

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY BOARD

Tuesday, November 26, 2019
Council Committee Meeting Room 205
Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Members Present:

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Chair,	Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads	HDOT Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan
HART Project Director Charles 'Sam' Carnaggio	OP Planning Program Administrator Rodney Funakoshi
Councilmember Kymberly Marcos-Pine	FHWA Assistant Division Administrator Richelle Takara
DPP Deputy Director Timothy Hiu	DOH Primary Prevention Branch Manager Heidi Hansen-Smith
DTS Branch Chief Mark Au	

Member(s) Absent:

Representative Ryan Yamane, Representative Henry Aquino, Councilmember Joey Manahan

Guests Present:

Dion Mesta (CImbr Elefante's Office)	Joe Magaldi (CAC Chair)
Marian Yasuda (DTS)	Dick Poirier (CAC Vice Chair)
Ben Trevino (HART)	Michael Packard (SSFM)
Karen Loomis	Amy Ford-Wagner (FHWA)

OahuMPO Staff Present: Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Joel Vincent, Kiana Otsuka, Tori Larson, Nicki Smith, Taylor Ellis, Nicole Cernohorsky, and Randolph Sykes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elefante called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The Policy Board members introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 29, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

It was noted that Deputy Director Timothy Hiu's name was misspelled. A motion was made by Senator Rhoads and seconded by Timothy Hiu to approve the minutes as corrected. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and Chair Elefante declared the minutes approved as corrected.

IV. Reports

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Alvin Au provided an update on the recruitment for the Senior Transportation Planner and the Transportation Planning Intern positions; responded to the last meeting's question on the status of the land use model, noting that it is still in development; reminded Members that an election for a new Policy Board Chair and Vice Chair would be included in the January 2020 Policy Board meeting agenda; and provided a brief summary of the business conducted at the November meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1785.

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

TAC Chair Marian Yasuda advised the Policy Board the TAC had voted to recommend that the Policy Board accept the Central Oahu Transportation Study (COTS) report as evidence that the work was carried out. However, because the TAC was not able to review the CAC's Permitted Interaction Group's (PIG) report, the TAC had no recommendation regarding its inclusion as an Appendix in the COTS report.

C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

CAC Chair Joe Magaldi's report was distributed to Policy Board members. It summarized business covered at the CAC's November meeting including their recommendation to include the COTS PIG's report as an appendix in the final COTS report, the CAC's vote on three proposed OWP candidate studies, the CAC's request that the Policy Board help the CAC connect with agencies that may be interested in doing these studies, and the CAC members' comments expressing the need for more Handi-Vans.

The CAC Chair's report may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1786.

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

VI. New Business

A. Establishment of a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) for the Evaluation of the OahuMPO Executive Director

Chair Elefante discussed the background for the establishment of the PIG, expected timeline of the PIG process, and the scope of work to be handled by the PIG. The specifics of the establishment and scope of work of this PIG is outlined in OahuMPO Resolution 2019-001. Chair Elefante thanked the City's Office of Counsel Services for their efforts in the development of Resolution 2019-001 and Executive Director Au for submitting his self-evaluation. A motion was made by Senator Harimoto and seconded by Sam Carnaggio to establish the PIG for the Evaluation of the OahuMPO Executive Director. There was no further discussion, opposition, or abstentions and the motion was passed unanimously.

B. Overall Work Program (OWP) WE 202.02 Central Oahu Transportation Study (COTS)

Cheryl Soon of SSFM discussed the scope of work; the geographical region covered by the COTS; the processes taken during the study; the three community goals; and the various methods of community involvement; the resulting proposed projects, their costs, and expected timeframe.

CAC PIG Chair Dick Poirier testified that the PIG worked closely with SSFM and requested that the PIG's report be included in the COTS report as an appendix.

There was discussion commending the results of the study, the idea of a median park and ride and that the Federal Transit Authority (FTA) would be impressed with this initiative; whether the CAC COTS PIG report should be included as an appendix in the COTS report or included in a separate deliverable summarizing all of the public involvement and input; that the public comments to the report and related responses were included in the meeting packets; and that the recommended projects from the study would be added to the ORTP 2045's larger list of potential projects. It was noted that during the ORTP process with the Policy Board next year, the selection of projects for inclusion in the ORTP 2045 would be chosen from this larger list of potential projects and could include projects recommended in the COTS.

A motion was made by Lynn Araki-Regan and seconded by Councilmember Marcos-Pine that the Policy Board accept the Central Oahu Transportation Study as evidence that the work was carried out and directs staff to take the study recommendations into consideration in the development of the OahuMPO's Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) and to include the CAC COTS PIG report as an appendix in the report, noting it is a separate document.

The Central Oahu Transportation Study final report may be viewed at:
www.oahumpo.org/CentralOahu

Since Chair Elefante would be making the next presentation, he turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Harimoto.

C. Presentation on the September 2019 Congestion Pricing Tour

Councilmember Brandon Elefante and Marian Yasuda of the Department of Transportation Services presented an overview of what congestion pricing is and the lessons learned from the Congestion Pricing Tour which they participated in during September 2019. Councilmember Elefante noted that representatives from seven cities throughout the U.S. participated in this tour and noted that, although no U.S. city has yet implemented a congestion management program, New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles have begun to consider congestion pricing.

Councilmember Elefante and Marian Yasuda discussed the top ten lessons learned on the tour, how London and Stockholm handles fee exemptions differently, the importance of alternative transportation modes to a successful congestion pricing program, and the impact on vehicle volume during the restricted hours.

There was discussion on requesting more detailed data from the tour speakers, such as what shifts in work habits and impacts on businesses in the restricted areas have occurred as a result of congestion pricing, on what areas could be considered for congestion pricing, on the actual cost London and Stockholm charge, and the methods they use to determine charges.

CAC PIG Chair Dick Poirier testified that working toward congestion pricing should be started sooner rather than later by finding a lead agency to coordinate the effort.

Vice Chair Harimoto returned the gavel to Chair Elefante.

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

There were no comments.

VIII. Announcements

Chair Elefante wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving, expressed gratitude to OahuMPO staff, announced that the next Policy Board meeting will be held on Monday December 16, 2019 at 1:00p, and encouraged members to attend.

IX. Adjournment


Chair Elefante adjourned the meeting at 2:07 pm.



PB Chair Brandon Elefante

12/16/2019

Date



PB Secretary Roni Schack

12/16/2019

Date

The presentations from this meeting may be viewed at https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1784.