



Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Orientation Overview

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What's an MPO?

- Originated in 1973
- Required by federal law in urbanized areas >50k population to receive federal gas tax revenue
- Recognition that urban areas have specific transportation needs
- Forum for citizen input and local officials to select projects paid for with federal funds
- Set policy & guide transportation planning process

Trying to avoid this...

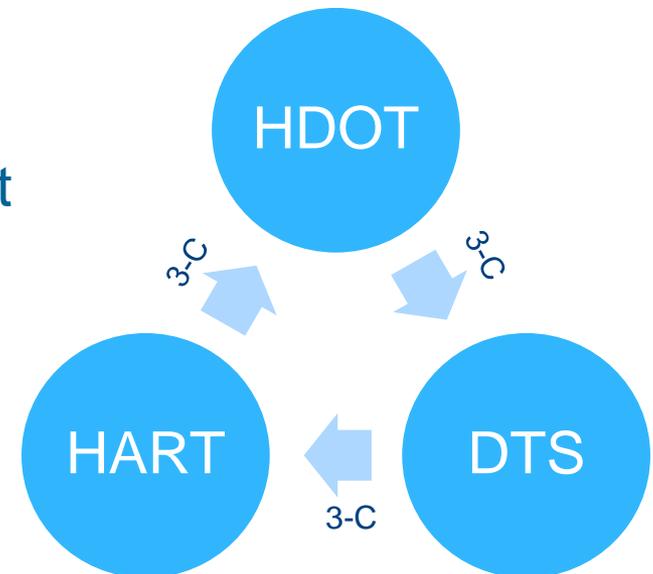


Cypress Freeway eradicates neighborhoods (Oakland, CA)



OahuMPO: Background

- Existed since 1973 in various forms
- Re-established on July 1, 2015
- Planning area: island of Oahu
- Implementation partners
 - City/County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services
 - Hawaii State Department of Transportation
 - Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation





Key Products



Oahu MPO



- Long-term transportation plan
- Establishes vision and goals
- 20-year planning horizon
- List of projects and programs
- Updated at least every 5 years



- Short-term schedule of projects and programs
- 4-year time period
- Consistent with ORTP
- Budgeting tool AND legal commitment for use of federal funds
- Amended twice annually, updated every 4 years

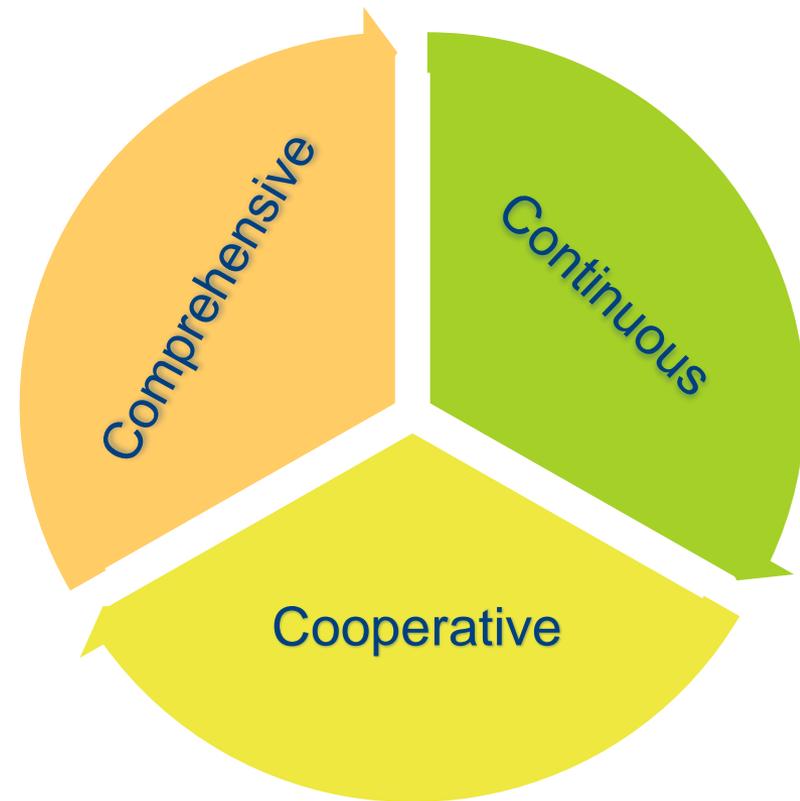


- Annual operating budget
- Includes planning studies and activities



All MPOs must...

- Maintain a Regional Transportation Plan
- Maintain a Transportation Improvement Program
- Maintain an Overall Work Program of planning studies
- Involve the public in decision-making
- Some MPOs have additional duties:
 - Manage urban growth boundaries
 - Monitor air quality
 - Operate public transit systems
 - Examine affordable housing issues
 - Manage the local zoo
 - Etc.





OahuMPO: Governance

- Governed by the Policy Board
 - THE MPO and decision-making body
- State and local officials making cooperative decisions about use of federal funds



Honolulu
City Council



HART

HONOLULU AUTHORITY for RAPID TRANSPORTATION



CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP)



*Non-voting members:
FHWA, State DOH, State OP*



OahuMPO: Operating Budget

- **Funding sources**
 - 80% Federal
 - USDOT Federal Highway Administration [FHWA] and Federal Transit Administration [FTA]
 - 20% local
 - ~ 7% from State (HDOT)
 - ~ 7% from City & County (through DTS)
 - ~ 7% from HART
- **Operating budget**
 - ~\$2,000,000 per year for agency operations, staff, and transportation planning projects
- **Programming**
 - Program \$139 million in federal formula transportation funds annually



Policy Board Duties

- Examine, consider, and approve regionally significant transportation plans and programs developed by OahuMPO and planning partners
- Consider recommendations of advisory committees
- Adopt Overall Work Program annually



OahuMPO: Advisory Committees

- **Technical Advisory Committee**
 - Advisory to Policy Board and Executive Director
 - Provides technical input
 - 10 voting, 6 non-voting members, representing
 - Transportation
 - Planning/land use
 - Economic development
 - Public works
 - Freight/shipping
- **Citizen Advisory Committee**
 - Advisory to Policy Board and Executive Director
 - Integral to public participation process
 - Currently 47 member organizations
 - Include private, non-profit, and/or non-governmental organizations





What is the TIP?

- A four-year schedule of surface transportation projects & operations
 - Consistent with the ORTP 2040
 - Ready-to-go
 - Local match (if applicable)
 - Planning factors
 - Consistent with the Oahu Regional ITS Architecture
- Overall
 - ≈\$717 million for highways projects 2015-2018
 - ≈\$3.704 billion for transit projects 2015-2018
 - Includes Full-Funding Grant Agreement for rail project





FY 2018 Overall Work Program

- OahuMPO's annual budget
- Funds planning studies to support ORTP and TIP
- *Sample of studies funded in the current OWP:*
 - *Central Oahu Transportation Study*
 - *Farrington Highway Realignment Study*
 - *Oahu Bike Plan Update*
 - *Oahu Coastal Communities Evacuation Planning Project, Phase 2 (Urban Oahu)*

