



Memorandum

To: Policy Board Members

From: Mark Garrity, Executive Director

Date: June 28, 2022

Executive Director's Report

Overall Work Program (OWP)

The FY2023 OWP was endorsed by the Policy Board at the May 31 meeting and was sent to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on June 6 for their approval.

2022 Federal Certification Review

The FHWA and FTA Federal Certification Team will be in Honolulu the week of July 11-15 to perform a Federal Certification Review of OahuMPO. Every four years, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5303(k), the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) must certify that each metropolitan planning organization (MPO) serving a transportation management area (TMA) is carrying out the metropolitan planning process in adherence with federal statutes and regulations. OahuMPO's prior Certification Review was performed in 2018.

The Certification Review Team will be holding interviews with the three implementing agencies, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee, and the Chair of the Policy Board. FHWA will also be doing a presentation to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) at their July meeting.

Work Where you Live Study – follow up

In response to an inquiry at last month's Policy Board meeting, the OahuMPO reached out to City and State staff to find out if there were any policy changes or updates as a result of the Work Where you Live Study, completed in 2021.

The City continues to operate under an Interim Telework Acknowledgement policy and has not established a new telecommuting program. New training materials will follow any new policy, and there has not yet been consultation regarding a potential new program policy, which is the long lead element of an update. The existing policy is available at <https://www.honolulu.gov/cms-dhr-menu/site-dhr-sitearticles/421-personnel-manual.html>

The State is still operating under the amended 2020 telework policy. The Department of Human Resources Development is in negotiations with the unions to approve a revised telework policy. Once agreement is reached, DHRD will complete the training program.

Procurement

The contract has been signed and executed for the Travel Demand Forecasting Model (TDFM) consultant and the funds been encumbered so Caliper Corporation can commence work. Project Assignment Orders (PAO) are being prepared to provide specific tasks and direction to the consultant.

The ORTP consultant evaluation committee will meet this week to select one or more consultants to support the 2050 ORTP development process. We hope to have a consultant on board later this summer.

Public Outreach

On June 18, OahuMPO Transportation Planner, Samantha Lara, accompanied FHWA staff to the Malama Makers Market in Haleiwa to conduct public outreach. FHWA is currently seeking public input on transportation planning on Oahu, particularly how the community receives information, participates in efforts, and submits suggestions to transportation agencies. Ms. Lara participated in the outreach booth at the market in efforts to respond to any community inquiries about OahuMPO.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC met on June 13. They received a presentation on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2022-2025 Revisions #5 and #6 and voted to recommend the Policy Board approve the two revisions. The TAC also discussed the upcoming Federal Certification Review of OahuMPO. Chair Tam invited TAC members to join him when he meets with the Certification Team on July 13.

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

The Citizens Advisory Committee met on June 1 and received presentations on the Transportation Improvement Program FFYs 2022-2025 Revisions #5 and #6 and voted to recommend the Policy Board approve the documents. They also received a presentation from Larry Veray of Neighborhood Board (NB) #21 on NB #21's resolution regarding the Hawaii Authority for Rapid Transportation's (HART) deferment of the Pearl Highlands Park and Ride Garage and H2 Off Ramp.

The CAC's next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, July 06 at 2:00 p.m.

Personnel and Training

OahuMPO is currently seeking to fill its vacant planner positions. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to reach out to me at mark.garrity@oahumpo.org or call 808-586-2308.