

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**POLICY BOARD**

Tuesday, October 26, 2020  
via Microsoft Teams

**Members Present:**

Chair Sharon Moriwaki	HDOT Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan
Vice Chair Brandon Elefante	DTS Mark Au
Senator Karl Rhodes	HART Chief Financial Officer Ruth Lohr
DPP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Deputy Director Eugene Takahashi	FHWA Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo
OP Rodney Funakoshi	Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine
DOH Primary Prevention Branch Manager Heidi Hansen-Smith	

**Member(s) Absent:**

Councilmember Joey Manahan, Representative Ryan Yamane, Representative Henry Aquino

**Guests Present:**

Dion Mesta (Clmbr Elefante's office)	Abbey Mayer (Jacobs)
Sharon Brooks (OCS)	Doug Chun (OCS)
Andy Yamaguchi (DPP)	Greg Tsugawa

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Moriwaki called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Policy Board members introduced themselves.

**III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

The Policy Board reviewed the September 29, 2020 meeting minutes, which were emailed to them in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Elefante and seconded by Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan. There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and the minutes were approved as presented

**IV. Reports**

**A. Executive Director's Report**

Director Au reported that OahuMPO staff held an O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045 working group meeting on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and provided an overview of the project and program applications received for consideration for Federal transportation funding, their evaluation, and scoring. He noted that the OahuMPO staff attended the bi-annual Sub-Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (Sub-STAC) meetings on October 21-22, 2020 which included discussion on public outreach during COVID-19, equity issues, the Hawaii Statewide Transportation Plan, and emerging trends for clean transportation.

Executive Director Au also provided a summary of the business held at the October 9, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting and the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) held on October 7, 2020.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1984](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1984)

**B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

There was no report from the TAC.

**C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

There was no report from the TAC.

**V. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Bus and Paratransit Transit Agency Safety Plan – Safety Performance Target Requirements**

Greg Tsugawa with the Department of Transportation Services presented a review of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Final Rule (49 C.F.R. Part 673). He noted that the National Public Transportation Safety Plan Performance Measures include fatalities, injuries, safety events, and system reliability.

Mr. Tsugawa explained that Safety Performance Target Categories include total fatalities, fatalities per total vehicle revenue miles by mode, total injuries, injuries per total vehicle revenue miles by mode, total safety events, safety events per total vehicle revenue miles by mode and system reliability and shared annualized National Transit Database (NTD) data for TheBus and Handivan from 2015 through 2019. He pointed out that the July 2020 baseline was a 5-year average, shared the objectives of Safety Performance Targets, and shared the web resources for Federal Transit Administration Safety Performance Targets.

Senator Moriwaki welcomed Kimberly Marcos Pine and Ralph Rizzo to the meeting.

There was a question regarding DTS safety performance targets and whether the criteria that FTA sets considers complete streets and built-in designs in order to make the roadways safer. Mr. Tsugawa explained that FTA did not give specific criteria beyond the NTD data and the 4 performance measures. He stated that there may be more guidelines put in place in the future.

Mr. Tsugawa explained that this is the first time FTA is requiring these criteria have been required for bus and paratransit. Prior to this year, these criteria had only been required for the rail.

A motion was made by Senator Moriwaki and seconded by Brandon Elefante to recommend the Policy Board approve the DTS' transit safety targets and incorporate those targets in OahuMPO work products. A roll call vote was taken.

- Kimberly Marcos Pine - Aye
- Council member Elefante - Aye
- Senator Karl Rhoads - Aye
- Senator Sharon Moriwaki - Aye
- Ruth Lohr - Aye
- Eugene Takahashi - Aye
- Mark Au - Aye
- Lynn Araki Regan - Aye

There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and the *Bus and Paratransit Transit Agency Safety Plan – Safety Performance Target Requirements* were approved as presented.

**B. Certification Review Update**

Nicki Smith, Planning Program Manager, provided an overview of a Certification Review including its purpose, frequency, and types of findings. She noted that OahuMPO's last review was done May 2018 and another is

expected in 2022. Ms. Smith added that this update on OahuMPO's Certification Review findings would focus only on the Corrective Actions as they have the highest priority.

Ms. Smith then discussed each Corrective Action, noting that some findings applied to more than one work product and those would be addressed on a single slide.

Corrective Actions from the 2018 Certification Review pertained to the Congestion Management Process (TIP and ORTP), Revenue Forecasting (ORTP), consultation with land management agencies (ORTP), documentation of public comments (ORTP & TIP), and documentation of T6/EJ analysis (ORTP & TIP). Ms. Smith provided a status and/or next steps update on each finding and noted that all the corrective actions are on track to meet their deadlines.

There were no further questions, and a motion was not required.

- C. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045 Phase 1 Public Participation Draft Document presentation**  
Samantha Lara presented the three phases, six goals and six objectives of Public Participation for the ORTP and described the various Outreach Strategies used in Phase 1 and the evidence or outcomes related to each objective. Ms. Lara also discussed the socioeconomic data on the individuals who participated in Phase 1, including their age, income, gender, languages spoken, and residence and noted their representation in surveys, focus groups, and in-person outreach events.

Ms. Lara reported that during this phase, OahuMPO identified a number of areas of improvement for future phases of public outreach. These areas include rethinking engagement by focus groups, engaging young and middle-aged populations, translating materials and meetings to be more linguistically available, and collecting demographic data about participants.

There was discussion regarding Federal government requirements regarding public outreach. It was stated that the Federal government only requires a plan but does not impose requirements on how to implement public outreach. There was a discussion on public engagement and how to reach the communities that would not normally be represented in these studies, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Suggestions on how to engage these different communities included reaching out to schools or doing an island wide press release. Ralph Rizzo and Brandon Elefante commended the OahuMPO staff for their efforts in this matter.

There were no further questions or discussion. No action by the Policy Board was required.

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

There were no comments.

**VIII. Announcements**

**IX. Adjournment**

Chair Moriwaki adjourned the meeting at 2:05 pm.

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