

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY BOARD

Tuesday, June 30, 2020
via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Vice Chair Councilmember Brandon Elefante	HDOT Director Jade Butay
Senator Karl Rhoads	Councilmember Joey Manahan
Representative Ryan Yamane	DTS Mark Au
DPP Deputy Director Timothy Hiu	HART Project Director Charles "Sam" Carnaggio
FHWA Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo	OP Planning Program Administrator Rodney Funakoshi
DOH Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion Administrator Lola Irvin	

Member(s) Absent:

Senator Breene Harimoto, Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine, Representative Henry Aquino

Guests Present:

Dion Mesta (Clmbr Elefante's office)	Doug Chun (OCS)
Pat Tom (HDOT)	Paula
Shirley Templo (Clmbr Manahan's office)	Chris Clark (DTS)
Heidi Hansen-Smith (DOH)	Sharon Brooks

OahuMPO Staff Present: Alvin Au, Zakari Mumuni, Roni Schack, Kiana Otsuka, Joel Vincent, Tori Trevino, Nicki Smith, Nicole Cernohorsky, Randolph Sykes, and Samantha Lara

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Brandon Elefante called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

In memory of the late Senator Breene Harimoto, Acting Chair Elefante called for a respectful moment of silence.

II. ROLL CALL

The Policy Board members and OahuMPO staff introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF MAY 26, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The Policy Board reviewed the May 26, 2020 meeting minutes, which were emailed to them in advance of the meeting. A motion was made by Councilmember Manahan and seconded by Senator Rhoads to approve the May 26, 2020 meeting minutes. A roll call vote was taken.

Brandon Elefante Aye
Mark Au Aye
Jade Butay Aye
Tim Hiu Aye
Joey Manahan Aye
Karl Rhoads Aye
Ryan Yamane Aye

Sam Carnaggio had momentarily stepped away so did not vote.

There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and the minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Alvin Au informed the Policy Board that OahuMPO received approval from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration for the FY2021 Overall Work Program (OWP) and noted that Revision #3 of the FY2020 OWP has been posted to the OahuMPO website. He advised the Policy Board that OahuMPO staff collected feedback from the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) technical working groups on the project and program prioritization process for the ORTP 2045 and is tentatively scheduled to present the revised prioritization process to the OahuMPO advisory committees and the Policy Board in July 2020.

Executive Director Au reported that at their June 12, 2020 meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee discussed and voted to recommend that the Policy Board approve the Accelerated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment policy, received the presentation on the Congestion Pricing Study Tour from Policy Board Vice Chair Brandon Elefante and Department of Transportation Services TAC member Marian Yasuda, and were told that OahuMPO expects to present an amendment to the OWP FY21 in Fall 2020 which will include a congestion pricing study proposed by the Department of Planning and Permitting. He reported that the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) did not meet in June and has cancelled their July meeting, so the next tentatively scheduled CAC meeting will be in August.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1914

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

There was no report from the TAC.

C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

There was no report from the CAC.

V. Old Business

There was no old business.

VI. New Business

A. Accelerated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Policy

In her presentation, OahuMPO's Transportation Impact Analyst Nicole Cernohorsky stated that in anticipation of federal stimulus funds becoming available this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Accelerated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Policy was developed. To be eligible for these stimulus funds, she noted that projects must be included in the TIP and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Ms. Cernohorsky described the steps in the normal TIP revision process timeline and compared the accelerated TIP revision schedule, noting that all steps remain but the time allotted to complete each step has been reduced to one week. This reduction means the amendment process can be completed in two months instead of five. She pointed out that the Accelerated TIP Amendment Policy will only apply to projects proposed for the stimulus funds or federal redistribution funds. Regular TIP revisions will still follow current TIP policies and procedures.

To the question if there is any stimulus funding for rail, Ralph Rizzo of the Federal Highway Administration explained that the CARES Act which was passed earlier this year included only operational assistance for transit rather than capital funds.

There was a question on whether OahuMPO and the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) operations have the resources to accommodate the accelerated schedule. Ms. Cernohorsky responded that had been a concern since development of the regular TIP would be occurring simultaneously. However, she noted because some of the regular TIP process has been automated, she feels OahuMPO would be able to manage this additional process. Pat Tom, HDOT's STIP manager agreed, stating he doesn't expect it to be excessively burdensome to HDOT based on the expected scope of the amendments and the limitation to include only projects using stimulus funds or federal redistribution funds in this accelerated process.

A motion was made by Councilmember Manahan and seconded by Director Butay to approve the Accelerated Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Policy. A roll call vote was taken.

Brandon Elefante	Aye
Mark Au	Aye
Jade Butay	Aye
Sam Carnaggio	Aye
Tim Hiu	Aye
Joey Manahan	Aye
Karl Rhoads	Aye
Ryan Yamane	Aye

There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and the motion was approved.

B. Annual Orientation Refresher

Executive Director Alvin Au presented the Policy Board's Annual Orientation Refresher which is a requirement of the Policy Board Bylaws. In his presentation he discussed the history and

background that gave rise to Metropolitan Planning Organizations, OahuMPO's key products, such as the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Overall Work Program, and OahuMPO's structure.

He provided information on OahuMPO's funding sources and outlined the duties and responsibilities of the Policy Board and its two advisory committees, the Technical Advisory Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Acting Chair Elefante remarked he is pleased that OahuMPO has filled all staff positions. To his inquiry for a status on the tasks from the 2018 Federal Certification Review, Planning Program Manager Nicki Smith indicated an update is scheduled to be presented at the September Policy Board meeting.

Acting Chair Elefante reflected on the late Senator Breene Harimoto's legacy, observing that Senator Harimoto was a true champion and instrumental in the passing of HRS 279D which established the OahuMPO and the current composition of the Policy Board.

Lola Irvin of the Department of Health expressed their appreciation of Senator Harimoto who recognized that the way we design our transportation systems and roadways impacts public health.

VII. Invitation to interested members of the public to be heard on matters not included on the agenda
There were no comments.

VIII. Announcements

Acting Chair Elefante announced that the next meeting would be held on July 28, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Director Butay and seconded by Councilmember Manahan. There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and Acting Chair Elefante adjourned the meeting at 1:59 pm.

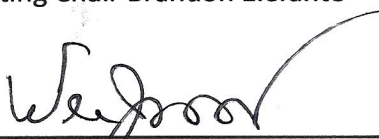


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Acting Chair Brandon Elefante

August 6, 2020

Date



PB Secretary Veronica Schack

August 6, 2020

Date

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