

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

**Members Present:**

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| Councilmember Brandon Elefante (Chair)      | DOH Primary Prevention Branch Manager Heidi Hansen-Smith |
| HART Chief Financial Officer Ruth Lohr      | Councilmember Kymberly Pine                              |
| HDOT First Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan | FHWA Administrator Ralph Rizzo                           |
| DPP Deputy Director Timothy Hui             | OP Planning Program Administrator Rodney Funikoshi       |
| DTS Branch Chief Mark Au                    |  |

**Member(s) Absent:**

Senator Breene Harimoto (Vice Chair), Councilmember Joey Manahan, Senator Karl Rhoads, Representative Ryan Yamane, and Representative Henry Aquino

**Guests Present:**

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| Dion Mesta (Councilmember Elefante's Office) | Joe Magaldi (OahuMPO CAC Chair)                 |
| Sharon Brooks (OSC)                          | Doug Chun (OCS)                                 |
| Andrew Yamaguchi (DPP)                       | Logan Takeda                                    |
| Patrick Tom (HDOT)                           | Dylan Whitsell (Councilmember Manahan's Office) |
| Ken Tatsuguchi (HDOT)                        | Benjamin Trevino (HART)                         |

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

**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 JUNE 25, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

It was noted that under "member's present" that Chris Clark's title should be Transportation Planning Division Chief. A motion was made by Mark Au and seconded by councilmember Pine to approve the minutes as corrected. There were no other abstentions, objections, or reservations and the minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **IV. Reports**

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

Executive Director Au reported that the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Authority jointly approved the FY2020 Overall Work Program; that OahuMPO hired a summer intern, Logan Takeda; and that OahuMPO is in the final phase of recruiting the new Transportation Impact Analyst. Director Au shared that the Technical Advisory Committee met on July 12, 2019 and received a briefing on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2019-2022 Revision #6. The TAC made a motion to recommend that the Policy Board approve the FFYs 2019-2022 TIP Revision #6 as presented. He also shared that the OahuMPO staff discussed the Phase 1 Outreach of the ORTP 2045 with the TAC and will make this presentation to the Policy Board in August 2019.

Director Au reported that the CAC met on July 19, 2019 and received a presentation from Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) on the Hawaii Road User Charge (HIRUC) and its current status. The CAC also received presentations from the OahuMPO staff on the TIP FFYs 2019-2022 Revision #6 and from a CAC member on traffic issues in the Makaha area.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1648](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1648)

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

It was announced that TAC Chair, Marian Yasuda was out of town and 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. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2019-2022 Revision #5**

Kiana Otsuka, OahuMPO's Transportation Planner gave an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program which is a four-year schedule of surface transportation projects and includes projects that will be built in the near future. Ms. Otsuka noted that Revision #5 is an expedited administrative modification which include minor changes to the program and requires policy board review and approval. Revision #5 consists of three project revisions. One is a State of Hawaii project with two revisions funded through FHWA and one is a City and County of Honolulu project funded through the FHWA.

Ms. Otsuka presented an overview of each project amendment, noting the funding category, changes made, and the difference in funding.

Councilmember Pine inquired about OS79, Shoreline Protection and Mitigation Program and the nature of the construction. Patrick Tom, Statewide Transportation Improvement (STIP) Program

Manager and Ken Tatsuguchi, Highways Division Planning Manager responded that Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase 1 and 2 are environmental design phases and may include roadway retrofitting of the existing area or roadway retreat. He explained that the project must first go through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental process and community engagement before HDOT will know the exact scope of the project.

Tim Hui motioned, and Lynn Araki-Regan seconded to recommend that the Policy Board approve the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #5, as presented.

The presentation may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1595](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1595)

**B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2019-2022 Revision #6**

Ms. Otsuka noted that Revision #6 is an Amendment which involves major changes. As such, requirements include re-demonstration of fiscal constraint, a public and intergovernmental review, consideration by the TAC, and approval by the Policy Board. Revision #6 consists of five project amendments four are State of Hawaii projects funded through FHWA and one is a City and County of Honolulu project funded through the FTA.

Ms. Otsuka presented an overview of each project amendment, noting the funding category, changes made, and the difference in funding. She reported that during the intergovernmental and public review, four total organizations responded with no comment. The results of the Title VI and Environmental Justice Analysis showed that as of Revision 6, the TIP invests 11% more per capita or \$243 per person in Title 6/Environmental Justice (T6/EJ) block groups.

Chair Elefante asked if HDOT plans to reprogram the funds necessary to continue construction for *OS20, Interstate Route H-1 Safety Improvements, Beginning of H-1 (Palailai Interchange) to Waiawa Overpass*. He also inquired about the safety improvements included in this project. Patrick Tom responded that the construction funds were re-obligated from FFY2018 to FFY2019 so there would be sufficient funds to continue construction. Regarding safety, Mr. Tom explained that while the exact scope of safety measures had not been fully determined, examples of probable safety measures would be rumble strips, improvement of the shoulder, and painted lines.

Lynn Araki-Regan motioned, and Kymberly Marcos Pine seconded to recommend that the Policy Board approve the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #6, as presented.

The presentation may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1596](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1596)

**C. Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Advisory Committee Discussion**

The Policy Board Bylaws allow for the formation of the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Advisory Committee. The Policy Board discussed whether to proceed with the implementation of a TOD Advisory Committee. Rodney Funakoshi noted that there is already a TOD Council consisting of various state agencies. A question was raised as to what function the advisory committee would serve. Veronica Schack, Office Manager at OahuMPO noted that the Policy Board Bylaws do not

define the purpose, structure, or mission of the OahuMPO TOD Advisory Committee. The Policy Board would determine those aspects when the Policy Board establishes a TOD Advisory Committee. There was further discussion on the selection process for the City and County's TOD Council. It was determined that should at some future time the Policy Board believes there is a need, the option to form a OahuMPO TOD Advisory Committee can be exercised.

**D. Policy Board Chair's Presentation on the 2019 Annual NARC Conference**

In June 2019, Policy Board Chair, Councilmember Elefante attended the 2019 Annual NARC conference in Omaha, NE. He reported his experience at the conference and discussed his ideas and suggestions on best practices, collaborations, and innovations that would be beneficial to OahuMPO and for transportation on Oahu. Chair Elefante reported that his key takeaways from the conference were OahuMPO considering a membership with NARC, exploring the International Association for Public Participation (IAP<sup>2</sup>) process and membership, and further collaboration workshops for OahuMPO staff. There was discussion on Chair Elefante's takeaways from the conference in regard to biking and pedestrian infrastructure and funding.

Chair Elefante's report may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1665](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1665)

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

**VIII. Announcements**

Heidi Hanson-Smith announced that the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit Oriented Development would be holding a meeting on September 10, 2019. There will be a presentation by Jeff Speck, a national urban planning expert on walkable cities and TOD.

For more information please visit: <http://planning.hawaii.gov/lud/state-tod/hawaii-interagency-council-for-transit-oriented-development-meeting-materials/>

**IX. Adjournment**

Chair Elefante adjourned the meeting at 2:03 pm.

  
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PB Chair Brandon Elefante

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PB Secretary Roni Schack

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