

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
POLICY BOARD
Tuesday, April 30, 2019
Council Committee Meeting Room 205
Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Members Present:

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Chair	Senator Karl Rhodes
Councilmember Joey Manahan	Councilmember Ron Menor
HART Director of Planning, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Ryan Tam	DTS Branch Chief Mark Au
HDOT First Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan	FHWA Administrator Ralph Rizzo
DPP Deputy Director Timothy Hiu	DOH Heidi Hansen-Smith

Member(s) Absent:

Senator Breene Harimoto, Representative Henry Aquino, Representation Ryan Yamane, and Director Leo Asuncion

Guests Present:

Marian Yasuda (DTS)	Joseph Magaldi (CAC Chair)
Dion Mesta (CM Elefante's Office)	Nicola Szibbo (DTS)
Dinna Schwiering (CM Manahan's Office)	Virginia Sosh (DTS)
Radiant Cordeno (CM Manahan's Office)	Rick Donnelly (WSP)
Whitney Birch (HART)	Kyle Ward (Calipier)
Sharen Brooks (OCS)	Jeremy Joel Lee (DDC)
Morgana Lasco (BFS/CAC)	Robert Kroning (DDC)

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 1:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The Policy Board members introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 26, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

It was noted by Chair Elefante that on Item III of the current agenda that "Approval of February 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes" should be changed to "2019 Meeting Minutes". There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Timothy Hui, seconded by Ryan Tam, and Chair Elefante declared the minutes approved.

IV. Reports

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Au provided an update on the Oahu MPO staff outreach events for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan's (ORTP) first phase of public involvement, reminded the Policy Board to submit their mandatory annual financial disclosure by June 30, 2019, and noted that the gift disclosure for any reportable gifts is also due by June 30, 2019.

He reported on the Technical Advisory Committee's March 8, 2019 and April 12, 2019 meetings, noting TAC received an informational briefing from the OahuMPO staff on the 2020 Overall Work Program (OWP) and a presentation on Public Outreach for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045. Although quorum was not met at the April 30, 2019 TAC meeting, the changes to the OWP FY2020 was presented and the TAC was informed that the intergovernmental review was released on April 9th. The deadline to provide comments is May 17, 2019.

Executive Director Au reported that the CAC met on March 20, 2019 and April 12, 2019 and received presentations on a proposed city council resolution as it relates to the North Shore Corridor Study, an Update on the OWP FY2020, Department of Transportation Services' (DTS) City Initiative, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit's (HART) Transit Fares Scenario Modeling Study, and an OWP FY2020 Informational Presentation by Ed Sniffen of Hawaii Department of Transportation.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1561

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Chair Yasuda indicated she had no further information to add to the comments made by Executive Director Au in his report.

C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

CAC Chair Joseph Magaldi distributed the "OahuMPO CAC Report to the Policy Board" which noted the two motions approved by the CAC at their March 20, 2019 meeting.

The CAC Chair's report can be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1567

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. Travel Demand Forecasting Model (TDFM) Update – WSP Consultants

Rick Donnelly of WSP Consultants and Kyle Ward of Caliper gave an update on the Travel Demand Forecast Model including what the model is used for, where it fits into the planning process, and the current progress on the model.

Responding to a question about the current findings, Mr. Donnelly explained that Department of Dept of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) recently released the 2045 forecast, and before that were using the 2040 forecast. He explained that while a lot of the findings in the 2045 forecast are similar to the 2040 forecast, the mix of industries has changed including

increase is hotel industry employees and decrease in military personnel than was previously forecast. There were no further questions and no action was required.

The presentation may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1562

B. Transportation Fares Scenario Modeling Study Presentation – HART

Whitney Birch, Fares System Manager for the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) presented a brief background and history, context, and assumptions for the Transit Fares Scenario Model. She discussed the goals, explained that ridership data is based on the regional transportation ridership model, noted the baseline year used for the model was 2017 which is Honolulu before rail and 2019 which was the tentative rail launch from East Kapolei to Aloha Stadium. She described the methodology and tasks undertaken during the study and noted that the model includes both bus and rail. She also presented historic boarding data, estimated historic boarding data, a multi-year baseline, alternate fare scenarios, and noted the possible impact from competition from ride-sharing entities.

To comments that there was no cost indicated in the presentation and if the study included distance-based fares, Ms. Birch explained that the study only considered the scenarios because HART no longer has the authority on fares and noted that the fares system being designed by HART in 2016 did not look at distance-based fares. She stated that the study results and the existence of the model were shared with the Department of Transportation Services and the Rate Commission. Regarding the question on the cause of decline in bus ridership, Ms. Birch explained that although there is no clear industry-accepted cause, assumptions such as decline in gas prices during that time period, the severe increase in traffic which may have caused residents with multiple jobs to drive rather than spend the longer time taking a bus, and a host of other reasons probably impacted the bus ridership. In response to a question on fare-box recover rates, Ms. Birch noted that this study focused on ridership impact and did not examine fare-box recovery rates.

A motion was made by Councilmember Manahan and seconded by Councilmember Menor to approve the presentation as evidence that the work was carried out and direct staff to use the study recommendations in the OahuMPO's planning processes. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was approved.

The presentation may be viewed at: http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1563

C. Honolulu City Council Resolution 19-80, FD1

Policy Member, Councilmember Manahan thanked OahuMPO for having the item on the agenda and their consideration of this project and that he appreciates any support from the Policy Board.

Ed Sniffen, Deputy Director for Department of Transportation (HDOT) – Highways Division and Robert Kroning, Director for Department of Design and Construction (DDC) described how this issue arose, discussed the funneling of funding from other projects, a summary of funding scenarios which may assist in amending OC23 Salt Lake Boulevard Widening, Phase 3 in the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), that this route could serve as a third potential emergency route.

There was a discussion on federal funding sources, the potential availability of lapsed federal funds from other states, prioritizing projects that are in the TIP, responding to OahuMPO's letter regarding fiscal constraint for this project, and the timeline in which the proposed TIP amendment would need to be submitted for consideration. OahuMPO staff explained that the internal deadline for all agencies to submit revisions was April 26, 2019 and emphasized that any new revisions would need to be submitted as soon as possible since the TIP would be going to the Committees and the Board in July. There were no further questions and no action was required.

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 the Committee on Transportation and Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) will be holding a special meeting on Vision Zero on May 15, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Honolulu Hale Council Committee Room.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Elefante adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.



PB Chair Brandon Elefante

07/30/2019

Date



PB Secretary Roni Schack

07/30/2019

Date