

**Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**POLICY BOARD
Friday, July 27, 2018 1:00 p.m.
Honolulu Hale Council Committee Room #205
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii**

Members Present:

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Chair	DPP Acting Director Kathy Sokugawa
HDOT Deputy Director Roy Catalani	Representative Henry Aquino
DTS Regional Planning Branch Chief Chris Clark	Senator Karl Rhoads
FHWA Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo	

Member(s) Absent:

Senator Breene Harimoto, Representative Ryan Yamane, DOH Administrator Lola Irvin, HART CEO and Executive Director Andrew Robbins, OP Director Leo Asuncion, Councilmember Joey Manahan and Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine

Guests Present:

Marian Yasuda (DTS)	Doug Chun (OCS)
Joe Magaldi (CAC Vice Chair)	Noelle Cole (DPP)
Patrick Tom (HDOT)	Dion Mesta (Clmbr Elefante's Office)
Ruth Lohr (HART)	Danielle Schaeffner (DOH)

OahuMPO Staff Present:

Alvin Au, Veronica Schack, Amy Ford-Wagner, Joel Vincent, Kiana Otsuka, Lena Phomsouvanh, and David Wade

Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

Chair Brandon Elefante called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL

Chair Elefante thanked members present for attending. Members introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 29, 2018 POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Senator Rhoads indicated he had not yet been certified to vote as a Policy Board member as of the June 29, 2018 meeting. His name will be removed from the finalized minutes. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and Chair Elefante declared the minutes approved as corrected.

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 that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approved the FY 2019 Overall Work Program, and copies were distributed to pertinent agencies. He provided an update on OahuMPO's recruitment, noting that Diane Dohm was approved to fill the Planning Program Manager position and Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand was hired as a temporary Community Planner to fulfill that position's duties during the year Taylor Ellis is deployed with the Army National Guard to the Middle East. He informed the Policy Board that the Ethics Commission will be sending an email to the OahuMPO's City and County of Honolulu Board members regarding the new requirement that all Board members must file an annual financial disclosure and provided a recap of the Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) and Citizen Advisory Committee's (CAC) July meetings.

To answer a question regarding whether non-voting members will need to complete a financial disclosure, it was determined that non-voting members need not.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at:
http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1361

B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

TAC Chair Marian Yasuda reported that the TAC considered and recommended that the Policy Board approve the FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program, Revision #23 and the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

C. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

CAC Vice Chair Joe Magaldi thanked Policy Board Chair Elefante for attending the July CAC meeting. He noted that there are over 40 members on the CAC and requested that the Policy Board include the CAC Chair or Vice Chair as a voting member on the Policy Board.

Acting Director Sokugawa asked if Executive Director Au has a position or recommendation on the CAC Vice Chair's request for membership. Executive Director Au remarked that he generally believes other metropolitan planning organizations do not include CAC members on their policy board, as the CAC's function is advisory, and the policy board is made up of state and city officials.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to conduct.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FFYS 2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) REVISION #23

Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka presented background on what the Transportation Improvement Program is, how it is funded, and what kind of activities are included in the document. She discussed the FFYs 2015-2018 TIP Revision 23, explained that it is an amendment, mentioned the number of projects included in this revision and detailed the revisions made to each project. Ms. Otsuka also noted the comments received during the public and intergovernmental review, explained the Title VI and Environmental Justice (T6/EJ) Analysis, and presented a comparison of projects and investments between T6/EJ and non-T6/EJ census block groups.

A motion was made by Representative Aquino and seconded by Chris Clark that the Policy Board approve the FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #23, as presented. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was approved unanimously.

The FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #23 PowerPoint presentation may be viewed at: http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1366

B. FFYS 2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka presented the FFYs 2019-2022 TIP, noted the number of projects included and the funding breakdown, explained required processes, and presented the new projects. She discussed the Environmental Justice Analysis, the congestion management process, the public outreach process that was completed, including the open houses held at Honolulu Hale and Kapolei Hale, and the comments received during the public and intergovernmental review period.

She noted that the Technical Advisory Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee recommended the Policy Board consider the FFYs 2019-2022 TIP for approval, as presented.

Acting Director Sokugawa noted that the comments submitted by DPP were not included in the TIP document. Ms. Otsuka expressed appreciation for DPP's comments, indicated that the comments were received too late to include in the mailing to the Policy Board but have been incorporated into the version that will be posted online. Acting Director Sokugawa said they will continue to improve their comments regarding if TIP projects are applicable and comply with DPPs adopted plans, such as the General Plan and the Regional Development Plan so that the community is able to see a link between DPP's and OahuMPO's activities.

