randolph Sykes noted that the contract has been awarded and OahuMPO is currently in discussions with the Attorney General's office regarding issues related to the status of Weslin Consulting Services, Inc. as the primary subcontractor on this and other contracts and to the appointment of Wes Fryszacki as the City's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director. He mentioned that the contractors have indicated they have alternatives should it be deemed necessary. Deputy Director Nouchi informed the Policy

Board that Director Fryszacki has designated him to serve as the Policy Board Member to avoid any perceived conflicts.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chair Elefante extended his welcome to Interim Executive Director Au and congratulated Community Planner Taylor Ellis and wished him a safe journey.

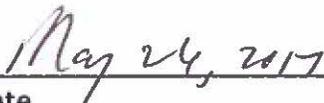
Chair Yamane noted that Mr. Ellis had a big impact during a critical time at OahuMPO so on behalf of the Policy Board, thanked Mr. Ellis for his service at OahuMPO, congratulated him on his upcoming marriage, and wished him a safe journey and speedy return from his military service.

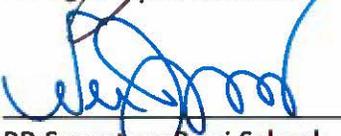
Councilmember Pine thanked OahuMPO and the Policy Board for the H1 Eastbound improvements and Farrington Highway projects, noting the benefits to those area's residents.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Yamane thanked members for taking time to attend the Policy Board meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

  
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PB Chair Ryan Yamane

  
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PB Secretary Roni Schack

  
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