

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
POLICY BOARD
Tuesday, September 29, 2020
via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Chair Senator Sharon Moriwaki	HDOT Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan
Vice Chair Councilmember Brandon Elefante	HART Project Director Charles "Sam" Carnaggio
Senator Karl Rhoads	OP Planning Program Administrator Rodney Funakoshi
DTS Chief Planner Chris Clark	DOH Primary Prevention Branch Manager Heidi Hansen-Smith
DPP Director Kathy Sokugawa	FHWA Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo

Member(s) Absent:

Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine; Councilmember Joey Manahan, Representative Ryan Yamane, and Representative Henry Aquino

Guests Present:

Dion Mesta (Clmbr Elefante's office)	Yoko Tomita (DTS)
Andy Yamaguchi (DPP)	Kelly Akasaki (DTS)
Rick Donnelly (WSP)	Heather Fujioka (Jacobs)
Kyle Ward (Caliper)	Aki Marcaeu (Hawaiian Electric)
Riley Fujisaki	Sharon Brooks (OCS)
Doug Chun (OCS)	Kelcee Fujimoto (ATA)

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

The Policy Board members and OahuMPO staff introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF JULY 28, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The Policy Board reviewed the July 28, 2020 meeting minutes, which were emailed to them in advance of the meeting. A motion was made by Deputy Director Lynn Araki Regan and seconded by Senator Karl Rhoads to approve the July 28, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and Acting Chair Elefante declared the minutes approved as presented.

IV. Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

Director Au welcomed the Policy Board's newest member, Senator Sharon Moriwaki. She was appointed to the Policy Board by Senate President Ronald Kouichi on August 31, 2020.

He reported that OahuMPO staff held three working group meetings, one Congestion Management Process (CMP) working group meeting, one modeling working group meeting, and one O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) working group meeting.

Director Au informed the Policy Board that one requirement for transportation projects and programs to be eligible for federal funds is that the project or program must be included in the ORTP and TIP. A letter and email have been sent to our agency partners to notify them of our Call for Projects and Programs.

Director Au noted that OahuMPO staff met with Chris Clark of DTS regarding processing of DTS project invoices. Payments for outstanding invoices were generated and mailed to DTS. Discussions between OahuMPO and HDOT are ongoing to improve the invoice payment process.

OahuMPO has hired Neezcha Dinman to fill the Intern position beginning October 1, 2020. She will assist with the creation of a dashboard to track performance metrics and improve data visualization for the ORTP and TIP.

The TAC met on August 14, 2020. At the meeting, OahuMPO staff and consultants provided an informational briefing on the Land-Use Data Update component of the travel demand forecasting model, OahuMPO staff provided an update on the Certification Review Implementation Plan, and FHWA provided an update on the status of Federal funding. The TAC did not meet on September 11, 2020. The Citizen Advisory Committee meetings on August 5, 2020 and September 2, 2020 were cancelled. Their next scheduled meeting is on October 7, 2020.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1968

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. Elect a New Policy Board Chair

Acting 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 Sharon Moriwaki was nominated. There were no other nominations and a motion to elect Senator Moriwaki as the new Policy Board Chair was moved by Senator Karl Rhoads and seconded by Councilmember Brandon Elefante. A roll call vote was taken.

Brandon Elefante	-	Aye	Chris Clark	-	Aye
Kathy Sokugawa	-	Aye	Sam Carnaggio	-	Aye
Sharon Moriwaki	-	Aye	Karl Rhoads	-	Aye
Lynn Araki-Regan	-	Aye			

There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and the motion was passed. Chair Moriwaki assumed the Chair position for the remainder of the meeting.

B. Land-use Data Workaround Presented by WSP

Nicole Cernohorsky introduced OahuMPO's modeling consultants, Rick Donnelly and Kyle Ward to give the presentation.

Rick Donnelly introduced the travel demand forecasting model, including the types of data used as inputs. Mr. Donnelly highlighted the traditional, current and emerging uses of transportation models as well as the main sources of forecasting errors.

