



OahuMPO Policy Board Meeting

June 30, 2020



I. Call to order by Chair

II. Introductions/Roll Call



III. Approval of the May 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes



IV. Reports

A. Executive Director

B. Technical Advisory Committee

C. Citizen Advisory Committee



V. Old Business

A. None



VI. New Business

A. Accelerated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Policy



Accelerated TIP Amendment Policy

- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Congress is considering legislation to provide:

stimulus funds for infrastructure
(including surface transportation)

- Projects must be listed on the TIP and STIP to be eligible for funding
- Need for an accelerated TIP amendment schedule to facilitate the timely addition of projects to receive federal stimulus funds





Regular TIP Revision Schedule

5 months



November

HDOT, DTS, HART submit proposed TIP amendments to OahuMPO



January

Public and intergovernmental agency comment period



February

Policy Board action and OahuMPO transmits amended TIP to Governor's Designee (HDOT Director) for approval



March

FHWA and FTA transmit approved STIP letter

Revision Proposals

Draft TIP

Comment Period

TAC

PB

Governor's Approval

FTA & FHWA

December

OahuMPO develops draft TIP revision, works with HDOT, DTS, and HART to confirm accuracy



February

Technical Advisory Committee consideration



March

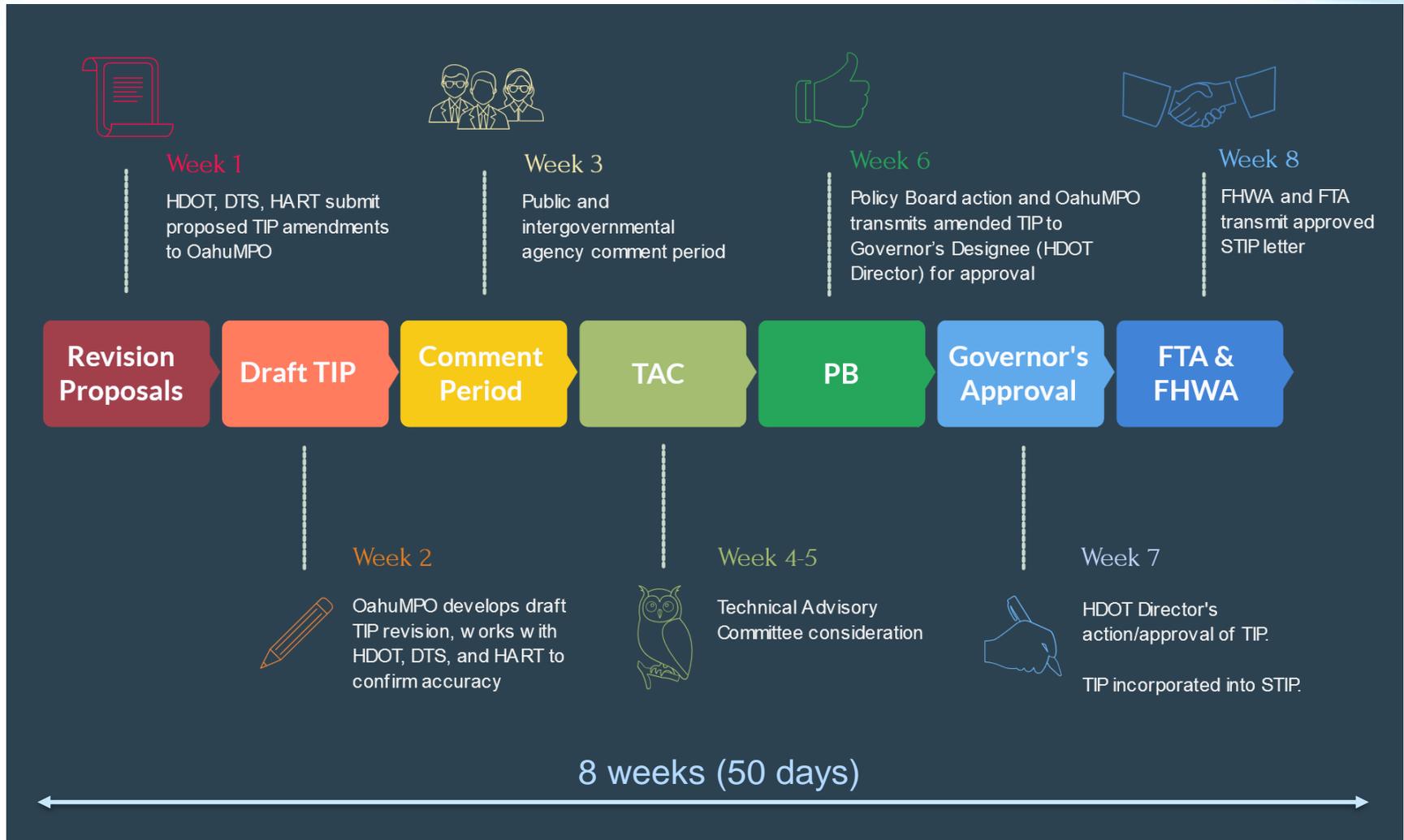
HDOT Director's action/approval of TIP.



