



NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the
OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD
will be held on

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation and in consideration of the health and welfare of the community, this meeting will be held remotely. Written testimony will be accepted in lieu of in-person testimony. Instructions for submitting testimony can be found at the end of this agenda. Meetings may be monitored remotely via MS TEAMS audio conferencing.

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Mahalo for your consideration.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order by Chair**
- II. Introductions/Roll Call**
- III. Approval of February 23, 2021 Policy Board Meeting Minutes**
- IV. Reports**
 - A. Executive Director**
 - B. Technical Advisory Committee**
 - C. Citizen Advisory Committee**
- V. Old Business**

None
- VI. New Business**
 - A. New Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program Projects**

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

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facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail projects; safe-routes-to-schools projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former divided highways.

Two projects will be presented at the meeting. They are the *Ala Wai Bridge Project* which will include a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Ala Wai Canal and the *Rail Station Multimodal Access Improvements – Halawa Station and the Waiawa Station* which consists of planning design and construction of multimodal access improvements to the Halawa Aloha Stadium Rail Station and Waiawa Pearl Highlands Rail Station which will provide multimodal access to the two stations and the whole rail system. The two presented projects are both being recommended for funding by the TA Evaluation Committee.

Requested Action: Approve the two new projects presented for Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program funding.

B. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045

The O’ahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) is a long-term document that outlines transportation vision, goals, objectives, policies, and projects for O’ahu. The 25-year horizon of the plan incorporates forecasted population, housing, and employment changes, as well as information about O’ahu’s existing transportation system. 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: Approve the 2045 O’ahu Regional Transportation Plan as presented.

C. Mahoe Street Reclassification

FHWA defined functional classification as “the process by which streets and highways are grouped into classes, or systems, according to the character of service they are intended to provide. Basic to this process is the recognition that individual roads and streets do not serve travel independently in any major way. Rather, most travel involves movement through a network of roads. It then becomes necessary to determine how this travel can be channelized within the network in a logical and efficient manner. Functional classification defines the nature of this channelization process by defining the part that any particular road or street should play in serving the flow of trips through a highway network.”

The City’s Department of Transportation Services will present their case requesting the Policy Board’s concurrence on reclassifying Mahoe Street from a Local Road to a Minor Collector.

Requested Action: Policy Board concurrence of the reclassification of Mahoe Street from a Local Road to a Minor Collector.

D. Establish a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to Manage the Executive Director Evaluation Process

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 2014 and 2018 Certification Reviews recommended the establishment of formal performance reviews for the Executive Director. The Policy Board will discuss criteria, structure, and procedures for the performance of the evaluation of the Executive Director and establish a Permitted Interaction Group to conduct the evaluation.

Requested Action: Establish a permitted interaction group (PIG) to conduct the evaluation process of the OahuMPO Executive Director. Direct the PIG to develop the evaluation process based on the criteria decided upon at this meeting, to compile the results of the performance evaluations received from the evaluators who will be invited as decided at today's discussion, and to report back to this Policy Board at a future meeting.

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

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: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legstregs/directives/notices/n4510851/>

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: Policy Board concurrence of HDOT's proposal to use the ~6million TMA Suballocation of CRRSAA funds for the design and construction of a left-turn lane from Pearl Highlands Rail Station on Kamehameha Highway to Kuala Street.

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

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

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 oahumpo@oahumpo.org. You may 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.

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