

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY BOARD

Tuesday, January 28, 2020
Council Committee Meeting Room 205
Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Members Present:

Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Chair	HDOT Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan
Senator Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair	DTS Deputy Director Jon Nouchi
Senator Karl Rhoads	DOH Primary Prevention Branch Manager Heidi Hansen-Smith
Councilmember Joey Manahan	OP Rodney Funakoshi
HART Project Director Charles "Sam" Carnaggio	FHWA Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo
DPP Deputy Director Timothy Hiu	Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine

Member(s) Absent:

Representative Ryan Yamane, Representative Henry Aquino, OP Director Mary Alice Evans

Guests Present:

Meredith Soniat (DTS)	Andy Yamaguchi (DPP)
Michael Lau (AG's Office)	Dion Mesta (Clmbr Elefante's Office)
Patsy Takemura (AG's Office)	Robert Sato (Senator Harimoto's Office)
Joe Magaldi (CAC Chair)	Shirley Templo (Clmbr Manahan's Office)
Doug Chun (OCS)	Duane Pang (City Corporation Counsel)
Dru van Hengel (Nelson Nygaard)	

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Elefante called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The Policy Board members introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The Policy Board reviewed the December 16, 2019 meeting minutes, which was mailed to them in advanced. A motion to approve was made by Senator Harimoto and seconded by Councilmember Manahan. There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and the minutes were approved as presented

IV. Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

Director Alvin Au reported that the Senior Transportation Planner position has been filled by Zakari Mumuni, who will begin working on February 3, 2020.

He also reported that OahuMPO's annual report was submitted to the Legislature and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on December 20, 2019; that the proposals from the Citizen Advisory Committee for the FY2021 Overall Work Program (OWP) were sent to our three partner agencies with a request for comments; and OahuMPOs staff held its first agency work group meeting to discuss the draft of the existing conditions report for the Farrington Highway Makaha Beach Realignment Feasibility Study and held a series of working group meetings to discuss the objectives and strategies for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan. A copy of the financial report for the first quarter of FY2020 was distributed to the Policy Board with the Executive Director's report.

Director Au reported that the Technical Advisory Committee met on January 10, 2020 and elected Ken Tatsuguchi from HDOT as its new Chair and Jorge Felix from HART as its new Vice Chair for the 2020-21 term. The TAC received a presentation on the OWP FY2020 Amendment #1 and voted to recommend the Policy Board approve the amendment as presented. The TAC also received a presentation from DTS on the Ala Wai Canal Alternatives Analysis and voted that the Policy Board accept it as evidence that the work was carried out. Director Au reported that the CAC met on January 22, 2020 and re-elected Joe Magaldi as its Chair and Dick Poirier as Vice Chair. The CAC received presentations of the Overall Work Program FY2020 Revision #1, the Transportation Improvement Program FY2019-2020 Revision #10, and the Ala Wai Canal Alternatives Analysis project.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1830

Chair Elefante welcomed Policy Board Member Rhoads to the meeting.

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

There was no report from the TAC.

C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

CAC Chair, Joe Magaldi thanked Chair Elefante for his tenure as Policy Board Chair and had nothing further to report.

V. Old Business

There was no old business.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion and Decision-Making on the Report of the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) for the Evaluation of the OahuMPO Executive Director

Chair Elefante reported that there would be discussion pertaining to the PIG's December report which includes the criteria and the procedures to evaluate the Executive Director. Chair Elefante invited Mr. Dwayne Pang from Corporation Council to offer his feedback on the matter including how the PIG could utilize its legal representation. Mr. Pang stated that he conferred with the Attorney General's office and it was agreed that legal services would be provided to the Policy Board based on the affiliation of the Policy Board Chair, that any legal opinion requested by the Policy Board be submitted via the Policy Board Chair or the OahuMPO Executive Director, and that it is not necessary for the Policy Board to have an attorney present during an executive session but it would be determined on the purpose of the executive session. There was discussion on the steps the Policy Board should take following the executive session.

A motion was made by Senator Harimoto and seconded by Director Carnaggio to move into executive session.

There was a question raised regarding discussing agenda item VI.A. in executive session. It was determined that since a report had been made at the December 16, 2019 meeting that the report could be voted on at this January 28th meeting. Chair Elefante requested the previous motion to move into executive session be

rescinded and to move back to agenda item VI.A. Councilmember Manahan made the motion and it was seconded by Deputy Director Nouchi. There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Elefante gave a recap of the evaluation process, noted the agencies that participated in the evaluation, and added that the OahuMPO staff was not part of this evaluation process. It had been determined by the PIG that goals would be created for the Executive Director to provide a more thorough basis for future evaluations.