TIP incorporated into STIP.



Accelerated TIP Revision Schedule





The temporary accelerated TIP amendment policy shall apply **only** to projects proposed for addition to the TIP using:

- Stimulus funds or
- Federal redistribution funds

The current TIP policies and procedures for regular TIP revisions remain in effect.



Requested Action: *Approve the Accelerated
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Amendment Policy.*



VI. New Business

B. Annual Orientation Refresher



Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Annual Orientation Overview

June 2020



What's an MPO?

- Originated in 1973
- Required by federal law in urbanized areas >50k population to receive federal gas tax revenue
- Recognition that urban areas have specific transportation needs
- Forum for citizen input and local officials to select projects paid for with federal funds
- Set policy & guide transportation planning process

Trying to avoid this...

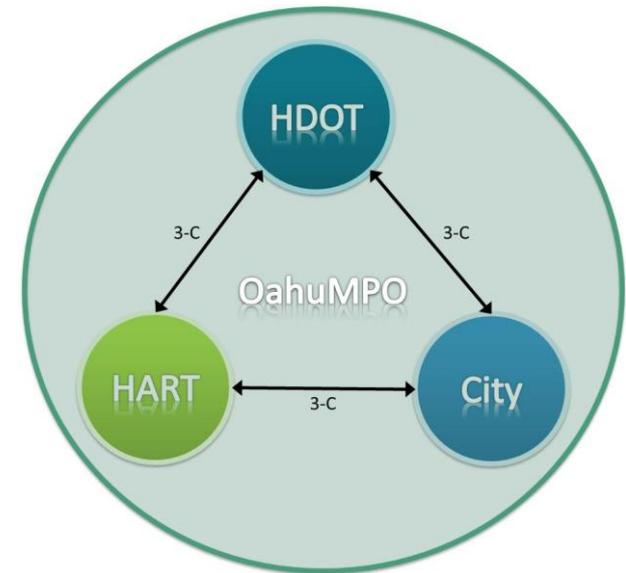


Cypress Freeway eradicates neighborhoods (Oakland, CA)



Development of the 3-C Process

- **Continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative planning (“3-C Process”)**
- **1973 Highway Act**
 - Congressional mandate: MPOs help build regional agreement on transportation investments and lead to more cost-efficient solutions (i.e., better decision-making with more public involvement)
 - Dedicated Federal Highway Trust Funds funding
 - Required for urban areas of 50,000+ people
 - Final rules governing MPOs were issued in 1975
 - Developed jointly by FHWA and FTA





