

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**POLICY BOARD**

Tuesday, November 24, 2020  
via Microsoft Teams

**Members Present:**

Chair Sharon Moriwaki	HDOT Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan
Vice Chair Brandon Elefante	DTS Jon Nouchi
Senator Karl Rhodes	HART Ryan Tam
DPP Timothy Hiu	FHWA Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo
OP Rodney Funakoshi	Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine
DOH Lola Irvin	

**Member(s) Absent:**

Councilmember Joey Manahan, Representative Ryan Yamane, Representative Henry Aquino

**Guests Present:**

Dion Mesta (Clmbr Elefante's office)	Jill Tanabe (HDOT)
Pat Tom (HDOT)	Doug Chun (OCS)
Harrison Rue (TOD)	Chris Clark (DTS)
Daniel Alexander (DTS)	Kathleen Rooney (Ulupono Initiative)

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Moriwaki called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Policy Board members introduced themselves. Due to connection difficulties, Chair Moriwaki was disconnected from the meeting, so Vice Chair Elefante continued with the introductions and approval of minutes.

**III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 27, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

The Policy Board members reviewed the October 27, 2020 meeting minutes, which were emailed to them in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by Senator Rhoads and seconded by Councilmember Pine. 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 Au reported that OahuMPO hosted three virtual open houses in November 2020. The virtual open houses served as an opportunity for the public to become familiar with OahuMPO, what we do, and how to get involved in our planning efforts. He also reported that OahuMPO held three working group meetings to discuss the existing and forecasted conditions for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, the congestion management process, and with FHWA, the draft revenue forecast report.

Executive Director Au summarized the business covered at the November 13, 2020 TAC meeting and the November 4, 2020 CAC meeting.

The Executive Director’s Report may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2032](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2032)

Chair Moriwaki was able to reconnect and resumed chairing the meeting.

**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. Overall Work Program FY2021 Revision #1**

Nicki Smith, OahuMPO’s Planning Program Manager, presented an overview of the Overall Work Program, highlighting its funding sources and revision process. Ms. Smith noted that Revision #1 proposed adding the two subrecipient studies described below to the OWP FY2021.

The Work Where You Live Study was proposed by the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) in partnership with the Office of Planning and the Department of Human Resource Development. DTS is seeking \$100,000 in funding for this work. The study will assess the telework experience of Oahu-based State of Hawaii employees and City & County of Honolulu employees during the Work-from-Home period of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Congestion & Mobility Pricing Study was proposed by the Department of Planning & Permitting (DPP) in partnership with DTS, the Department of Budget & Fiscal Services, and the Department of Customer Service. DPP is seeking \$860,000 in funding for this study. This study will assess the technology and test site options for implementing a congestion pricing program in Honolulu.

Ms. Smith reported that the OWP Revision #1 was released for public & intergovernmental review from September 30th – October 23rd, 2020. No public comments were received. The State Climate Commission and DPP submitted comments on the Work Where You Live Study.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Elefante and seconded by Lynn Araki-Regan to approve Revision #1 to the OWP FY2021, as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

Member	Roll Call Vote	Member	Roll Call Vote
Kimberly Marcos Pine	Aye	Ryan Tam	Aye
Brandon Elefante	Aye	Timothy Hiu	Aye
Senator Karl Rhoads	Aye	Jon Nouchi	Aye
Senator Sharon Moriwaki	Aye	Lynn Araki-Regan	Aye

There were no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and the Overall Work Program FY2021 Revision #1 was approved as presented.

**B. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2045 Project and Program Submission, Evaluation, and Scoring**

Kiana Otsuka, OahuMPO's Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the ORTP and the schedule for completion of the plan update between November 2020 and April 2021.

Ms. Otsuka summarized the goals and evaluation criteria used to evaluate the project and program submissions and defined key words to know, including project, program, and renominated and noted 106 project/program applications were received, of which 89 were renominated and 17 were new. She added that OahuMPO is still expecting applications for short-term/TIP projects and programs from DTS; pointed out the new short-term applications for projects, noting the total estimated cost, Federal funding request, and evaluation score for each; noted new project applications consist of seismic retrofits, rockfall mitigation, railroad crossing improvement, safety improvements, lighting improvements, new roadway construction, interchange improvements, highway widening, and environmental mitigation/restoration.

Ms. Otsuka also reviewed the new mid and long-range program applications, presented a chart showing the percentages of Federal funding request for all new projects and programs, relative to the percentages assigned to different objectives in the prioritization process and a chart with all projects ranked by evaluation score.

Below is the link she provided to an interactive map of the new projects noting that it excludes programs because programs have no locations and no location for the Halawa Valley Mitigation projects which has not yet been assigned.

<https://histategis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=186cdb911d9f478a83002602f7bf8873>

There was a discussion regarding the Pali Rockfall Mitigation project and its location as well as renominated projects and the duration of the projects labeled as illustrative. Questions arose on the total cumulative score a project could receive and regarding Harbor Access Road 9400 and whether it was the same or similar to Hanua Street. There was discussion on the ORTP time frames and on how the score a project receives affects the funding for that project or other timelines. It was explained that when working on the revenue forecast, the scoring helps decide which projects will be funded, since transportation revenue is limited and may not be sufficient to cover the funding/project request.

Katie Rooney from Ulupono commended OahuMPO on their work on the process. There was a discussion regarding projects currently underway and if there is a scoring process to determine if those projects still meet objectives, which projects are most beneficial in reaching goals, the process in determining funding for a project with a low score, and how projects can be changed based on Policy Board review and approval. There were no further questions or discussion. No action by the Policy Board was required.

**C. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045 Phase 2 Public Involvement Plan**

Samantha Lara, OahuMPO's Community Planner, presented the goals and objectives for Phase 2 of the ORTP public engagement process and the stakeholders that will be targeted in Phase 2.

She shared a timeline for Phase 2 outreach, noted the tasks scheduled from November 2020 through April 2021, and reviewed OahuMPO's strategies for Phase 2 which has an emphasis on virtual engagement due to the pandemic. She shared the questions OahuMPO will consider when evaluating the outcomes of Phase 2. 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**

Councilmember Pine announced that it would be her final meeting. She reaches her City Council term limit at the end of 2020. She thanked the Policy Board members and OahuMPO for all their hard work. Chair Moriwaki and Vice Chair Elefante thanked Councilmember Pine for her service to the OahuMPO Policy Board. Vice Chair Elefante also expressed thanks to Councilmember Manahan who was not present, noting Councilmember Manahan also reaches his City Council term limit at the end of 2020.

The December Policy Board meeting is cancelled. The next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Chair Moriwaki wished the group happy holidays.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Chair Moriwaki adjourned the meeting at 2:05 pm.

The PowerPoint presentation for this meeting may be viewed at [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2035](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2035)