



Memorandum

To: Policy Board Members
From: Alvin Au, Executive Director
Date: June 29, 2018

Executive Director's Report

Accomplishments and Progress

1. The Federal Certification Review Team provided a three-day stimulating exchange of information on May 15-17, 2018. The Review Team consist of six seasoned Federal Review members who were all familiar with the last Review process held in 2014. They provided an oral preliminary finding which they termed the briefing as a Report Out, and the final written report will be issued in September 2018. The Review Team also held specific interviews with numerous members of the Policy Board and the Technical Advisory Committee. There was an overall tone of openness from the Review Team encouraging the MPO to request for assistance.
 - Briefly some of the specific areas of discussion centered on the annual Overall Work Program that the document needs to be designed by the MPO and not delegated to a consultant.
 - The Team encouraged the MPO Team to improve the growth and productivity of the current staff to include utilizing surplus funds to complete the MPO work.
 - It was encouraged that the MPO consider the FHWA/FTA staff as resources and not quickly rely on consultants.
 - Also, comments were directed to keep the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) up to date and consistent with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), to examine the amendment process, to look at the project list if it would make more sense as an appendix and to Insure environmental coordination and disposition of public comments is documented.
 - Oahu MPO should work toward compliance when addressing the congestion management process.
 - Update data collection input and look at the opportunity for the MPO to better coordinate the use of data sharing across the island.
 - Comments were made that our Title VI and Environmental Justice maps were good, but more analysis is needed.
 - They visually noticed that the partner relationship has improved immensely since 2014. Oahu MPO should consider focusing on compliance; be visionary.
 - We want to thank members of the Policy Board and TAC group who attended and shared their comments during the three-day review session.

2. On June 18, 2018, David Wade was hired to fill the Transportation Impact Analyst vacant position.
3. We are awaiting the approval of the HDOT Human Resources office to complete the background check of a designated applicant to fill the vacant Planning Program Manager position.
4. Mr. Michael Morris of FHWA's Southern California office has temporarily been assigned to support the Hawaii based MPOs until a permanent replacement has been selected. A brief meeting was held with Michael Morris on Monday, June 4, 2018.
5. Currently interviews are being held to fill the temporarily fill the Community Planner position while Taylor Ellis, who is a member of the Army National Guard, and his unit is deployed to the middle east in August 2018 for one year.
6. Included in your handouts is the Quarterly Financial Report which displays the expenditures and balances as of March 31, 2018.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC met on May 11, 2018 in which the FY2019 Draft of the Overall Work Program was discussed. They provided suggestions and timely comments and responses to the Oahu MPO.

Also, TAC met on June 8, 2018, and the final Draft of the FY2019 OWP was presented to the TAC for review and comments. After an in-depth discussion, the TAC recommend approval to the Policy Board of the final draft FY2019 OWP.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

The CAC met on May 16, 2018 and received a presentation from the City Department of Transportation Services on the Complete Street concept in relations to crosswalks and the City's current and future implementation plans. The Federal Certification Review Team met with CAC members and solicited their comments about the effectiveness of Oahu MPO's process and procedures for public input.

Also, CAC met on June 18, 2018 at Kapolei Hale and received a review of the Draft FY2019 OWP and recommended to the Policy Board their approval. The CAC members who reside in the Leeward and Central Oahu areas welcomed the change of the meeting site. The OMPO staff held an open house which consisted of fourteen display boards outlining the various projects that will be included in the new 2019-2022 TIP cycle. It was well received. The open house display is currently posted in Honolulu Hale's 3rd Floor area.