

**Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**POLICY BOARD  
Friday, February 23, 2018 1:00 p.m.  
Honolulu Hale Council Committee Room #205  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii**

**Members Present:**

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Chair	DOT Deputy Director, Ed Sniffen
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair	HART Project Director, Charles 'Sam' Carnaggio
DTS Regional Planning Branch Chief, Chris Clark	Acting DPP Director, Kathy Sokugawa
Councilmember Joey Manahan	DOH Branch Manager, Heidi Hansen-Smith
OP Director, Leo Asuncion	FHWA Division Administrator, Ralph Rizzo (Non-Voting)

**Member(s) Absent:**

Representative Ryan Yamane, Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine, Senator Will Espero, and State Representative Henry Aquino

**Guests Present:**

Ryan Tam (HART)	Cate Picardo (DPP)
Joe Magaldi (CAC Vice Chair)	Dion Mesta (Clmbr Elefante's Office)
Marian Yasuda (DTS)	Patrick Tom (HDOT)

**OahuMPO Staff Present:**

Alvin Au, Taylor Ellis, Veronica Schack, and Kiana Otsuka

Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR**

Chair Brandon Elefante called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

Chair Elefante welcomed the members of the Policy Board who were present and members of the audience and thanked them for their attendance

### **III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 26, 2017 POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **IV. REPORTS**

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

Executive Director Alvin Au's written report was distributed to members prior to the start of the meeting. Executive Director Au provided updates on the State single audit and the 2019 Overall Work Program, both of which are currently in progress. He reported that he attended the State's Sub-Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee on February 15, 2018 and the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee hearing on February 8, 2018 for Senate bill SB 2296; noted that the 2018 Federal Certification Review is tentatively scheduled for May 15-18, 2018; gave a brief summary of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting; and noted that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) did not have a February meeting.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at:

[http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1277](http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1277)

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

TAC Chair Marian Yasuda provided a recap of the TAC's February 9, 2017 meeting. She noted that she was elected Chair and Robert Miyasaki Vice Chair of the TAC. She enumerated the changes requested by the TAC to the TIP Revision #20 which had been incorporated in the draft provided to the Policy Board. She reported that the TAC was given a general overview of the OWP 2019. The TAC had requested that the new work elements in the OWP 2019 draft include deliverables and that a financial report be provided to the TAC to help the TAC do a thorough review.

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

CAC Vice Chair Joe Magaldi reported that the CAC did not meet this past month. He noted that the CAC is contemplating ways to make their involvement more meaningful.

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to conduct.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2015-2018 Revision #21**

Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka presented background on TIP FFYs 2015-2018 Revision #21, thanked the implementing agencies for their help during the process of creating Revision #21, and noted that Revision #21 is an Amendment. She presented the

public comments and responses to those comments, discussed the changes made based on comments received, and noted the new projects added in Revision #21.

There was discussion on the status of *OC23 Salt Lake Boulevard Widening, Phase 3* in which it was reported by Marian Yasuda of DTS that the environmental requirements caused a deferral of the project, so construction will not occur in 2019, but the right-of-way acquisitions are continuing. Hawaii Department of Transportation Deputy Director Ed Sniffen responded to a question regarding the scope reduction of *OS26 Kalanianaʻole Highway (Route 72) Improvements, Olomana Golf Course to Vicinity of Makai Pier*, that there will not be widening of the roadway, but will still include all the improvements within the right-of-way. In response to the question regarding the type of action by the federal government that would necessitate a non-federally funded project to be included in the TIP, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Administrator Ralph Rizzo indicated that interstate access or any federal approval or permit such as air quality non-attainment are examples. To the request for clarification on funding for *OC27 Farrington Highway (Routes 7100 and 9107) Improvements, Phase I*, Ms. Yasuda of DTS indicated the project would be locally funded.

In response to a question on the status of OS43 Leeward Bikeway, Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HDOT) Deputy Director Ed Sniffen indicated that HDOT is planning to begin Phase I in May 2019. Phase II funding has not yet been secured, so to prevent a delay to the initiation of Phase I, the request is made to defer and develop Phase II separately.

A motion was made to *approve the FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #21 as presented*. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Otsuka's presentation may be viewed at:  
[http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1279](http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1279)

#### **B. Annual Orientation Refresher**

Executive Director Au provided background on the origin of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the need to bring early and continual public involvement into the planning process and be one that is equitable across all sectors of society. He presented summations of the key products that the OahuMPO produces; discussed the composition and duties of the Policy Board; provided general information on the OahuMPO's funding sources and duties, and an overview of the functions of the Technical Advisory and Citizen Advisory Committees.

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

There were no comments.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Elefante thanked Mike Lowe for helping with audio and visual support, welcomed Taylor Ellis back to OahuMPO, and wished all Policy Board members a great weekend.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Elefante adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

  
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