



Memorandum

To: Policy Board Members

From: Alvin Au, Executive Director

Date: July 30, 2019

Executive Director's Report

Accomplishments and Progress

1. The Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration jointly approved the FY2020 Overall Work Program (OWP) in a letter dated July 9, 2019. Staff's efforts to develop, reorganize, and review the OWP were commended.
2. OahuMPO hired a summer intern, Logan Takeda who currently attends the University of Portland, majoring in civil engineering. After graduation, he plans to return to O'ahu and work as a transportation engineer, with the goal of decreasing vehicle crashes and reducing congestion on O'ahu
3. OahuMPO is currently in the final phases of recruitment of a Transportation Impact Analyst. We hope to complete the process and fill the position by the end of summer. This person's responsibilities will include the management of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC met on July 12, 2019 and received a briefing on the TIP FFY's 2019-2022 Revision #6 which was developed by OahuMPO staff in coordination with the staff of member agencies. The sixth revision cover major amendments and includes four Federal Highway Administration projects managed by the State of Hawaii Transportation and one Federal Transit Administration project managed by City and County of Honolulu. The TAC recommend that the Policy Board approve the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #6 as presented.

The OahuMPO staff discuss Phase 1 Outreach of the ORTP 2045 and the resulting draft vision and goals developed from community and stakeholder outreach, and the Policy Board will receive the briefing and discuss the Phase 1 Outreach of the ORTP 2045 in August, 2019.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

The CAC met on July 18, 2019 and received a presentation from HDOT on the Hawaii Road User Charge (HIRUC) and its current status which included feedback from the community meetings held by HiRUC. It is a federal funded 3-year research project.

As vehicles are becoming more fuel efficient and more residents buy electric vehicles, the funding towards maintenance of Hawaii's roads have been decreasing. With the Road User Charge (RUC), drivers would pay a fee based on the number of miles driven rather than the amount of gas purchased. If implemented, drivers will not pay both the gas tax and the RUC.

In later 2019, residents will receive a custom RUC statement in the mail and a survey. In 2020, up to 2,000 volunteers representing a cross-section of vehicle owners will be recruited to experiment new forms of technology that will collect driver mileage.

More information on HiRUC is available at: hiruc.org

The CAC also received presentations from OahuMPO staff on the TIP FFYs 2019-2022 Revision #6 and from a CAC Member on traffic issues in the Makaha area.