To Senator Rhoads' question pertaining to OS72 Kamehameha Highway (Route 83), Bridge Replacement, Waimanana Bridge, and if there are plans to move the road further inland, Pat Tom of HDOT indicated that the HDOT is working on the project in the context of the General Plan and the Climate Change Commission, that at this time the planning phase considers rebuilding the bridge, and offered to go over more specific details with Senator Rhoads. Regarding Senator Rhoads question if OS61 Kamehameha Highway (Route 83), Realignment, Vicinity of Kawailoa Beach considers the realignment of the bridge, Mr. Tom clarified that the realignment pertains more to the use of the beach rather than the long-term plans to realign the highway. Ms. Otsuka offered to reach out to the project managers for more specific information on the realignment.

Amy Ford-Wagner added that the HDOT has presented their long-term shoreline protection plan while the TIP is a short-term 4-year program.

Ms. Ford-Wagner clarified that the project page for OS79 Shoreline Protection/Mitigation Program states the total estimated project cost may include project costs outside of the 4-year TIP, so as solutions are developed, and discoveries are made during the phases included in this TIP, such as during the Preliminary Engineering (PE1) phase, they will influence the longer-term approach to construction. Mr. Tom added that OS79 is currently developing a program to identify shoreline problem areas. OS79 will fund individual projects, that come out of this shoreline program. He explained that Tier 1 will address the smaller, simpler projects while Tier 2 will fund the larger long-term solutions identified. Whether moving the road further inland is part of the solution has not yet been determined and is the reason the OS79's project description is written in general terms. The bridge replacement, bridge rehabilitation, and seismic retrofit programs included in this TIP are similar in that specific solutions have yet to be determined. However, current bridge projects cover work that needs to be addressed and HDOT is considering the cost benefit of these short-term projects in relation to the long-range programs.

To Senator Rhoads question regarding the negative amount listed for OS62 Pali Highway (Route 61) Resurfacing & Lighting Improvements, Vineyard Blvd (Route 98) to Kamehameha Highway (Route 83), Ms. Otsuka clarified that the current net cost is zero in the Phase 1 Advanced Construction (ADVCON) because the City had pre-paid the funds in a prior year. To his question regarding the construction of concrete barriers for OS62, Ms. Ford-Wagner noted the concrete barriers along Pali Highway were recently installed for the construction occurring in that area and OahuMPO can submit Senator Rhoads comment to HDOT.

Senator Rhoads asked why OC16 Honolulu Rail Transit Project shows no amounts reflected beginning in FFY 2022. Ryan Tam of HART explained that the OC16 Honolulu Rail Transit Project worksheet shows the New Starts \$1.5 billion HART is expected to receive. No amounts are noted beginning FFY 2022 because the TIP documents only Federal Funds and only local funds will be expended beginning FFY 2022.

Chair Elefante reported that concern arose at his visits with the CAC and TAC regarding the status of the Makakilo Drive Extension which is not included in this current TIP. Chris Clark of DTS explained that the TIP program is a budget that programs when funds will be drawn rather than a plan. The preliminary engineering for the Makakilo Drive Extension was funded in 2018, a contract is in place, and preliminary engineering is currently in progress, but DTS is not planning to use federal funds in the next four years. The Makakilo Drive Extension is included in the OahuMPO long-range plan. Once the preliminary engineering is completed and DTS has the necessary environmental document, DTS will program funds for the final design and the next phase of work. Ms. Otsuka added that it was explained to the CAC that the project is expected to be back in the TIP in 2027, and some members of the CAC indicated they had wanted the project completed sooner.

Mr. Clark expressed gratitude to the OahuMPO staff for the efforts taken to complete the Title VI Environmental Justice analysis, the congestion management process, and the public outreach done. Ms. Otsuka thanked DTS, HDOT, and HART for their help during the TIP process. Executive Director Au commended Ms. Otsuka for her diligence and work on the TIP and for her efforts in presenting the TIP in an easy-to-understand format for the CAC.

There was discussion on the voting process.

Chair Elefante thanked OahuMPO staff for their public outreach efforts and suggested the Satellite City Halls as possible locations for future OahuMPO public outreach events.

The motion was made by Chris Clark and seconded by Kathy Sokugawa to approve the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program, as presented. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion passed. Senator Rhoads noted that he votes yes but has serious reservations about the sea level rise aspects in the TIP.

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

There were no comments.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

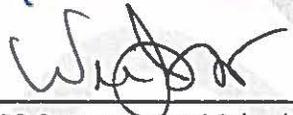
IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Elefante wished everyone a great weekend and adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.



PB Chair Brandon Elefante

08/31/2018
Date



PB Secretary Roni Schack

08/31/2018
Date

