

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**POLICY BOARD**

Tuesday, October 26, 2021  
via Microsoft Teams

**Members Present:**

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| Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Chair                                    | HDOT Deputy Director Edwin Sniffen                          |
| Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Vice Chair                        | DTS Director Roger Morton                                   |
| Senator Chris Lee   | DPP Director Dean Uchida                                    |
| Representative Henry Aquino                                       | FHWA Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo                     |
| Representative Ryan Yamane  | Councilmember Radiant Cordero                               |
| Councilmember Augie Tulba   | OP Planning Program Administrator Rodney Funakoshi          |
| HART Govt Relations & Public Involvement<br>Director Joey Manahan | DOH Primary Prevention Branch Manager Heidi<br>Hansen-Smith |

**Member(s) Absent: None**

**Known Guests Present:**

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| Marian Yasuda (DTS)                  | Amy Ford-Wagner (FHWA)               |
| Mark Garrity (DTS' consultant)       | Dion Mesta (CM Elefante's office)    |
| Ken Tatsuguchi (TAC Chair)           | Sharon Brooks (OCS)                  |
| Chris Clark (DTS)                    | Doug Chun (OCS)                      |
| Yoko Tomita (DTS)                    | Kari Benes (DOH)                     |
| Bryan Lum (DTS)                      | Rachel Roper (HDOT)                  |
| Chris Clark (DTS)                    | Marcia Tagavilla (CM Tulba's office) |
| Kelly Akasaki (DTS)                  | Marcel Honore (Civil Beat)           |
| Kathleen Rooney (Ulupono Initiative) | Robert Sato (CM Cordero's Office)    |
| Shelly Kunishige                     | Larie Manutai (CM Tulba's Office)    |
| DreanaLee Kalili                     |                                      |

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

**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 and quorum was established.

**III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

The Policy Board members reviewed the meeting minutes for September 28, 2021 which were emailed to them in advance of the meeting.

A correction was made to change the word recluse to recuse on page 5. A motion was made by Councilmember Elefante and seconded by Councilmember Cordero to accept the September 28, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. There were no further discussion, objections, or abstentions and the minutes were accepted as presented.

#### **IV. Reports**

##### **A. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Alvin Au reported the status of the draft Public Participation Plan, on OahuMPO staff's participation in the FHWA training sessions, on an Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) Safety Working Group meeting hosted by OahuMPO staff, and noted the 2050 ORTP Performance Improvement Plan Quarterly Check-In #1 report is included as an attachment to the Executive Director's report.

He also gave a brief description of the business carried out at the October Technical Advisory and Citizen Advisory Committees' meetings.

A copy of the Executive Director's Report can be viewed at [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2503](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2503).

Chair Moriwaki welcomed Representative Yamane to the meeting.

Chair Moriwaki, Ed Sniffen, Councilmember Elefante, Joey Manahan, Roger Morton, and Senator Lee expressed their appreciation of Executive Director Alvin Au, his service to OahuMPO, and gratitude for him for staying on until the new Executive Director was hired.

##### **B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

TAC Chair Ken Tatsuguchi remarked that he had nothing to report but noted that the reclassification of Lumiaina Street is on the Policy Board's agenda and he would be happy to respond to any questions that the Policy Board may have on that topic.

##### **C. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)**

There was no report from the CAC Chair or Vice Chair.

#### **V. Old Business**

None

#### **VI. New Business**

##### **A. Request for Functional Reclassification of Lumiaina Street, Managers Drive, Mokuola Street Route**

Bryan Lum of DTS described the streets included in the route, details on the physical properties of the route, the bus routes on this corridor, and the community it serves. He explained the urban collector road definition, how this route meets the criteria for a collector road, noted that a route must be classified as a collector road or higher to be eligible for federal funding, and proposed this route be classified as a minor collector road. Mr. Lum described the temporary roundabout installed in 2018 at the Managers Drive and Hiapo Street intersection, added that a future project would install a permanent roundabout with a raised

concrete island, signage, and striping, and that the proposed improvements are included in the State’s Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and OahuMPO’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for PE1 (Design) to start in FFY 2022.

Vice Chair Elefante expressed strong support for the reclassification of this route to a minor collector.

Nicki Smith of OahuMPO noted that usually the TAC’s actions are detailed in a slide included in the presentation. However, although none was included in this presentation, the TAC’s minutes which were distributed to the Policy Board members includes those details.

A motion was made by Ed Sniffen and seconded by Councilmember Elefante to approve the functional reclassification of Lumiaina Street, Managers Drive, and Mokuola Street route to a minor collector road.

