

**Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization  
POLICY BOARD  
January 26, 2018 1:00 p.m.  
Honolulu Hale Council Committee Room #205  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii**

**Members Present:**

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair	DOT Interim Director Jade Butay
Councilmember Joey Manahan	Senator Breene Harimoto
DTS Branch Chief Chris Clark	DPP Deputy Director Tim Hiu
HART Project Director Charles 'Sam' Carnaggio	FHWA Administrator Ralph Rizzo (Non-Voting)
Senator Will Espero	OP Acting Planning Program Manager Debra Mendes (Non-Voting)

**Member(s) Absent:**

Representative Ryan Yamane, Representative Henry Aquino, Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine, and DOH Primary Prevention Branch Chief, Lola Irvin

**Guests Present:**

Joe Magaldi (CAC Vice Chair)	Lisa Leonardo (City Council)
Marian Yasuda (DTS)	Dion Mesta (Councilmember Elefante's Office)
Lori Arakaki (DPP)	Cate Picardo (DPP)
Sharon Broler (OCS)	

**OahuMPO Staff Present:**

Alvin Au, Veronica Schack, Joel Vincent, Kiana Otsuka, and Lena Phomsouvanh

Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR**

Vice Chair Brandon Elefante called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

Policy Board Members and Executive Director Au introduced themselves. Senator Harimoto and Senator Espero introduced their exchange student guests who are shadowing the Legislators for the day.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2017 POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Mr. Clark of Department of Transportation Services abstained because he was not in attendance at the December 12, 2017 meeting. There were no further discussions or objections and the minutes were approved as presented.

#### **IV. REPORTS**

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

Executive Director Au provided an update on the State Single Audit, the Overall Work Program, and the Federal Certification Review. He noted that the OMPO FY2017 annual report to the Legislature was distributed on December 22, 2017; that OahuMPO received the State Freight Program assessment; and that the Planning Analyst position is vacant, so duties have been assumed by Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka. He reported on the Technical Advisory and Citizens Advisory Committee meetings.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: [http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1269](http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1269)

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

There was no report from the TAC.

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

CAC Vice Chair Joe Magaldi reported that the CAC is pleased with the appointment of Executive Director Au. Senator Espero commented that Mr. Magaldi, Executive Director Au, and himself at one time worked together in the Administration of Mayor Frank Fasi.

#### **V. Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Election of a New Policy Board Chair**

Councilmember Manahan nominated and Senator Espero seconded Councilmember Elefante to be the new Policy Board Chair. DTS Chief Clark noted it is appropriate for Councilmember Elefante to be OahuMPO's Chair since he is also the Chair on the City Council's Transportation Committee. There were no objections or abstentions and Councilmember Elefante was elected as the new Policy Board Chair.

##### **B. Election of a New Policy Board Vice Chair**

Senator Espero nominated and Councilmember Manahan seconded Senator Harimoto to be the new Policy Board Vice Chair. There were no objections or abstentions and Senator Harimoto was elected as the new Policy Board Vice Chair. Chair Elefante noted that he had worked for Senator Harimoto in the past and is honored to serve with him on the Policy Board.

##### **C. Election of Two Members of the Executive Committee**

DTS Chief Clark noted that the original discussion for having an Executive Committee centered around the dues paying members as being the most appropriate members of the Executive Committee since they have a vested interest in the success of the MPO. Nominations were made and seconded for the Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HDOT) Interim Director Butay and for the Department of Transportation Services Deputy Director Nouchi. There were no further discussion, objections, or reservations and the nominees were elected to the Executive Committee.

##### **D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2015-2018 Revision #19 and #20**

Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka presented an overview of the changes made in Revision #19 and #20. She expressed gratitude to her counterparts at DTS and HDOT who have worked patiently

with her on this TIP process. She discussed the changes made to the single project included in Revision #19 and the three projects that comprised Revision #20.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #19 and #20 as presented. There was no further discussion, opposition, or abstentions and the motion was passed unanimously.

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

None

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DTS Chief Chris Clark announced the update to the Oahu Bike Plan public meeting at Kapolei Hale on Tuesday January 30, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and invited Policy Board members and the public to attend or to send in their comments.

Federal Highway Division Administrator Rizzo announced the retirement of Elizabeth Fischer, wished her well, and indicated that any questions may be directed to either Administrator Rizzo or Assistant Division Administrator Richelle Takara.

Chair Elefante expressed gratitude of former Chair Yamane for his stewardship and leadership of the OahuMPO Policy Board. He also announced that the Policy Board will continue to meet on the last Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. and advised members to inform OahuMPO staff if there are any concerns with this schedule. He also wished Councilmember Manahan, whose birthday will be next week, an early happy birthday.

Interim HDOT Director Butay announced the Hawaii Department of Transportation has hired Roy Catalani as Administrative Deputy Director and noted that he will also be serving as an Alternate for Interim Director Butay on the Policy Board.

Chair Elefante expressed gratitude to Senator Espero and Senator Harimoto's interns for observing today's meeting and to OahuMPO staff for all their hard work.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Elefante adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

  
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PB Chair Brandon Elefante

03/23/2018  
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PB Secretary Roni Schack

3/23/2018  
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