

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY BOARD

Tuesday, August 27, 2019
Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Board Room #150
1099 Alakea Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Members Present:

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Chair	Senator Karl Rhodes
Representative Ryan Yamane	DPP Acting Director Kathy Sokugawa
HART Director of Planning, Environmental Compliance & Sustainable Mobility Ryan Tam	FHWA Assistant Division Administrator Richelle Takara
DTS Branch Chief Mark Au	Councilmember Joey Manahan
OP Planning Program Administrator Rodney Funikoshi	

Member(s) Absent:

Representative Henry Aquino, Senator Breene Harimoto, Director Jade Butay, Councilmember Kymberly Pine, DOH Administrator Lola Irvin

Guests Present:

Marian Yasuda (DTS)	Andy Yamaguchi (DPP)
Ken Tatsuguchi (HDOT)	Ben Trevino (HART)
Amy Ford Wagner (FHWA)	Dylan Whitsell (Clmbr Manahan's Office)

OahuMPO Staff Present: Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Joel Vincent, Carolyn Wegan-Hildebrand, Diane Dohm, Tori Larson, Nicki Smith and Nicole Cernohorsky.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brandon Elefante called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The Policy Board members introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF JULY 30, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Because quorum had not been achieved at this point in the meeting, this agenda item was postponed until later in the meeting when quorum was met. At that time, a motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and Chair Elefante declared the minutes approved.

IV. Reports

A. Executive Director

Director Au advised the Policy Board that Senior Transportation Planner Diane Dohm would be transferring to HDOT as the State's Bike-Pedestrian Coordinator and introduced OahuMPO's new Transportation Impact (TIA) Analyst Nicole Cernohorsky. He noted that the FY2019 4th quarter financial report is attached to his Executive Report. He also summarized the business covered at the August 9, 2019 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the August 21, 2019 Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

Director Au's presentation may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1698

Chair Elefante thanked Diane Dohm for her service at OahuMPO and extended a welcome to TIA Nicole Cernohorsky. To Chair Elefante's inquiry on the status of his request regarding the possibility of OahuMPO becoming a member of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), Executive Director Au indicated OahuMPO has not received a response to email sent to NARC Administration. He will contact them by phone this week and report back to the Policy Board at the September meeting.

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

TAC Chair Marian Yasuda noted that the TAC agenda was similar to the Policy Board's agenda, and the TAC had provided feedback on the Public Participation Plan.

C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

There was no report from the CAC

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

A. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045 Draft Vision and Goals

Senior Transportation Planner Diane Dohm noted all of the OahuMPO staff had spent hours and effort on this public involvement process emphasizing that the bulk of the work and of this massive effort was coordinated and spearheaded by Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka. Ms. Dohm presented an overview of the public involvement results; feedback received from the project's working group which included members from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), City Department of Transportation Services (DTS), Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART), and Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT). Feedback from OahuMPO's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the resulting draft Vision and Goals were also presented.

Ms. Dohm described the methods used to garner public input, the categories that participants were queried upon, and the ranking of each of those categories. She encouraged continued input from both the members and the public.

There was discussion on whether there was significant differences between the feedback received for the 2040 ORTP as compared to the draft 2045 ORTP, what types of community events OahuMPO attended to solicit public outreach, how the focus group process worked, on the feasibility of using telephone polling and issuing press releases in the future to reach a wider population, possible ways to clarify the verbiage in the Vision statement, and on doing a comparison between the 2040 and 2045 Vision and Goals.

B. Public Participation Draft Plan Presentation

Acting Community Planner Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand presented background, history, and the purpose of having a Public Participation Plan (Plan); discussed the various sections included in the draft; demonstrated how the public can participate in the planning process; provided a breakdown of the steps in each of OahuMPO's major products – the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Overall Work Program (OWP), and the Public Participation Plan (PPP); and detailed the goals of the Public Participation Plan.

To a comment that this Plan does not appear to address TVI/EJ requirements such as how to reach out to non-English speaking populations, Ms. Weygan-Hildebrand noted that those requirements are addressed in the periodical OahuMPO T6/EJ report which is scheduled to be produced later this year.

There was discussion on creating brochures that provide a summarized version that would be beneficial to members of the public unfamiliar with this process, on the mechanics of the CAC's and the public's roles and the point of their involvement in each of the various OahuMPO products, on clarifying that the product diagrams in the Plan document specifically refer to the public participation portion of each product's process, on what the federal government requirements are for the public participation plan, and on the relevance of incorporating the IAP2 process and press releases into the public participation plan.

C. Hawaii Department Of Transportation (HDOT) TAMP Presentation

Ken Tatsuguchi, HDOT's Planning Program Manager presented an overview of the HDOT Transportation Asset Management process focusing on defining what TAMP is, the relevant Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) regulations and penalties, what constitutes the National Highway System (NHS), the various categories of pavement condition and the percentages of NHS roadways currently in each category, and HDOT's 10-year goals. He also discussed what is state-of-repair or asset condition, HDOT's targets for bridges and pavement conditions, the three different strategies and the impact each of these strategies are projected to have on the percentage of Good and Poor pavement conditions in comparison to HDOT's 10-year goals, that in the future this program could extend to include all federal roads and assets.

There was discussion on source of funding and funding levels; that in their overall funding picture, HDOT must also take into account the funding of bridges and roads not included in NHS; on crack-filling and preventive maintenance and its purpose of prolonging the life of the pavement; the priority of road maintenance in view of resiliency and sea level rise; the cost and issues of road relocations or retreat, noting that HDOT is doing risk assessments and has been reviewing these issues and how possible solutions would involve multi-agency coordination.

To a question asking how long the federal 80/20 percent funding ratio will remain, it was noted that current legislation is for another year and FHWA cannot predict what future legislation will be. There was discussion on what funds would apply during a disaster for federal aid routes versus non-federal aid roads that would be covered by FEMA and what other funding and grants might be available related to climate change and resiliency that the State could tap. Chair Elefante requested that HDOT advise the OahuMPO Policy Board when HDOT has any updates or is finalizing a retreat plan.

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

There were no comments and the meeting moved on to Announcements.

VIII. Announcements

There were no announcements.

IX. Adjournment

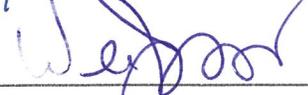
Chair Elefante adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.



PB Chair Brandon Elefante

10/29/19

Date



PB Secretary Roni Schack

11/05/2019

Date

The PowerPoint presentations made at the August 27, 2019 Policy Board meeting may be viewed at:
https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1696