A roll call vote was taken

|                           |             |                                    |     |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-----|
| Senator Sharon Moriwaki   | Aye         | HDOT Deputy Director Edwin Sniffen | Aye |
| Senator Chris Lee         | Aye         | Councilmember Augie Tulba          | Aye |
| Representative Yamane     | No response | Councilmember Radiant Cordero      | Aye |
| Representative Aquino     | Aye         | Councilmember Brandon Elefante     | Aye |
| DPP Director Dean Uchida  | Aye         | HART Director Joey Manahan         | Aye |
| DTS Director Roger Morton | Aye         |                                    |     |

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

**B. Executive Director Search Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Report Discussion and Decision-Making**

Chair Moriwaki advised that today’s discussion and decision-making will be done at this meeting on the PIG report which was made at the September Policy Board meeting. She thanked the PIG members for their efforts and HDOT’s Human Resources Officer Rey Domingo who screened the applications received. Members included Chair Moriwaki, Vice Chair Elefante, Representative Henry Aquino, Deputy Director Ed Sniffen, and DTS Director Roger Morton.

Vice Chair Elefante disclosed for the record that prior to the final recommendation in the PIG report he notified the PIG that Mr. Garrity had contributed to the Friends of Brandon Elefante and again when Mr. Garrity became the final candidate for Executive Director. Councilmember Elefante consulted with the City and State Ethics Commissions who advised that he did not have to recuse himself nor is he obligated to share this disclosure since financial contributions are public record.

Chair Moriwaki thanked Vice Chair Elefante for his disclosure and stated that the PIG voted accordingly and looked at the criteria for the position so can attest to Vice Chair Elefante’s objectiveness in reviewing and selecting applicants.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cordero and seconded by Senator Lee to accept the report and recommendations of the Executive Director Search Permitted Interaction Group.

A roll call vote was taken

|                           |             |                                    |     |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-----|
| Senator Sharon Moriwaki   | Aye         | HDOT Deputy Director Edwin Sniffen | Aye |
| Senator Chris Lee         | Aye         | Councilmember Augie Tulba          | Aye |
| Representative Yamane     | No response | Councilmember Radiant Cordero      | Aye |
| Representative Aquino     | Aye         | Councilmember Brandon Elefante     | Aye |
| DPP Director Dean Uchida  | Aye         | HART Director Joey Manahan         | Aye |
| DTS Director Roger Morton | Aye         |                                    |     |

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

Chair Moriwaki asked Mark Garrity if he had any questions or comments. Mr. Garrity stated that he is very honored and thanked the Policy Board for their vote of confidence. He indicated he would like to accept the offer after further discussion regarding the salary.

Chair Moriwaki called for the Policy Board to go into Executive Session and member agreed to discuss salary and stated that pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statute section 92-5(a)(2), the Policy Board may convene an executive session to deliberate on personnel matters. Discussion will be on the Permitted Interaction Group’s salary recommendation for the new Executive Director.

Representative Yamane had to leave the meeting.

While OahuMPO’s Tori Trevino established the breakout room for the executive session, Roni Schack announced that only the Policy Board members, Mr. Garrity, and required staff will be included in the breakout room for the executive session and requested that other meeting attendees please wait in the regular meeting until the Policy Board members conclude their discussion and return to the regular meeting.

Policy Board members returned from the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Ed Sniffen and seconded by Senator Lee to approve the starting salary of \$140,000 for Mark Garrity with all State of Hawaii employee benefits with the possible increase in salary to \$150,000 after one year if all agreed upon evaluation metrics have been met.

A roll call vote was taken:

|                             |     |                                    |             |
|-----------------------------|-----|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Senator Sharon Moriwaki     | Aye | HDOT Deputy Director Edwin Sniffen | Aye         |
| Senator Chris Lee           | Aye | Councilmember Augie Tulba          | No response |
| Representative Henry Aquino | Aye | Councilmember Radiant Cordero      | Aye         |
| DPP Director Dean Uchida    | Aye | Councilmember Brandon Elefante     | Aye         |
| DTS Director Roger Morton   | Aye | HART Director Joey Manahan         | Aye         |

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

Chair Moriwaki asked Mark Garrity if he is agreeable to the offer of \$140,000 salary with all State of Hawaii employee benefits with the possible increase in salary to \$150,000 after one

year if all agreed-upon evaluation metrics have been met. Mr. Garrity was agreeable to the terms and indicated he would like to see the metrics that his evaluation will be based upon. Chair Moriwaki replied that the terms will be in the agreement and the metrics will be discussed with him before he begins work. A start date of January 1, 2022 was agreed upon.

Executive Director Au was agreeable to arranging a meeting with Mr. Garrity to discuss OahuMPO and the Executive Director position.

Because the meeting had passed its scheduled period of time and quorum would be lost, agenda item VI.C. *Discussion and Action Regarding Scoring of Mid, Long Range, and Illustrative ORTP 2045 Projects and Programs* was postponed to a future meeting.

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

There were no comments.

**VIII. Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**IX. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ed Sniffen and seconded by Roger Morton to adjourn the meeting. There were no further discussion or objections, and Chair Moriwaki adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2501](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2501)