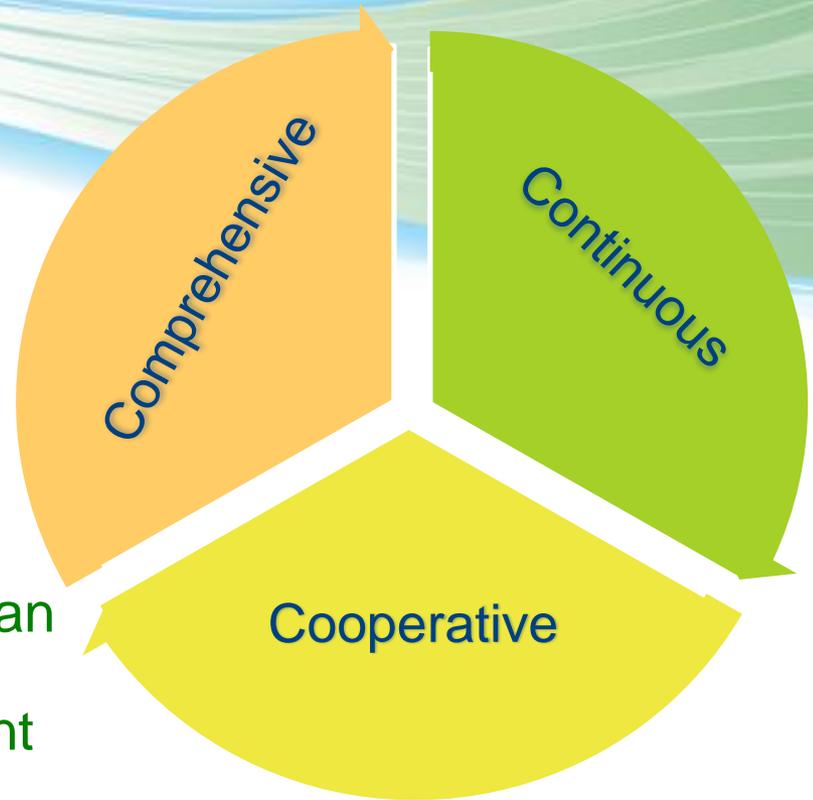
Implementing the 3-C Process

- Hear every voice
 - Public input is the backbone of everything OahuMPO does
 - Practice early and continuous public involvement
 - Local, bottom-up decision-making
- Provide information
 - Collect and analyze data
 - Make recommendations based on needs
- Consider all impacts
 - Other agencies also have long-range goals
 - Environment, Health, Aging, Economic Development, etc.
 - Work with other agencies
- Support cooperation of participating agencies



All MPOs must...

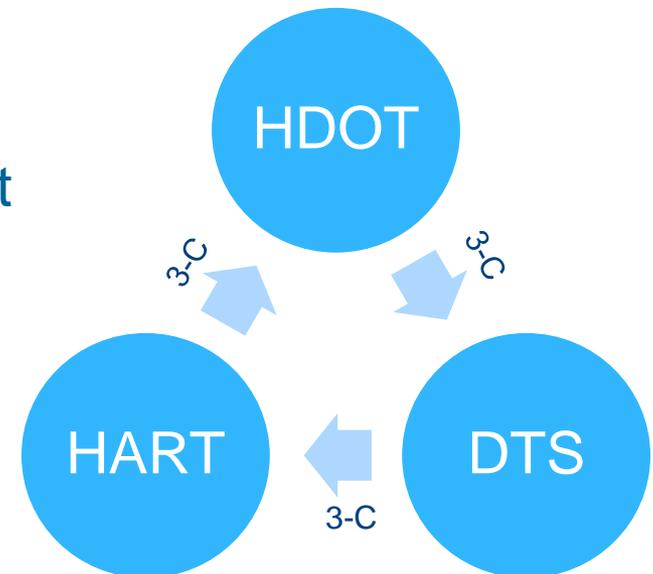
- Maintain a Regional Transportation Plan
- Maintain a Transportation Improvement Program
- Maintain an Overall Work Program of planning studies
- Involve the public in decision-making





