



Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee Members

From: Alvin Au, Executive Director

Date: August 9, 2019

Executive Director's Report

Accomplishments and Progress

Diane Dohm, Senior Transportation Planner will be transferring in mid-September, 2019 to fill the vacant HDOT State Bike-Pedestrian Coordinator position. We would appreciate you to encourage anyone who may be interested in the Senior Transportation Planner position to apply. The complete position description can be viewed on our website at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1651.

Policy Board (PB)

The Policy Board met on July 30, 2019, received a briefing on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2019-2022 Revision #5 (Administrative Modification) and #6 (Amendment). They approved both revisions as presented.

There was discussion on the possibility of forming a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Advisory Committee which is permitted in the Policy Board Bylaws. It was determined that the option to form a PB TOD Committee remain in the PB Bylaws. If, in the future, the PB determines there is a need, a TOD Advisory Committee can be created and its purpose, structure, and membership determined at that time.

The Policy Board Chair provided a report on his experience at the 2019 53rd Annual National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Conference held June 9-12, 2019 at Omaha, Nebraska. NARC supports the upcoming Congressional transportation reauthorization to provide adequate, stable, and flexible funding; enhances the role of MPO's to achieve increased mobility, access to opportunities, and economic prosperity; prioritizes transportation safety to eliminate deaths and serious injuries; and empowers regions to meet the challenges and opportunities created by technology and data.

The Chair's full report may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1665

Citizen 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, and upcoming project events/activities. It is a federal funded 3-year research project.

As vehicles are becoming more fuel efficient and more residents are buying electric vehicles, the funding towards maintenance of Hawaii's roads have been decreasing. With the Road User Charge (RUC), drivers pay a fee based on how many miles they drive rather than the amount of gas they burn. If implemented, the State gas tax would be eliminated and replaced by 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.