Mr. Donnelly presented a flow chart for planned model integration. In this chart, DBEDT forecasts land use plans and inventories, population census, and employment data which are used as inputs for the UrbanSim model. The output of socioeconomic data on households and businesses is an input into OahuMPO's regional travel model. In addition, visitor data, household and transit survey data and multimodal network data are input directly to the travel model. This process results in the forecast which forms the basis for OahuMPO's long range plan.

Mr. Donnelly also demonstrated the current approach being taken, which includes a work around for the socioeconomic forecast that would normally be provided by the UrbanSim model. This work around is necessary due to the absence of current land use data, needed for the UrbanSim model from the Department of Planning & Permitting (DPP). For the work around, OahuMPO's modeling consultants made manual adjustments to the 2040 population and employment forecast data based on DBEDT's 2045 forecast.

Mr. Donnelly noted that the land use work around being used for the 2045 forecast is possible because growth between 2040 and 2045 is predicted to be slow. He noted that 15-20% of MPOs regularly use the growth factoring method that OahuMPO is using as a work around. Mr. Donnelly ended by noting that OahuMPO will encounter difficulties updating the travel forecasting model and creating reliable forecasts if land use data is not available for the 2050 ORTP.

There was a discussion regarding land use forecasting errors and prediction accuracy within the plans. Acting Director Sokugawa noted that DPP is working with UrbanSIM to ensure that the land use data will be available for OahuMPO and City use in the future.

C. OWP Work Element Presentation PM Peak Tow away Zone Tome Modifications on Urban Arterials Study

Eric Imad and Kelcee Fujimoto of Austin Tsutsumi Associates discussed the objective of the study, defined what a tow away zone is, explained the project’s scope, and pointed out the two study areas which included the Urban Core and Downtown/Chinatown. They described the study methodology which included the completion of a parking inventory map, data collection and analyses to determine which corridors would be candidates for extending the tow away zone; noted that tow away zone violations are frequent and common; recommended increasing enforcement of tow away zones and maintaining visual cues such as signage, painted curbs, and colored meters; and extending the tow away zone by at least 30 minutes for all streets in the study.

There was a discussion regarding the impacts of the Bus lane corridor on South King Street and how it might affect the study. A question was raised regarding potential outreach and study implementation. Kelly Akasaki explained that there was no outreach done by ATA, as this was only a study. She explained that if the city does choose to implement these plans that there would be a public involvement period, but the city must take the COVID-19 pandemic’s affect on traffic and parking into account.

There was a discussion regarding the demographics (i.e. residence, tourists, consumers) who are utilizing the existing parking spaces in these zones as well as the effect of increased road capacity on commuters during these Peak Tow Away times. DTS noted that there are two housing developments underway in the study area and offered to give more information to ATA to further enhance the study.

A motion was made by Brandon Elefante and seconded by Kathy Sokugawa to accept this report as evidence that the work was carried out and direct staff to consider the study recommendations in the OahuMPO planning process. A roll call vote was taken.

Brandon Elefante	-	Aye	Kathy Sokugawa	-	Aye
Sharon Moriwaki	-	Aye	Chris Clark		Aye
Karl Rhoads	-	Aye			
Sam Carnaggio	-	Aye			
Lynn Araki-Regan	-	Aye			

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

D. Federal Funding Update

Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo gave an overview on the Surface Transportation Reauthorization including the FAST Act, House Bill (INVEST in America Act), and Senate Bill (America’s Transportation Infrastructure Act. He noted that the FAST Act expires on September 30, 2020 and a replacement had not yet been established. He discussed continuing resolutions of authorization and appropriation of funds, as well as gave the board an update on the Highway Trust Fund. There were no questions.

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

There were no comments.

VIII. Announcements

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on October 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. on MS TEAMS.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Brandon Elefante and seconded by Karl Rhoads. There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and Chair Moriwaki adjourned the meeting at 2:18 pm.

The PowerPoint from this meeting may be viewed at https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1967