

**Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**POLICY BOARD  
Friday, March 23, 2018 2:00 p.m.  
Honolulu Hale Council Committee Room #205  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii**

**Members Present:**

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Chair	Acting DPP Director Kathy Sokugawa
Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine,	HART Project Director Charles 'Sam' Carnaggio
DTS Regional Planning Branch Chief, Chris Clark	DOH Heidi Hansen-Smith
DOT Deputy Director, Roy Catalani	

**Member(s) Absent:**

Representative Ryan Yamane, Senator Will Espero, and Representative Henry Aquino, Senator Breene Harimoto, Councilmember Joey Manahan, OP Director Leo Asuncion, FHWA Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo

**Guests Present:**

Marian Yasuda (DTS)	Ryan Tam (HART)
Joe Magaldi (CAC Vice Chair)	David Winber (HART)
Virginia Sosh (DTS)	Dion Mesta (Clmbr Elefante's Office)
Lori Arakaki (DPP)	Dina Wong (DPP)

**OahuMPO Staff Present:**

Alvin Au, Veronica Schack, and Lena Phomsouvanh

Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR**

Chair Brandon Elefante called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

Chair Elefante thanked members present for attending.

### **III. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 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. He reported on the status of the 2017 Single Audit and the FY2019 Overall Work Program (OWP). He noted that OahuMPO staff attended the March 13<sup>th</sup> Statewide Freight Plan meeting and provided a Central Oahu Transportation Study presentation to the Mililani Mauka Neighborhood Board #35 on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Executive Director Au discussed the Senate hearing on HB2175 HD1 that he had attended and noted there is a job vacancy for the Transportation Impact Analyst position at OahuMPO. He gave a summary of the March Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings.

There was discussion on the position name change for the vacant OahuMPO position from Planning Analyst to Transportation Impact Analyst. Director Au was asked to provide the Policy Board with the position description of the Transportation Impact Analyst position.

A request was made that the schedule for the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be presented to the Policy Board at their next meeting.

There was discussion regarding the presentation that had been made to the CAC concerning conversion of the HART system to the Urban Magnetic Levitation system.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at:

[http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1290](http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1290)

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

TAC Chair Marian Yasuda provided a recap of the TAC's March 9, 2017 meeting. She noted the TAC reviewed their Bylaws and voted to request the Policy Board approve a change to their Bylaws, discussed the initial draft of the FY2019 OWP and agreed to provide agency comments to aid the OahuMPO in creating a final draft of the FY2019 OWP.

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

Executive Director Au commented that CAC Vice Chair Magaldi's birthday was on that day of the Policy Board meeting and wished him a happy birthday.

CAC Vice Chair Joe Magaldi reported that the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HDOT) Deputy Director Ed Sniffen and his staff provided a presentation on HDOT's programs and Frank Genadio did a presentation on Urban Magnetic Levitation systems at the CAC's March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to conduct.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws Revision of Section III.B. Officers**

The TAC requested that the last sentence in Section III. B. Officers (4) be deleted from the TAC Bylaws to eliminate confusion regarding the order of succession between the three implementing agencies.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the revision requested by the TAC to the TAC Bylaws. There were no further discussion, objections, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

**B. New Projects Submitted by the Implementing Agencies for the Annual FY2019 Overall Work Program (OWP)**

Executive Director Au presented a summary of each of the nine new projects proposed for inclusion in the FY2019 OWP.

Councilmember Pine requested a status on the Makaha Realignment project (WE 202.04) which is from prior years OWP. Executive Director Au indicated that OahuMPO expects to begin some work in FY2019 depending on staffing levels. He added that he will get further information on the status and funding for this project for Councilmember Pine.

It was noted that at City Council meetings statements had been made that rail federal funding cannot be used for the next phase of the HART project, so the question was asked what type of federal funding would be used for the Ala Moana Transit Plaza Alternative Analysis project. Chris Clark of Department of Transportation Services (DTS) responded that the Ala Moana Transit Plaza Alternative Analysis project would be funded by OahuMPO's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) planning dollars and not the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) Full Funding Grant Agreement money which is Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds.

There was discussion regarding the Kapolei Maintenance Facility & Transit Center Alternatives Analysis project, if there was a particular parcel this study would be focusing on, that the study is designed to consider any possible sites in Kapolei, that one aspect of the study would determine the area needed for such a facility, what were the considerations for parking, and that a phased rollout for the area would be considered in order to meet immediate needs and create a more efficient operation.

**C. Senate Bill SB2296**

Executive Director Au advised the Policy Board that he was informed this morning that a similar bill, HB2175 HD1, had been passed to the Senate Ways & Means committee and testimony would need to be submitted by April 5, 2018. This House bill has been changed

and more closely reflects SB2296. He confirmed that the passage of these bills which would allow membership to elected officials who are not registered voters of Honolulu County could negatively affect Hawaii's eligibility to receive federal funding, that he had discussed this issue of changing Policy Board membership to include elected officials not of Honolulu County with the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) and FHWA agreed it could affect our eligibility to receive federal funding, and that he had shared this concern with the Legislature. He requested feedback from the Policy Board to aid him in composing written comments that he would submit to the Senate's Transportation Committee.

Chair Elefante noted that he was made aware of this bill by Vice Chair Harimoto and had submitted testimony for SB2296 as a member of the Policy Board, a copy of which was included in the Policy Board member's packets. He noted that HB2175 HD1 is a similar bill but effects only metropolitan areas with a population between 125,000 to less than 195,000, so would not affect OahuMPO.

Executive Director Au added that OahuMPO will be subject to a Federal Certification Review in May and noted that this issue could also negatively impact this audit.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the OahuMPO Executive Director and the Policy Board Chair to submit oral and written testimony supporting the position previously described by the Executive Director. There were no further discussion, objections, or abstentions and the motion passed.

**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 wished everyone a wonderful three-day weekend and thanked members for helping achieve quorum at this meeting.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Elefante adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

  
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PB Chair Brandon Elefante

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PB Secretary Roni Schack

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