

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**POLICY BOARD**  
Tuesday, June 25, 2019  
Council Committee Meeting Room 205  
Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Members Present:**

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| Councilmember Joey Manahan  | Senator Karl Rhodes                                      |
| HART Director of Planning, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Ryan Tam | DOH Primary Prevention Branch Manager Heidi Hansen-Smith |
| HDOT First Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan                                     | Councilmember Kymberly Pine                              |
| DPP Deputy Director Timothy Hui   | FHWA Administrator Ralph Rizzo                           |
| DTS Transportation Planning Division Chief Chris Clark                          | OP Planning Program Administrator Rodney Funikoshi       |

**Member(s) Absent:**

Councilmember Brandon Elefante (Chair), Senator Breene Harimoto (Vice Chair), Representative Ryan Yamane, and Representative Henry Aquino

**Guests Present:**

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| Dion Mesta (Councilmember Elefante's Office)     | Joe Magaldi (OahuMPO CAC Chair) |
| Joanna Li (Councilmember Manahan's Office)       | Andrew Yamaguchi (DPP)          |
| Radiant Cordero (Councilmember Manahan's Office) | Doug Chun (OCS)                 |
| Dylan Whitsell (Councilmember Manahan's Office)  | Logan Takeda                    |
| Amy Ford-Wagner (FHWA)                           |                                 |

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

Because the Chair and Vice Chair were absent, nominations were taken for a pro tem Chair for this meeting. Councilmember Manahan was nominated and voted as Acting Chair.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Manahan called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Policy Board members introduced themselves.

**III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 30, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

It was noted that Deputy Director Hiu's last name is misspelled in the April 30<sup>th</sup> minutes, for agenda Item VI.A. the baseline year for the model should be 2017, and the tentative rail-launch year should be 2019. There was one abstention by Chris Clark because he was not at the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were no other abstentions, objections, or reservations and the minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **IV. Reports**

##### **A. Executive Director**

Executive Director Au provided an update on the outreach events for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan's (ORTP) first phase of public involvement in which OahuMPO attended 43 community events and engaged 3063 members of the public. OahuMPO will present the results of the public involvement phase at a future Policy Board meeting. He noted that a copy of the Quarterly Financial Statement for the third quarter of FY2019 was attached to the distributed copies of his Executive Director Report, provided a summary of the topics covered at the June 2019 Technical Advisory Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1607](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1607)

##### **B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

There was no report from the Technical Advisory Committee.

##### **C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

There was no report from the Citizens Advisory Committee.

#### **V. Old Business**

None

#### **VI. New Business**

##### **A. Final Draft FY2020 Overall Work Program (OWP)**

OahuMPO Planning Program Manager, Nicole Smith discussed what comprises transportation planning and how the Overall Work Program fits into this process. Background on the purpose and an overview of what is included in the FY2020 OWP was also covered. Ms. Smith discussed the proposed studies – which studies are proposed for funding, which were not proposed for funding and the reasons they were not, and the single agency-withdrawn study. She also noted that a public and intergovernmental review period occurred from April 6<sup>th</sup> to May 17<sup>th</sup>, discussed the comments received, expressed gratitude to the various agencies and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for their feedback and time taken to help develop this final OWP draft, provided a summary of the funding by Task categories, and noted that the TAC and the Citizens Advisory Committee had reviewed and recommended Policy Board endorsement of the FY2020 OWP at their June meetings.

There were questions regarding the sequence of Task 3 projects in relation to Task 4 projects and the status of the Makaha Beach study (202.14-18) which currently is actively being worked by OahuMPO staff and expected to be completed within two years. There was discussion on the unobligated balance of federal funds, on the cancellation of the Bikeshare Expansion Plan (203.16-19) in the OWP because the Operator is opting to use private rather than federal funds, to clarify there is only one Single Audit (Task 1.4) annually and that Spires is OahuMPO's consultant contracted to develop the policies & procedures that was a finding in the previous Single Audit. To the question whether the Oahu Coastal Communities Evacuation Planning Project-Phase 2 (206.02-18) includes the south shore, it was noted that the remaining coastal areas not in Phase I would be included in Phase II. It was questioned if the name Vision Zero (Task 3.14) is appropriate since the expectation of zero pedestrian deaths may not be realistic and added that the target year for

Honolulu's Vision Zero Plan is 2035. There also was discussion on whether a carbon tax has been considered as part of future transportation revenue, the impact of electric vehicles on the solvency of the gas tax, and that the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) is currently working on the Statewide Highway Shoreline Protection Study which has already identified high priority projects and upon completion will also help pinpoint other areas where focused studies related to realignment may be critical. It was commented that once Rail is operational, that may be the time when a cordon pricing study should be considered. A discussion ensued regarding how a traffic signal timing evaluation project with a pedestrian focus would be valuable. To an inquiry about dues, Ms. Smith confirmed that member agencies would be invoiced for \$35,015 for their FY2020 dues, and DTS indicated their closeout verification report for the Ewa Impact Fees for Traffic & Roadway Improvements Update Study (203.75-09) was completed and a final invoice would be sent to OahuMPO.

A motion was made by Ryan Tam and seconded by Karl Rhoads to endorse the final draft of the FY2020 Overall Work Program for submission to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for their approval. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was approved unanimously.

**VII. Invitation to interested members of the public to be heard on matters not included on the agenda**

It was noted that the OahuMPO has plans to include Vision Zero presentations on the CAC, TAC, and Policy Board agendas in the near future.

**VIII. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**IX. Adjournment**

Acting Chair Manahan adjourned the meeting at 1:54 pm.

  
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PB Chair Brandon Elefante

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PB Secretary Roni Schack

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