OahuMPO: Background

- Existed since 1973 in various forms
- Re-established on July 1, 2015
- Planning area: island of Oahu
- Implementation partners
 - City/County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services
 - Hawaii State Department of Transportation
 - Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation





OahuMPO Responsibilities

- Long-range vision, goals, and objectives, plus programming (budgeting) for planning and transportation projects
 - All modes & systems, integrated
 - State and City & County:
 - roadways, bicycles, pedestrians, freight, transit, and intermodal connections working together and seamlessly for the common good



OahuMPO: Operating Budget

- **Funding sources**
 - 80% Federal
 - USDOT Federal Highway Administration [FHWA] and Federal Transit Administration [FTA]
 - 20% local
 - ~ 7% from State (HDOT)
 - ~ 7% from City & County (through DTS)
 - ~ 7% from HART
- **Operating budget**
 - ~\$3,550,000 in FY2021 for agency operations, staff, and transportation planning projects
- **Programming**
 - Program \$139 million in federal formula transportation funds annually



OahuMPO: Governance

- Governed by the Policy Board
 - THE MPO and decision-making body
- State and local officials making cooperative decisions about use of federal funds



Honolulu
City Council



CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP)



Department of Transportation Services
CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

*Non-voting members:
FHWA, State DOH, State OP*



Policy Board

The “Gatekeepers” for federal transportation funding

- A project or program must be in (or consistent with) the ORTP and in the TIP to be eligible
- Projects and programs must have been vetted through collaboration with the community and relevant interested parties, as well as with State, City & County, and Federal agencies
- Are worthy and benefit community, region, and island
- Can be obligated (start to expend funds) in the federal fiscal year of approval
 - Will not add to the existing substantial backlog of obligated, unexpended projects



Policy Board Duties

- Examine, consider, and approve regionally significant transportation plans and programs developed by OahuMPO and planning partners
- Consider recommendations of advisory committees
- Adopt Overall Work Program annually



Policy Board Meetings

- Quorum is a majority of members
 - Eleven voting members
 - Quorum is any six voting members
- Review of materials beforehand will help facilitate discussion and decision-making



OahuMPO: Advisory Committees

- **Technical Advisory Committee**
 - Advisory to Policy Board and Executive Director
 - Provides technical input
 - 10 voting, 6 non-voting members, representing
 - Transportation
 - Planning/land use
 - Economic development
 - Public works
 - Freight/shipping
- **Citizen Advisory Committee**
 - Advisory to Policy Board and Executive Director
 - Integral to public participation process
 - Currently 43 member organizations
 - Include private, non-profit, and/or non-governmental organizations



