

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY BOARD

Tuesday, January 26, 2020
via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Chair Senator Sharon Moriwaki	HDOT Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan
Vice Chair Councilmember Brandon Elefante	DTS Acting Director Jon Nouchi
Senator Karl Rhodes	HART Lori Kahikina
Councilmember Augie Tulba	FHWA Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo
OP Rodney Funakoshi	DPP Dean Uchida
DOH Heidi Hansen-Smith	Rep Henry Aquino

Member(s) Absent:

Councilmember Radiant Cordero and Representative Ryan Yamane

Known Guests Present:

Dion Mesta (Clmbr Elefante's office)	Chase Shigemasa (CAC Chair)
Ryan Tam (HART)	Bryan Lum
Senator Chris Lee	Joshua Takano
Meredith Soniat	Chris Clark (DTS)
John Rogers	Kathleen Rooney
Sharon Brooks	Kelly Akasaki (DTS)
Mark Au (DTS)	Dina Wong (DPP)
Yoko Tomita	Doug Chun (OCS)

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moriwaki called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken of Policy Board members present.

III. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 24, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The Policy Board members reviewed the November 24 , 2020 meeting minutes, which were emailed to them in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by Brandon Elefante and seconded by Dean Uchida. 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 on the tasks completed by OahuMPO staff since the November 2020 Policy Board meeting. Completed tasks included submission of the OahuMPO's annual report to the Legislature and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Annual Obligation Report for FFY2020.

Executive Director Au also summarized the business covered at the January 8, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee meeting and the January 6, 2020 Citizen Advisory Committee meeting.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2110

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

There was no report from the TAC. Deputy Director Araki-Regan volunteered to check with the TAC Chair on presenting future TAC reports.

C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

New CAC Chair Chase Shigemasa introduced himself to the Policy Board and Policy Board Chair Sharon Moriwaki thanked Mr. Shigemasa for serving.

V. Old Business

There was no old business.

VI. New Business

A. 2020 Congestion Management Process (CMP) Report

Zak Mumuni, OahuMPO's Senior Transportation Planner, explained what the CMP is and its purpose, noting that it is a federal requirement. He described the steps taken to develop the CMP. He also described the seven objectives of the CMP, the eleven performance measures, and the three ORTP goals that are related to the objectives and performance measures in the CMP. Mr. Mumuni remarked that as evidenced by the information presented, OahuMPO has demonstrated compliance with federal requirements and had incorporated into the final CMP report the comments received from the federal technical team and the CMP working groups. He added that OahuMPO is confident that the CMP will pass the federal certification test.

To a question about the vehicle miles traveled graph (Figure 3), Mr. Mumuni responded that the period covered is from 1990 to 2018. Regarding the impact the pandemic is having on travel activity, Mr. Mumuni indicated there is no solid data at this time to draw conclusions. It was also remarked that the State is seriously studying telecommuting and that the data on the pandemic's effect on travel patterns may have an impact on congestion and could be incorporated into the report. There was discussion on the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) *Work Where You Live Study*, which is included in the OahuMPO OWP FY2021 Revision approved by the Policy Board in November 2020. State agencies Office of Planning (OP), the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD), and Enterprise Technology Services (ETS); and the City agencies DTS, Human Resources, and Information Technology are jointly working on this project. It was noted that the project's focus is policy development on telecommuting which can have a significant effect on miles traveled and help

mitigate the use of energy, climate adaptation, resiliency, and sustainability. It was also noted that working entirely at home may have an impact on an individual's health so this is one aspect that could be considered during this project. It was commented that work on this project will begin in February 2021 and results are expected around June 2021.

In response to a question on equity considerations and the effect congestion could have on at-risk populations, Mr. Mumuni replied that OahuMPO did an elaborate analysis of Title 6/Environmental Justice populations which will be part of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) and that information is being used in OahuMPO's projection evaluation criteria. There was a comment made that DHRD conducted a teleworking survey which included Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) employees, and when HDOT receives the report from DHRD, HDOT will forward that report to OahuMPO for dissemination.

In further discussion, a comment was made that it should not be assumed that everyone would want to work from home. There was also a question about the status of traffic timing studies and other projects that are pedestrian-centric and can have an impact on safety which the CAC had thought would be proposed after the Traffic Management Center's (TMC) completion. Mr. Mumuni indicated that Executive Director Au is working on this issue and is attempting to contact TMC.

A motion was made by Jon Nouchi and seconded by Lynn Araki-Regan to approve the 2020 CMP Report as a work in progress, with the understanding that model results and local conditions will be added to the report in the future. A roll call vote was taken.

Chair Sharon Moriwaki	Aye	HDOT Deputy Dir. Lynn Araki-Regan	Aye
Vice Chair Brandon Elefante	Aye	DTS Acting Dir. Jon Nouchi	Aye
Sen. Karl Rhodes	Aye	HART Exec. Dir. Lori Kahikina	Aye
Rep. Henry Aquino	Aye	DPP Dir. Dean Uchida	Aye
Clmbr Augie Tulba	Aye		

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

B. 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) short-Range DTS Project and Program Submissions, Evaluation, and Scoring

Zak Mumuni, OahuMPO's Senior Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the two short-range DTS projects which are the Kalaeloa Boulevard Railroad Improvements project and the Oahu Traffic Signal Controller Modernization, Phase 2 project. To a question regarding the Kalaeloa Boulevard Railroad Improvements project, it was noted that the project pertains to a crossing over the old rail, is the last crossing, is a grade crossing, and is the only one on that rail line that has not been modernized.

C. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045 Existing and Forecasted Conditions Chapter Preview

Zak Mumuni, OahuMPO's Senior Transportation Planner, discussed the demographic and employment trends and projections; commuting patterns; roadway and transit safety targets; pavement and bridge conditions; travel and truck time reliability; and the transit facilities, revenue

vehicles, and equipment targets. He noted that the 2045 ORTP is on schedule and will be presented to the Policy Board in April 2021.

To a question about fatalities, Mr. Mumuni explained that pedestrian deaths are included in the non-motorized fatalities and serious Injury numbers. Acting Director Nouchi noted that safety improvements were made at the King Street location which has one of the highest number of onboard bus injury incidents and added that DTS is hoping these improvements will have a positive impact in lowering the number of injuries over the next year.

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

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Brandon Elefante and seconded by Lynn Araki-Regan to adjourn the meeting. There was no further discussion or objections, so Chair Moriwaki adjourned the meeting at 2:04 pm.

The PowerPoint presentation for this meeting may be viewed at:

https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2112

The CMP Presentation can be found at:

<https://histategis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=ab6480ce5dd54d9bafb304379d858f30>

The ORTP 2045 Existing and forecasted Conditions Chapter Presentation can be viewed at:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5710effdb9284042bf1166b088615169>