



Memorandum

To: Citizen Advisory Committee Members

From: Alvin Au, Executive Director

Date: September 1, 2021

Executive Director's Report

Accomplishments and Progress

OahuMPO staff held its public and intergovernmental review of the FY2022 Overall Work Program Revision #1 from July 27, 2021, to August 25, 2021. The comments and a final draft revision will be presented to the committees and Policy Board at this meeting.

OahuMPO staff is currently seeking comments from its Public Participation Plan working group. Following the collection of comments, staff will make necessary revisions, present the draft plan to the committees and Policy Board, and submit the plan for public and intergovernmental review. The presentation of the final draft plan is expected to occur in the first quarter of 2022.

OahuMPO staff held several highway safety targets coordination meetings with staff from different departments. The Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HDOT) safety targets are due on August 31, 2021. OahuMPO's targets are due 180 days after that date. OahuMPO staff is aiming to hold a working group meeting in September and do a presentation on highway safety targets at the October committee and Policy Board meetings.

The OahuMPO staff would like to thank Tom Dinell who --is retiring from being a member of the CAC effective after today's meeting. He has served as a CAC member for several decades and is the oldest active member of the CAC in terms of age (93 years old) and years of service. Tom has been a strong and respected voice for the community in many of the State and City transportation planning projects and programs. He has been a strong figure for many others to follow in the service of his community. His contribution and steadfast knowledge of the complex transportation planning process was always communicated respectfully and shared at a level for all to understand and appreciate. We thank Tom, for his leadership and outstanding contribution to the State and the City in the many years of service as an esteemed member of the CAC.

OahuMPO staff would like to thank Jeanne Ishikawa, NB #26 Chair and Joe Francher, CAC Member for NB#26 for being exemplary examples of carrying out CAC duties at their neighborhood board meetings by reviewing the Overall Work Program (OWP) Revision #1. NB#26 listed the OWP Revision #1 as an agenda item at their previous board meeting, discussed the revision, had members vote on the board's comments, and submitted comments to the OahuMPO. This is an excellent example of what CAC members should do: share information obtained from the CAC meetings with their respective communities and provide OahuMPO feedback on work products sent out for public comment.

Regarding the question asked at the previous CAC meeting about MPO planning funds' eligibility for broadband infrastructure planning, FHWA Transportation Planner, Amy Ford-Wagner provided the following response: FHWA has determined that broadband planning is NOT an eligible activity for planning funds. MPOs may however, include broadband infrastructure in their long-range plan (ORTP), the Policy Board may express support for broadband, etc.

Policy Board (PB)

The Policy Board met on July 15, 2021 and July 27, 2021, discussed ideas on how the PB and the OahuMPO can fulfill the basic tenets of the MPO and educate the community on the function, purpose, and limitations of the MPO. Also, the PB approved the FFYs 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program. The Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2050 Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) was discussed. It is comprised of an annual schedule of activities for developing the ORTP 2050.

The PB met on August 31, 2021 and held a discussion on the status of the development of a Strategic Plan and the crafting of a Mission Statement. There also was discussion on a member dues increase and an overview of the organization's forecasted budget and anticipated expenses for which additional funding is needed. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2021.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC met on July 9, 2021 and received a presentation on the FFYs 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program, recommended changes, and the Policy Board's approval. In addition, the TAC members held a general discussion on the value of providing the Policy Board annotations on TAC actions which will be on a slide for each agenda item requiring action and will precede the slide in the presentation that requests Policy Board action/approval. The TAC did not meet in August. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2021.