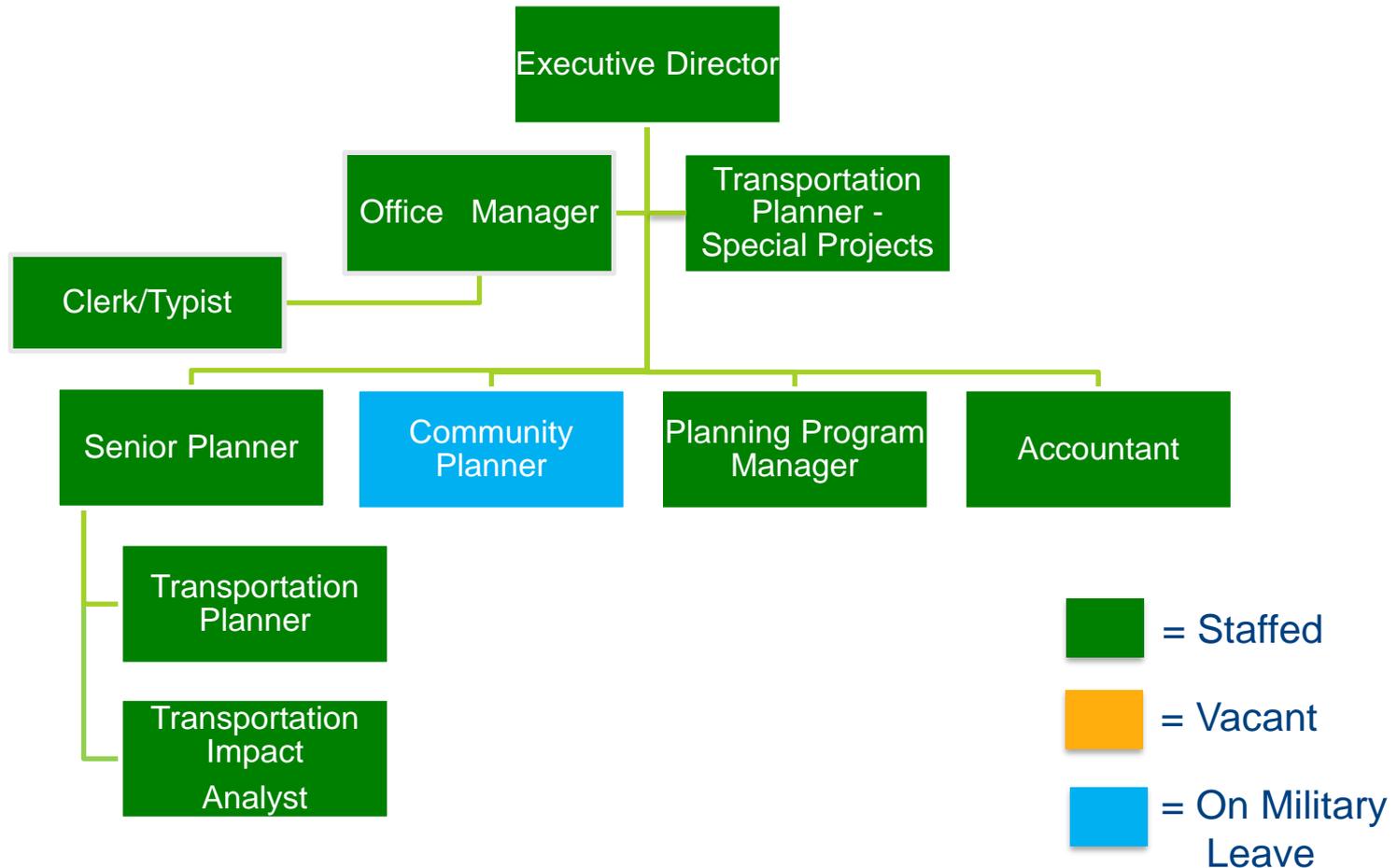


Meetings

- **Technical Advisory Committee**
 - Monthly meetings
 - Second Friday of each month at 9 am
 - Can be canceled if lacks agenda items or if necessary
- **Citizen Advisory Committee**
 - Monthly meetings
 - First Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm
 - Can be canceled if lacks agenda items or if necessary
- **Policy Board**
 - Monthly meetings
 - To keep pace with advisory committees and to comply with federal corrective actions
 - Last Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm
 - Can be canceled if lacks agenda items or if necessary