Chair Elefante welcomed Policy Board Member Pine to the meeting.

Following the executive session, a motion was made to adopt the report created by the Permitted Interaction Group. It was moved by Councilmember Manahan and seconded by Senator Harimoto. There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and the motion was passed unanimously.

B. Executive Session (closed to the public):

A motion was made by Senator Harimoto and seconded by Deputy Director Tim Hiu to move into executive session to discuss the evaluation of the OahuMPO Executive Director. There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Elefante called the meeting back to order at 2:31p.m.

C. Elect a New Policy Board Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Elefante provided information on the election process of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy Board as decreed in the Policy Board Bylaws.

Senator Breene Harimoto was nominated to be Policy Board Chair. There were no other nominations and a motion to elect Senator Harimoto as the new Policy Board Chair was moved by Deputy Director Hiu and seconded by Councilmember Manahan. There were no further comments, objections, reservations, or abstentions and Senator Harimoto was voted unanimously as the new Policy Board Chair. Chair Harimoto assumed the Chair position for the remainder of the meeting.

Councilmember Brandon Elefante was nominated to be Policy Board Vice Chair. No other members were nominated. A motion was made by Councilmember Pine and seconded by Councilmember Manahan to elect Councilmember Elefante as the new Policy Board Vice Chair. There were no further comments, objections, reservations, or abstentions and Councilmember Elefante was voted unanimously to be the new Policy Board Vice Chair.

D. Overall Work Program (OWP) FY2020 Revision #1

Randolph Sykes, OahuMPO's Transportation Planner for Special Projects, provided background on the Overall Work Program Revision #1 including the funding sources, corrections, the revision process, the comments received during the intergovernmental and public review period, and noted that Revision #1 is an amendment. He explained that Executive Director Au and OahuMPO staff met with the Directors of OahuMPO's dues-paying partners - HDOT, DTS, and HART and discussed the OWP FY2020 Revision #1. He noted that they are in agreement with Revision #1, that Revision #1 was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at their January meeting and they recommended the Policy Board approve the amendment as presented.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Elefante and seconded by Deputy Director Nouchi to approve the OWP FY2020 Revision #1 as presented. There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and the motion passed unanimously.

E. OWP Work Element Presentation: Ala Wai Alternative Analysis

Meredith Soniat of DTS and Dr. Dru van Hengel from Nelson Nygaard presented background on the Ala Wai Alternatives Analysis, Ala Pono. Dr. van Hengel explained the projects primary purpose, relevant projects and programs, as well as the existing and expanded walk and bike shed. Dr. van Hengel discussed the existing crossings over the Ala Wai Canal, statistics of the number of people who walk, bike, and drive across the Canal, as well as the demographics of the people living in and traveling to the area.

Dr. van Hengel presented the different proposed alternatives, gave a summary of the various community and agency engagement programs held to solicit community feedback, and explained that during those public outreach events, the highest scoring alternative was to build a new bridge connecting Waikiki to University Avenue. Ms. Soniat presented the bridge type evaluation, the implementation process, and the next steps for the project.

There was discussion on traffic in the area and how the bridge would impact bikers, pedestrians, and students at Waikiki Elementary School that live on the Waikiki side of the canal. There also was discussion on the impact that the bridge would have on community members that utilize the Ala Wai for water sports, bridge design, construction timeline, and City funding for the local match.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Elefante and seconded by Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan to accept the report as evidence that the work was carried out by the Department of Transportation Services. There were no objections, discussions, or abstentions and the motion was passed unanimously.

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

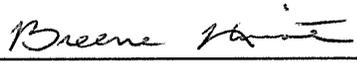
There were no comments.

VIII. Announcements

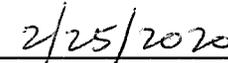
Vice Chair Elefante wished Randolph Sykes, OahuMPO’s Transportation Planner for Special Projects a happy belated birthday.

IX. Adjournment

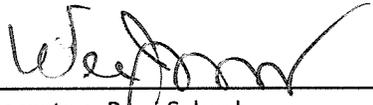
Chair Harimoto adjourned the meeting at 3:07 pm.



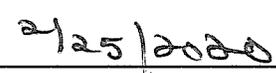
PB Chair Breene Harimoto



Date



PB Secretary Roni Schack



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