

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY BOARD

Tuesday, July 28, 2020
via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Acting Chair Councilmember Brandon Elefante	HDOT Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan
Senator Karl Rhoads	Councilmember Joey Manahan
Representative Ryan Yamane	Representative Henry Aquino
DPP Deputy Director Timothy Hiu	DTS Deputy Director Jon Nouchi
FHWA Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo	HART Project Director Charles "Sam" Carnaggio
DOH Primary Prevention Branch Manager Heidi Hansen-Smith	OP Planning Program Administrator Rodney Funakoshi

Member(s) Absent:

Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine; 2nd Senate Seat is vacant

Guests Present:

Dion Mesta (Cimbr Elefante's office)	Chris Clark (DTS)
Pat Tom (HDOT)	Mark Au (DTS)
Shirley Templo (Cimbr Manahan's office)	Marian Yasuda (DTS)
Doug Chun (OCS)	Sharon Brooks (OCS)
Yoko Tomita (DTS)	

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 1:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The Policy Board members and OahuMPO staff introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF JUNE 30, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The Policy Board reviewed the June 30, 2020 meeting minutes, which were emailed to them in advance of the meeting. A motion was made by Rep. Yamane and seconded by Councilmember Manahan to approve the June 30, 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

Executive Director Alvin Au reported on the progress of the project and program prioritization process for the ORTP 2045 which was covered in greater detail later in the meeting (Agenda item VI.B). He also reported that a letter was sent to the State Senate President requesting he appoint a Senator to fill the vacant seat on the Policy Board, that the FY2020 Single Audit will actively begin in August 2020, provided a recap of business carried out at the August 2020 Technical Advisory Committee meeting, and noted that the Citizens Advisory Committee cancelled their July 2020 meeting.

There was a request from Chris Clark of the Department of Transportation Services for a status on OahuMPO's sub-recipient invoicing payment processing of outstanding invoices. Executive Director Au offered to discuss the topic with Mr. Clark after the meeting. It was decided that if further discussion is needed the topic can be included on next month's Policy Board agenda.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1931

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. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2019-2022 Revision #12 and #13 Presentation

Nicole Cernohorsky, OahuMPO's Transportation Impact Analyst, presented an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), noted that the TIP is a four-year program, and that projects included in the TIP must be built.

She indicated that Revision #12 is an Expedited Administrative Modification, explained the criteria that qualifies it as an Expedited Administrative Modification, and described the two projects included in this document.

Ms. Cernohorsky presented Revision #13 which is an Amendment because major changes are being requested to the seven included projects. She noted that Amendments require re-demonstration of fiscal constraint, Title VI and Environmental Justice analyses, public and intergovernmental review, presentation to the Technical Advisory Committee for consideration, and to the Policy Board for approval. Ms. Cernohorsky discussed the changes that were being requested for each of the seven projects, noted the comments received during the public and intergovernmental review period, and demonstrated the result of the Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis.

To a question regarding *OS75 Kamehameha Highway (Route 83), Rockfall Protection, Waimea Bay*, Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HDOT) State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Manager Pat Tom explained the difference between the Design/Build and the Design/Bid/Build processes.

There was discussion on whether climate change had been taken into consideration in the development of *OS87 Ala Moana Boulevard Elevated Pedestrian Walkway* since it is close to the coastline, regarding concern about the project's cost, confirming that the walkway is located by Ward Village for which the federal government is providing \$20 million of the cost through the competitive Build Grant, noting that this project is a private-public partnership with the Hughes Corporation, and on whether other roadway improvements for pedestrian and bicycle safety was considered.

To a question if the propulsion of the vehicles in *OC13 Bus and Handi-Van Acquisition Program* are specified at this stage of the project, Deputy Director Nouchi indicated that propulsion criteria are determined later in the process. During this phase, size type that fits into the replacement program currently in place is considered.

HDOT STIP Manager Pat Tom indicated the criticalness of voting at this meeting, noting that there are other changes in the various projects included in Revision #13 for which project managers are awaiting approval so work can commence and added that the FHWA Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) approval deadline is August 15, 2020.

In response to a question regarding the *OS5 Freeway Management System, Interstate H-1, H-2, and Moanalua Freeway (Routes H-201 and 78)*, Ms. Cernohorsky clarified that the revision to this project is the addition of a construction phase.

A motion was made by Councilmember Manahan and seconded by Representative Aquino to approve the FFYs 2019-2022 TIP Revisions #12 and #13 as presented. It was decided to split the motion into two separate motions, so Councilmember Manahan and Representative Aquino withdrew their motion and second, respectively.

A motion was made by Deputy Director Nouchi and seconded by Councilmember Manahan to approve the FFYs 2019 - 2022 TIP Revision #12 as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

Brandon Elefante	- Aye	Henry Aquino	- Aye
Jon Nouchi	- Aye	Ryan Yamane	- Aye
Tim Hiu	- Aye	Joey Manahan	- Aye
Sam Carnaggio	- Aye	Karl Rhoads	- Aye
Lynn Araki-Regan	- Aye		

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Manahan and seconded by Representative Aquino to approve the FFYs 2019-2022 TIP Revision #13 as presented.

Senator Rhoads commented that it appears that the decision to armor the coastline has already been made in this area and it is unclear who makes that decision. He also expressed serious concerns about the climate crisis aspect of *OS87 Ala Moana Boulevard Elevated Pedestrian Walkway*. A roll call vote was taken.

Brandon Elefante	- Aye	Henry Aquino	- Aye
Jon Nouchi	- Aye	Ryan Yamane	- Aye
Tim Hiu	- Aye	Joey Manahan	- Aye
Sam Carnaggio	- Aye	Karl Rhoads	- No
Lynn Araki-Regan	- Aye		

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

B. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045 Objectives and Project & Program Prioritization Process

Kiana Otsuka, OahuMPO’s Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045; described the seven goals and objectives of this document; discussed the project and program prioritization process, the importance of this step, and how the process was developed; and reviewed the ORTP schedule, noting the major tasks planned in the summer and fall of 2020 and in the first quarter of 2021.

There was discussion on the question of where autonomous vehicles and similar technology adoption would fall amongst the seven stated goals. Ms. Otsuka reported that during the public outreach those topics had been raised. She suggested *Goal 6: Support a Reliable and Efficient Transportation System* may be the appropriate goal for this technology.

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 August 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. on MS TEAMS.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Representative Yamane and seconded by Deputy Director Araki-Regan. There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and Acting Chair Elefante adjourned the meeting at 2:21 pm.

The PowerPoint from this meeting may be viewed at https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1932.