

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
POLICY BOARD
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Hawaii State Capitol, Senate Conference Room #224
415 S. Beretania St. Honolulu, HI
Honolulu, HI 96813

Members Present:

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Chair	Senator Karl Rhodes
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair	OP Director Leo Asuncion
HART Director of Planning, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Ryan Tam	DOH Heidi Hansen-Smith
HDOT First Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan	Representative Ryan Yamane
DPP Deputy Director Eugene Takahashi	Representative Henry Aquino
DTS Branch Chief Mark Au	

Member(s) Absent:

Councilmember Joey Manahan, Councilmember Ron Menor, and FHWA Administrator Ralph Rizzo

Guests Present:

Joseph Magaldi (CAC Chair)	Dion Mesta (C&C)
Sharen Brooks (OCS)	Andy Yamaguchi (DPP)
Nicola Szibbo (DTS)	Kathleen Rooney (Ulupono Initiative)
Peggy Mierzwa (BZP)	Patrick Tom (HDOT)
Sohrab Rashid (Fehr & Peers)	Robert Sato (Senator Harimoto's)
Chris Johnson (DTS)	

OahuMPO Staff Present: Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Kiana Otsuka, David Wade, Carolyn Wegan-Hildebrand, Nicole Smith, Victoria Larson and Diane Dohm.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brandon Elefante called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The Policy Board members introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 28, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

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

IV. Reports

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Au reported that OahuMPO is in phase 1 of public outreach for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045 which includes public input regarding the ORTP vision and goals noting that OahuMPO has attended eleven community events to distribute information on ORTP 2045 and to

gather public opinion. He stated that OahuMPO welcomes members of the Policy Board to share any outreach events they believe OahuMPO should attend.

Executive Director Au reported that OahuMPO completed the FY2018 Single Audit this month and there were no major deficiencies noted, that attached to the Executive Directors report was the ORTP 2045 Critical path schedule which is subject to change, and responded to the questions raised at the January 2019 Policy Board meeting regarding the Title VI & Environmental Justice contract.

He also provided a summary of business covered in the Technical Advisory Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1504

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

There was no report from the Technical Advisory Committee.

C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

CAC Chair Joseph Magaldi did not have anything to report on behalf of the CAC.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2019-2022 Revision #2

David Wade, OahuMPO's Transportation Impact Analyst, introduced the TIP as a four-year program schedule of surface transportation projects. He explained that Revision #2 includes five Federal Highways Administration (FHWA)-funded Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) project revisions and all are expedited administrative modifications requiring Policy Board approval. He provided background on each of the projects and explained that all the projects are requesting the addition of new phases to the existing projects.

There was a discussion regarding the scope of work for OS61 Kamehameha Highway Realignment as well as discussion on bridge projects and the impact of sea level rise and climate change on bridges. HDOT's State Transportation Improvement (STIP) Manager Patrick Tom noted that HDOT must balance the possibility of sea level rise and options for climate change mitigations with available funding.

A motion was made by Senator Harimoto and seconded by Mark Au that the Policy Board approve the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #2, as presented. Senator Rhoades objected to voting until he could review the answers from HDOT regarding bridges. There were no further discussions, abstentions, or objections and Chair Elefante declared the motion approved.

B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2019-2022 Revision #3

Mr. Wade provided background on the TIP Amendment process, described the seven HDOT projects included in Revision #3, noted they are all FHWA-funded and part of the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), discussed the comments received during the public and intergovernmental review, and noted that the Title VI/EJ analysis for the amendment shows a 7% difference in investment per capita between T6/EJ Block groups and non-T6/EJ Block Groups.

To the question regarding project OS43 - Leeward Bikeways and HDOT's allocation of funds for the bikeway, HDOT's STIP Manager Patrick Tom explained that the funding indicated in 2019 was originally allocated in 2018 but due to delays work did not commence and the project was deferred, so the 2018 funding is being moved to 2019 and would cover the same scope of work indicated in 2018 which is for the pathway itself. Mr. Tom stated that OS43 is on schedule for Spring 2019 and will follow-up on Chair Elefante's request regarding who will have ownership of the completed bikeway which will pass through Navy property.

There was a question regarding the reprogramming of Highway Lighting Improvements funding from OS16 and OS46 to OS45. Mr. Tom responded that due to cost increases and insufficient funding to complete all three projects, since OS45 was ongoing, available funding is being allocated to OS45 to fully fund that project without affecting fiscal constraints. If additional funding becomes available in 2020-2022, OS16 and OS46 will be considered for reprogramming.

A motion was made and seconded that the Policy Board consider the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #3 for approval, as presented. Senator Rhoades remarked that it would be appreciated if information is made available to questions before voting. There were no further discussions, abstentions, or objections and motion was approved unanimously.

C. Presentation on EWA Transportation Fee Program Update

Sohrab Rashid of Fehr and Peers, the consultant for Department of Transportation Services gave a brief background on the purpose of impact fees; explained the fundamentals, the process, and the history of Impact Fees in Hawai'i; and the next steps for the project in 2019 which include a report to the mayor, revision of the fees as needed, and presentation to the City Council for approval. He discussed the 10 projects in the current agreement which includes nine roadway improvement projects and a bicycle, pedestrian and transit access enhancement project to ensure a complete streets multimodal perspective.

A motion was made by Senator Rhoades and seconded by Deputy Director Takahashi to approve as evidence that the work was carried out and direct staff to use the study recommendations in the OahuMPO planning process. There were no further discussions, abstentions, or objections and the motion was unanimously approved.

D. City and County of Honolulu's Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Presentation: Vision Zero

Nicola Szibbo, Senior Transportation Planner for the City & County of Honolulu Complete Street Program explained that Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities in Honolulu by a target date of 2030. She noted that Vision Zero relates to the Complete Street objectives and provided background on Vision Zero's components and goals, emphasizing the need for cooperative effort between state, county, and political entities. Ms. Szibbo presented the Vision Zero timeline of accomplishments, also the legislative goals of the Oahu Ped Plan and DTS's proposed Overall Work Program (OWP) FY2020 Vision Zero Action Plan.

There was a discussion on adopting Vision Zero rather than amending existing plans such as the Hawaii's Strategic Highway Plan similar to Vision Zero and that it would be best if all counties, not just Oahu adopts the same plan.

VII. Invitation to interested members of the public to be heard on matters not included on the agenda
None.

VIII. Announcements

Chair Elefante announced that there would be no meeting in March. The next meeting would be held in April.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Elefante adjourned the meeting at 1:58 pm.



PB Chair Brandon Elefante

04/30/2019

Date



PB Secretary Roni Schack

4/30/2019

Date