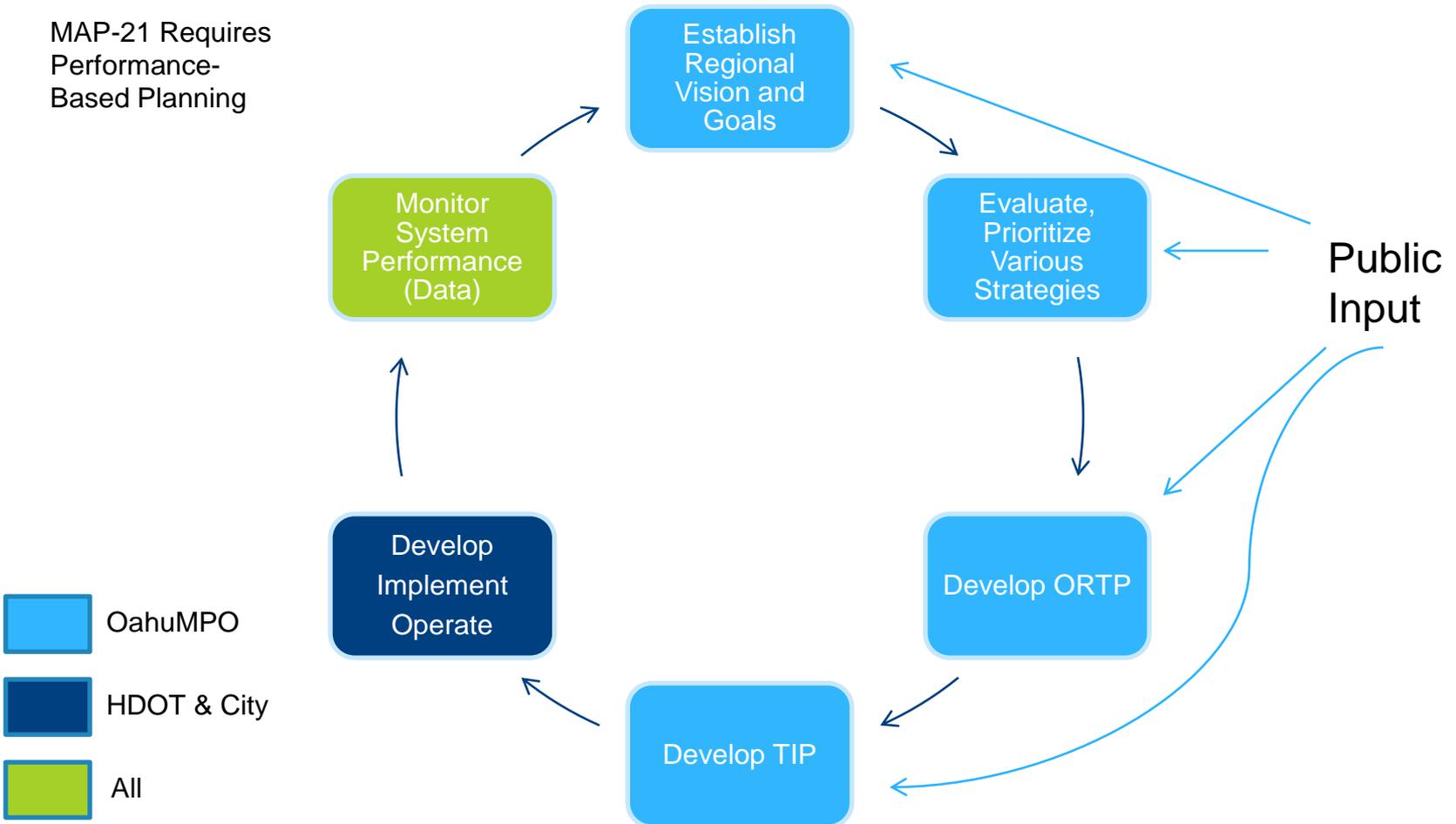
OahuMPO: Staff





The Transportation Planning Process

MAP-21 Requires
Performance-
Based Planning





Key Products



Oahu MPO



Oahu
Regional
Transportation
Plan

- Long-term transportation plan
- Establishes vision and goals
- 20-year planning horizon
- List of projects and programs
- Updated at least every 5 years
- Have begun working on the 2045 ORTP



Transportation
Improvement
Program

- Short-term schedule of projects and programs
- 4-year time period
- Beginning in 2021, start of a new TIP's development cycle will occur every 3 years
- Consistent with ORTP
- Budgeting tool AND legal commitment for use of federal funds
- Amended twice annually, updated every 4 years



