

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

#### **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

will be held on April 9th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams. Members of the public are advised that written testimony will be accepted in lieu of in-person testimony. Please find instructions for the submission of written testimony at the end of this agenda.

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Dial in # (if computer <u>does not</u> have internal microphone): 808-913-3441 Conference ID: 644 199 227#

All meeting attendees: In order to minimize background noise, please stay muted when not speaking.

Mahalo for your consideration.

### **AGENDA**

- I. Call to order by Chair
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of February 12th, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- IV. Reports
  - A. Executive Director

Executive Director Au will provide an update on activities at OahuMPO and the recent Citizen Advisory Committee and Policy Board meetings.

V. Old Business

#### VI. New Business

### A. Transportation Alternatives FFY 2021-2025

The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives. These include on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation.

OahuMPO staff will present two proposals for TA funding and two options for the distribution of TA funds between the two proposals. Both proposals are being recommended for funding by the TA Evaluation Committee.

**Requested Action:** To review, determine, and recommend to the Policy Board for their approval one of the two funding options developed by the TA Evaluation Committee and to recommend the Policy Board approve the two candidate projects presented.

# B. 2045 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan

OahuMPO staff will present the final draft of the 2045 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP). The ORTP outlines transportation vision, goals, objectives, policies, and projects for O'ahu. It also identifies specific highway, transit, freight, bicycle, and pedestrian projects that are designed to improve safety, mitigate congestion, and increase mobility for O'ahu's residents and visitors, within a financially constrained budget. Projects that are in the ORTP are eligible for federal transportation funding.

**Requested Action**: Recommend Policy Board approval of the 2045 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan as presented.

#### C. Mahoe Street Reclassification

The City & County of Honolulu Department of Transportation has requested OahuMPO's concurrence for the functional reclassification of Mahoe Street from a Local Road to Minor Collector. DTS staff will provide a presentation on the justification for the proposed change.

**Requested Action**: Recommend that the Policy Board concur with DTS' request to reclassify Mahoe St. from a Local Road to Minor Collector.

## D. Election of Vice Chair

The TAC will elect a new Vice Chair to fill the current vacancy. The current term of the Vice Chair ends on December 31, 2021. Because the current Chair is a State department representative, TAC members representing the City or HART are eligible to be elected as Vice Chair.

Chair (2 years)	Vice-Chair (2 years)
City department representative	State or HART
State department representative	City or HART
HART representative	City or the State

The Vice-Chair serves as Chair in the absence of the elected Chair. The full TAC Bylaws can be reviewed here: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb dl=1296

# E. Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Funding

The State of Hawaii received ~\$42 million in funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRSSAA) for Highway Infrastructure Programs (HIP). Of this amount, about \$6 million has been sub-allocated to Oahu as a Transportation Management Area (TMA).

Funds resulting from this apportionment are available for obligation until September 2024. They are not subject to obligation limitation and do not need to be on the ORTP or the TIP. The Federal share payable shall be up to 100 percent, so no local match is required. The eligibility of these funds allows non-traditional uses, such as routine maintenance, operations, personnel costs, debt service, etc.

FHWA's Implementation Guidance for CRRSAA funds states that the OahuMPO Policy Board is responsible for selecting projects for HIP-CRRSAA funding in the TMA in consultation with the State and any affected public transportation operator. Follow the link below for more information: <a href="https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/notices/n4510851/">https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/notices/n4510851/</a>

HDOT will present a proposal for the use of the CRRSAA funds sub-allocated to Oahu. The proposal is for the design and construction of a left-turn lane from Pearl Highlands Rail Station on Kamehameha Highway to Kuala Street.

**Requested Action:** Review and discuss proposal and make a motion to provide a recommendation to the Policy Board.

- VII. Invitation to interested members of the public to be heard on matters not included on the agenda
- VIII. Announcements
  - IX. Adjournment

The City and County of Honolulu is using the OahuMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) public involvement process, as outlined in the Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration metropolitan transportation planning regulations (23 CFR 450/49 CFR 613), to satisfy the public hearing requirements for the Federal Transit Administration's Urbanized Area Formula Program (49 U.S.C. Section 5307) program-of-projects.

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**PUBLIC TESTIMONY** will be accepted on any Policy Board agenda item. Testimony may be oral or written. Written testimony is strongly encouraged as the primary means of submitting testimony.

# **Oral Testimony**

Oral testimony will be accepted at the meeting. Anyone wishing to testify orally is encouraged to please sign up in advance by emailing <a href="mailto:oahumpo@oahumpo.org">oahumpo@oahumpo.org</a>. You many also advise us at the meeting if you would like to testify orally.

### Written Testimony

To aid the Board in the distribution of written testimony to members, the Board requests that written testimony be submitted 24 hours in advance (for Monday meetings, please submit written testimony to the OahuMPO office by the prior Friday morning). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Written testimony may be sent to OahuMPO via e-mail at oahumpo@oahumpo.org.

Note: Any personal information (such as home addresses, home phone numbers, cell phone numbers) included on the written testimony will become public information.

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OahuMPO is a government agency responsible for coordinating transportation planning on Oahu.