

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY BOARD

Tuesday, February 23, 2020
via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Chair	HDOT Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan
Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair	HART Lori Kahikina
Senator Karl Rhodes	DPP Dawn Apuna
Rep Henry Aquino	FHWA Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo
Councilmember Augie Tulba	OP Planning Program Administrator Rodney Funakoshi
Councilmember Radiant Cordero	DOH Primary Prevention Branch Manager Heidi Hansen-Smith
DTS Chief Planner Chris Clark	

Member(s) Absent:

Representative Ryan Yamane and Chair Senator Sharon Moriwaki

Known Guests Present:

Dion Mesta (Clmbr Elefante's office)	Chace Shigemasa (CAC Chair)
Ryan Tam (HART)	Yoko Tomita (DTS)
Abbey Mayer (Jacobs Engineering)	Kathleen Rooney (Ulupono Initiative)
Jill Tanabe (HDOT)	Laurie Manutai
Kathleen Chu (Jacobs Engineering)	Marcia Tagavilla (Clmbr Tulba's Office)
Pat Tom (HDOT)	Sharon Brooks
June Chee (HECO)	Robert
Michael Colon (HECO)	MC (HDOT)
	Doug Chun (OCS)
John Rogers (Ewa Neighborhood Board)	

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 1:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken of Policy Board members present.

III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 26, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

The Policy Board members reviewed the January 26, 2021 meeting minutes which were emailed to them in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by Senator Rhoads and seconded by Councilmember Cordero to approve the minutes as presented. 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 Alvin Au provided updates on the 2045 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), reminded members of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Planners Association's (APA) invitation for complimentary membership, and provided OahuMPO's financial report for the first two quarters of FY 2021. He also summarized the business covered at the February 12, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee meeting and the February 3, 2021 Citizen Advisory Committee meeting.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2125

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

There was no report from the TAC.

C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

CAC Chair Chase Shigemasa indicated he had nothing to report to the Policy Board.

V. Old Business

There was no old business.

VI. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision #16

OahuMPO's Transportation Impact Analyst Nicole Cernohorsky provided background on what the Transportation Improvement Program is and described the three project modifications included in the TIP Revision #16.

A motion was made by Senator Rhoads and seconded by Councilmember Cordero to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Revision #16 as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

Councilmember Brandon Elefante – Aye

Senator Karl Rhoads – Aye

Representative Henry Aquino – Aye

Councilmember Radiant Cordero – Aye

Councilmember Augie Tulba – Aye

HDOT Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan – Aye

DTS Chief Chris Clark – Aye

HART Interim Executive Director/CEO Lori Kahikina – Aye

DPP Deputy Director Dawn Apuna – Aye

There was no further discussions, abstentions, reservations, or objections and the motion was approved unanimously.

B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision #17

OahuMPO's Transportation Impact Analyst Nicole Cernohorsky noted that Revision #17 is an amendment, the requirements that must be performed for amendments, discussed the changes being requested for the five projects included in the TIP Revision #17, noted the comments received during the intergovernmental and publicreview period, and discussed the Title VI and environmental justice analysis.

There was an inquiry on the reason for bridge deferrals to which Pat Tom, HDOT STIP Manager indicated that as individual bridge projects are programmed funding is moved from the three bridge programs: Replacement, Seismic Retrofit, Bridge Rehabilitation, to the specific bridge projects.

A motion was made by Chris Clark and seconded by Councilmember Elefante to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Revision #17, as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

Councilmember Brandon Elefante – Aye
Senator Karl Rhoads – Aye
Representative Henry Aquino – No response
Councilmember Radiant Cordero – Aye
Councilmember Augie Tulba – Aye
HDOT Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan – Aye
DTS Chief Chris Clark – Aye
HART Interim Executive Director/CEO Lori Kahikina – Ave
DPP Deputy Director Dawn Apuna – Aye

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

C. Hawaiian Electric Company's (HECO) Request for OahuMPO Policy Board to Provide Testimony on Electric Vehicle (EV) Proposal

Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka provided an introduction on the background for the Hawaiian Electric EV proposal and HECO representative June Chee. Ms. Chee gave an overview of the project and introduced her manager, Michael Colon who provided details of the proposal and the reasons HECO is pursuing this pilot.

To a question asking if the 40 locations have been identified, Mr. Colon indicated that will be part of the project and applications will be accepted from the public.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cordero and seconded by Councilmember Elefante to Authorize the Policy Board Chair to submit supporting testimony on behalf of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization to the Public Utilities Commission.

A roll call vote was taken.

Councilmember Brandon Elefante – Aye
Senator Karl Rhoads – Aye
Representative Henry Aquino – No response
Councilmember Radiant Cordero – Aye
Councilmember Augie Tulba – Aye
HDOT Deputy Director Lynn Araki-Regan – Aye
DTS Chief Chris Clark – Aye
HART Interim Executive Director/CEO Lori Kahikina – Aye
DPP Deputy Director Dawn Apuna – Aye

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

D. Overall Work Program (OWP) FY2022 Public Review Draft

Nicole Smith, OahuMPO's Planning Program Manager provided background on the purpose, function, and process of the Overall Work Program. She noted that the final FY 2022 draft is expected to be brought to the Policy Board in May.

Ms. Smith discussed the new proposed work elements in the different task categories, their costs, the amendments to existing work elements, the candidate projects, and the prioritization process in the OWP.

To a question on why funding was being moved out of the Vision Zero project, Ms. Smith responded that parts of the scope of work for this work element involved construction and that portion is not eligible for planning funds. DTS Chief Chris Clark added that the City would use alternative funding. Either the City will choose to continue to federalize these portions which would be through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or use all local funding. He noted the City is moving forward with procurement on the planning portion of Vision Zero. He also confirmed that the City plans to complete the Vision Zero Action Plan.

To a question on the parameters for Task 2's Active Transportation Monitoring Data Phases II & III, Ms. Smith noted phase 1 was funded previously. The current project featured in Task 2 will include installation of long-term counters and software to gather and house more extensive data which will enable the transportation model to make predictions on such travel and give a better understanding of how people are traveling and the modes of travel being used.

E. Transportation Revenue Forecast

In his presentation, Abbey Meyer of Jacobs Engineering discussed the future funding sources and alternative financing when considering different ways of funding transportation projects on Oahu, noted COVID-19 impacts, and expounded on the revenue forecast summary report.

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

Chair Elefante welcomed CAC Chair Shigemasa and invited him to speak. Chair Shigemasa noted that the CAC has a meeting on March 3, 2021.

VIII. Announcements

Chair Elefante congratulated Councilmember Cordero on her appointment to the National League of Cities (NLC) Transportation Infrastructure and Services Committee. He also noted that he will be sending out an email inviting Policy Board members to provide input on transportation areas and projects in the community to be shared at the NLC's March 3, 2021 meeting with Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Senator Rhoads and seconded by Councilmember Cordero to adjourn the meeting. There was no further discussion or objections, so Acting Chair Elefante adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm.

The PowerPoint presentation for this meeting may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2126