Overall Work
Program

- Annual operating budget
- Includes planning studies and activities



OahuMPO & Project Development Process

Product	Funds for...	Phase(s) of development	Strings attached...
ORTP	ORTP development	Establishes vision and goals for future of transportation system, and the projects that should get us there	Future TIP projects must be consistent with ORTP (projects must appear in the ORTP project list before they can be funded in the TIP)
OWP	Studies	Planning studies to analyze issues, examine new ideas, propose projects, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Local match -Coordination with OahuMPO -Public review
TIP	What gets built in the next 4 years	Environmental Review & Clearance (NEPA) Preliminary Engineering (60% Design) Final Design (100% Design) Right of way Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Local match -Coordination with OahuMPO -Public review -Must meet federal requirements if any phase will be funded in TIP



ORTP 2040: Vision Statement

“In 2040, Oahu will be a place where we will have efficient, well-maintained, safe, secure, convenient, appropriate, and economical choices in getting from place to place. Our transportation system will move us and the goods we use in a manner that supports the island’s high quality of life, natural beauty, economic vitality, and land use policies by supporting appropriate density development and avoiding urban sprawl. This system will promote energy conservation and economic sustainability as well as the protection of our ports of entry, preparation for emergency situations, and changes in global climate patterns.”



ORTP 2040: Eight Goals

- 1. Transportation Facilities**
- 2. Transportation Operations and Services**
- 3. Freight Movement and Economic Vitality**
- 4. Natural Environment**
- 5. Human Environment and Quality of Life**
- 6. Land Use and Transportation Integration**
- 7. Infrastructure Condition**
- 8. Reduce Project Delivery Delay**



FY 2021 Overall Work Program

- OahuMPO's annual budget
- Funds planning studies to support ORTP and TIP
- *Sample of studies funded in the FY2021 OWP:*
 - *Farrington Highway Realignment Study*
 - *Vision Zero Action Plan*
 - *Oahu Coastal Communities Evacuation Planning Project, Phase 2 (Urban Oahu)*





FY 2021 Overall Work Program (OWP)

- The FY2021 OWP was presented to the Policy Board on May 30, 2020.
- It was submitted to FHWA/FTA on June 1, 2020 for their approval.



What is the TIP?

- A four-year schedule of surface transportation projects & operations
 - Consistent with the ORTP 2040
 - Ready-to-go
 - Local match (if applicable)
 - Planning factors
 - Consistent with the Oahu Regional ITS Architecture
- Overall
 - ≈\$717 million for highways projects 2015-2018
 - ≈\$3.4 billion for transit projects 2019-2022





Types of Revisions to the TIP

- **Pre-approved Administrative Modification**
 - Does not require solicitation of public comment or re-demonstration of financial constraint.
 - Policy Board is provided with copies
- **Expedited Administrative Modification**
 - Submitted directly to the Policy Board without prior review by the ACs or solicitation of public comment.
- **Amendment**
 - Submitted to the Technical Advisory Committee, the Policy Board, and the Governor's designee for inclusion in the STIP.
 - Financial constraint is redemonstrated, and the technical project evaluations are reevaluated. Public comments are also solicited.



OahuMPO: Federal Certification Review

- The FHWA and FTA jointly certify* the MPO planning process at least every four years
- Last Certification Review done in 2018
- Certification process identifies
 - **Corrective action**
 - **Recommendation**
 - **Commendation**

**Certify = review whether an MPO is meeting federal planning requirements*



References

- **Federal Statute & Regulations (the important planning rules for use of federal funds)**
 - ISTEIA, TEA-21, SAFETEA-LU, MAP-21, FAST Act
 - 23 U.S.C. 134 (& 135)
 - 23 CFR 450 / 49 CFR
 - 2 CFR 200
 - Federal Expectations (USDOT, FHWA & FTA)
- **State Law**
 - HRS 279D



If you want to know more...

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

- VIII. Announcements
Next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

- IX. Adjournment