

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY BOARD

Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Board Room #150
1099 Alakea Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Members Present:

Representative Henry Aquino	Senator Karl Rhoads
HDOT Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan	DPP Acting Director Kathy Sokugawa
HART Director of Planning, Environmental Compliance & Sustainable Mobility Ryan Tam	DOH Primary Prevention Branch Manager Heidi Hansen-Smith
DTS Branch Chief Mark Au	FHWA Assistant Division Administrator Richelle Takara
OP Planning Program Administrator Rodney Funakoshi	

Member(s) Absent:

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Chair, Breene Harimoto, Representative Ryan Yamane, Councilmember Joey Manahan, Councilmember Kymberly Pine

Guests Present:

Dion Mesta (Cmbr Elefante's Office)	Randall Landry (HDOT)
Marian Yasuda (DTS)	Adriana Windham (FHWA)
Crystal Van Beelan (DEM)	Andy Yamaguchi (DPP)
Amy Ford-Wagner (FHWA)	Chris Sayers (DTS)
Virginia Sosh (DTS)	Michelle O'Connell (FHWA)
Dylan Whitsell (Cmbr Manahan's Office)	Chris CJ Johnson (DTS)
John Hagihara (HHF)	Kathleen Rooney (Ulupono)
Sharon Brooks (OCS)	Ruth Lohr (HART)

OahuMPO Staff Present: Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Joel Vincent, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand, Nicki Smith, Nicole Cernohorsky, Kiana Otsuka, and Randolph Sykes.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Executive Director Alvin Au called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Since both the Policy Board Chair and Vice Chair were not present, nominations and a vote were taken to elect a pro tempore Chair for this meeting. DTS Branch Chief Mark Au was elected.

II. ROLL CALL

The Policy Board members introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 27, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Senator Rhoads and seconded by Deputy Director Araki-Regan to approve the minutes as presented. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and Chair Au declared the minutes approved as presented.

IV. Reports

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Alvin Au advised the Policy Board that the Senior Transportation Planner recruitment is continuing, that recruitment has begun for a replacement Transportation Intern, and that Randolph Sykes has rejoined OahuMPO and will be working on special projects such as the 5-year Strategic Plan. He reported that the Central Oahu Transportation Study Draft report has been released for public and intergovernmental review and is available for comments through October 7, 2019. Other items noted were the completion of the Accounting Procedures document, that an update on the Certification Review Implementation Plan will be presented to the Policy Board and the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) in the last quarter of 2019, and the FY2021 Overall Work Program Call-for-Projects will be underway by the end of October. Executive Director Au also summarized the business covered at the September 16, 2019 TAC meeting and the September 18, 2019 Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

In response to Pro Tem Chair Mark Au's question if the Executive Director Report item #5 regarding the Certification Review Implementation Plan is related to the September 24, 2019 meeting's agenda item *VI.E Discussion on Establishing a Process to Evaluate the OahuMPO Executive Director*, Executive Director Au noted it is related and that Chair Elefante who was unable to attend this meeting, requested the agenda item be postponed to next month's meeting.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1744

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

TAC Chair Marian Yasuda presented a summary of the TAC's September 16, 2019 meeting noting that the TAC provided suggestions for the OahuMPO Vision Zero Resolution. She also indicated the TAC received the presentations on the Oahu Coastal Communities Evacuation Planning project and the Oahu Bike Plan Update and did vote to recommend to the Policy Board that the Policy Board accept the studies and direct OahuMPO to use the studies' recommendations in the OahuMPO's planning process.

C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

There was no report from the CAC.

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

VI. New Business

A. OahuMPO Vision Zero Policy

Kiana Otsuka, OahuMPO Transportation Planner introduced the Vision Zero concept, its purpose & priorities; deaths, injury, financial cost, and driver profile data related to crashes; and OahuMPO's draft resolution and its purpose to align with existing City & County and State policy.

There was discussion on how the Vision Zero concept will be integrated into OahuMPO's processes; how ideally the resolution should reflect that safety has always been a concern so Vision Zero is an increase of attention being devoted to this issue; that HDOT in conjunction with its partners including City & County and other community organizations have developed a Strategic Highway Safety Plan; on clarifying some of the resolution's language; that a schedule for formal submission of comments is in development; that goals should be specified in the resolution; if other MPOs around the nation have adopted similar policies; and if OahuMPO's Zero Policy will reflect changes that occur in the City and State's Vision Zero policies.

A member of the public commented that the Hillsborough MPO in Florida has adopted a Vision Zero policy.

B. Overall Work Program (OWP) Work Element: Oahu Coastal Communities Evacuation Planning

Crystal Van Beelen, Disaster Preparedness Officer with the Department of Emergency Management, introduced the study and its objectives, discussed key terms like Tsunami Evacuation Zone (TEZ) and Safe Sites (SS). Ms. Van Beelen stated that the Phase 2 project included the coastal areas between Hanauma Bay and Waipahu. The project was broken up into six tasks including an analysis of tsunami inundation zones, possible evacuation routes, identification of safe sites and the development of signage to facilitate evacuation.

There was discussion on existing plans to enhance the current evacuation shelters for high wind disasters, that current evacuation shelters are usually Department of Education school classrooms, the parameters used for the warning systems, that written alternate language outreach information is available in thirteen languages and Department of Emergency Management has working partnerships with various foreign language radio stations, the dangers of distance tsunamis vs. locally generated tsunamis, that wave energy vs. wave height is the critical danger factor, and the methods existing and being developed to create public awareness of tsunami evacuation.

A motion was made by Lynn Araki-Regan and seconded by Senator Rhoads that the *Policy Board accept as evidence that the work was carried out and direct staff to use the study recommendations in the OahuMPO's planning processes.*

There was discussion on the purpose of the OWP work element presentations as a best practice, alternate methods that could be utilized for the closing of completed projects, and

how the Board would be able to determine if study recommendations are incorporated into the OahuMPO's planning process.

Based on the discussion, the original motion was withdrawn from the floor by Lynn Araki-Regan and Kathy Sokugawa made a new motion that the Policy Board accept as evidence that the work was carried out and direct staff to use the study recommendations in the OahuMPO's planning processes by delineating the applicability in future funding applications. The motion was seconded by Senator Rhoads. There was no further discussion, opposition, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

Ms. Sokugawa was thanked by a member of the public for clarifying how the project results will be used.

C. Work Program (OWP) Work Element: Oahu Bike Plan Update

Chris Sayers, Bicycle Coordinator with the City & County Department of Transportation Services, and John Hagihara with HHF Planners presented the update to the Oahu Bike Plan. Mr. Sayers noted the correlation with the Vision Zero policy, reviewed the update to the Vision and Goals for the Oahu Bike Plan which added "ages and abilities" to the Vision Statement and included a goal that Oahu achieve recognition by the League of American Cyclists as a gold level Bicycle Friendly Community. He also discussed the existing bike network, the different categories of bikeways, achievements made since the 2012 Bike Plan, reasons for investing in bicycling, the public outreach undertaken, the passage of the safe passing law, and adoption of the Complete Streets ordinance. His discussion also included the key recommendations, proposed facility types for bikeways, performance measures, and implementation strategies that resulted from the study.

Mr. Hagihara discussed the analysis of traffic stress, its impact on encouraging or discouraging various populations from bicycling, and the Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis performed in the study.

There was discussion on the hostility of drivers toward bicyclists, laws preventing bicycles on the sidewalks and laws to protect pedestrian safety, and how the Bike Plan addresses other mobility devices such as scooters and electric bicycles.

Senator Rhoads made a motion and was seconded by Kathy Sokugawa that the Policy Board accept as evidence that the work was carried out and direct staff to use the study recommendations in the OahuMPO's planning processes by delineating the applicability in future funding applications. There was no further discussion, opposition, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

D. Title VI/Environmental Justice (T6/EJ) Implementation Plan - Federal Transit Administration Plan (FTA)

Acting Community Planner Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand introduced the Title VI and Environmental Justice Program Implementation Plan (Plan). She acknowledged Randall Landry of the Hawaii Department of Transportation's Civil Rights Office Title VI Specialist and Adriana

Windham, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Civil Rights Program Manager. Ms. Weygan-Hildebrand discussed the purpose, background, and the FHWA and FTA regulations that mandate the development of this Plan. She described the key elements and the process that resulted in this Plan, noting that the Executive Director is the Title VI Complaint Officer and emphasized that this Plan is a framework that will be reviewed and revised as needed on an annual basis.

There was discussion on the criteria used and who performs the Title VI disparity impact analysis, on zero-car households; that per capita spending referred to in the Plan's demographic maps is based on census tracts; if subrecipients are required to develop their own T6/EJ plans; and that complaints may be directly brought to FTA and FHWA as well as to OahuMPO and the Civil Rights Office.

Lynn Araki-Regan made a motion which was seconded by Kathy Sokugawa to approve the 2019 OahuMPO Title VI/Environmental Justice Program implementation Plan, incorporating the suggestions made at this meeting. There was no further discussion, abstentions, or opposition and the motion was passed.

E. Discussion on Establishing a Process to Evaluate the OahuMPO Executive Director

This agenda item was postponed to a future meeting when Chair Elefante, who would be leading this discussion, will be in attendance.

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

There were no comments.

VIII. Announcements


Lynn Araki-Regan announced that she had attended a Census 2020 presentation, stressed its importance in determining the amount of federal funding that Hawaii receives, and stated her willingness to help if OahuMPO would like a presentation.

IX. Adjournment

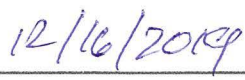
Pro Tem Chair Mark Au adjourned the meeting at 3:12 pm.



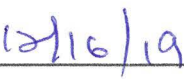
PB Chair Brandon Elefante



PB Secretary Roni Schack



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