

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY BOARD

Tuesday, June 28, 2022
via Zoom

Members Present:

Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Chair	Senator Sharon Moriwaki
Councilmember Brandon Elefante	Representative Henry Aquino, Vice Chair
Councilmember Augie Tulba	Deputy Director Ed Sniffen
HART Director/Joey Manahan	DOH Heidi Hansen Smith
DTS Director Roger Morton	

Member(s) Absent: Representative Ryan Yamane, Senator Chris Lee, Director Dean Uchida (DPP), Richelle Takara (FHWA), and Mary Alice Evans (OP)

Known Guests Present:

Kaleo Chang (CM Cordero's Office)	Patrick Tom (HDOT)
Marcia Taravella (CM Tulsa's office)	Regina Cummings (DPP)
Tomo Murata (TAC VChair/ HDOT)	Larie Manutai (Clmbr Tulba's office)
Dion Mesta (Clmbr Elefante's office)	Dane Wicker# DPP
Yoko Tomita (DTS)	Lorene Maki OPSD
Kiana Otsuka (Hawaii State Energy Office)	Nicole Cernohorsky (Hawaii State Energy Office)
Chris Clark (DTS)	Jill Tanabe (HDOT)
Andrea Anixt (CAC)	Leah Laramie (Hawaii Mitigation Adaptation Commission)

OahuMPO Staff Present: Mark Garrity, Roni Schack, Samantha Lara, Joel Vincent, Nicki Smith, Lily Zheng, and Dallas Ige.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cordero called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. She requested members keep their cameras on as a quorum of members must be visible for the duration of the meeting as required by Sunshine Law.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken of Policy Board members present and quorum was established. Chair and staff monitored cameras to ensure at least six members had their cameras on at all times during the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 31, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

The Policy Board members reviewed the meeting minutes of the May 31, 2022 Policy Board meeting which were sent to them in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brandon Elefante and seconded by Senator Moriwaki to approve the May 31, 2022 meeting minutes. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions, and the minutes were accepted as presented.

IV. Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Mark Garrity provided updates on the status of the FY2023 Overall Work Program (OWP) and on the procurements for the Travel Demand Forecasting Model (TDFM) and Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2050. He also advised the Board about the upcoming Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Certification Review which is scheduled for the week of July 11, 2022, provided follow up information on the *Work Where You Live* study, reported on the public outreach activity of OahuMPO staff, and recapitulated business transacted at the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and Technical Advisor Committee (TAC) meetings in June.

View the complete Executive Director's Report at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2668

B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

TAC Vice Chair Tomo Murata indicated he had nothing to add to what was reported by OahuMPO Executive Director Garrity.

C. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

There was no report from the CAC.

V. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

VI. New Business

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions #5 and #6 FYs 2022-2025

OahuMPO's Assistant Transportation Planner Dallas Ige provided background on the TIP, how it ties into the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, revision requirements, and described the changes included in the revisions.

During the presentation, it was noted that a change was made in Revision #6 to *OC 13 Bus and Handi-Van Acquisition Program* which was not included in the meeting materials sent to Policy Board members nor in the document reviewed by the CAC and TAC. The change requests that \$10m in federal FHWA funds be transferred - or flexed - to FTA funds. This change had been discussed by State, City, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) staff. This change does not affect the total funding for OC13, no impact to Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis since the funds are for an island-wide program. A note was added on the project's information sheet in the TIP that funds were being flexed and the financial constraint tables were updated.

Andrea Anixt asked if the project *OS#79 Shoreline Protection/Mitigation* near Kaaawa School was approved and what is the funding amount. Pat Tom of HDOT indicated that it will be approved if the Policy Board approves Rev#5 and #6. Dallas Ige indicated the funding is programed for approximately \$4m over the next two years. Mr. Ige clarified that this funding is for coastal mitigation, for both erosion mitigation and sandsaver installation.

Leah Laramee of the Hawaii Mitigation Adaptation Commission expressed their excitement about the included sidewalk projects, their appreciation of the response to the comments that there is not enough space currently for right-of-way to plant trees nor plans for permeable pavement, and wondered if future projects will include these options.

There was no response from anyone present at the meeting, so Chair Cordero stated Ms. Laramee's question can be added as a request for this agenda item.

A motion was made by Representation Aquino and seconded by Director Manahan to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Revisions #5 and #6 as presented, including the flexed \$10m which was added to Rev #6. There were no abstentions or objections, and the motion was passed unanimously.

B. Proposed Federal Grant Application Under New Safe Streets and Roads for All Program

Executive Director Mark Garrity discussed the collaborative efforts OahuMPO and the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) are taking to submit a joint application for the new federal grant opportunity *Safe Streets and Roads for All Program* which is included in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The application is due September 15, 2022. The request will be for \$5m-\$6m to be used for preliminary engineering for ten high-priority projects listed on the new Oahu Pedestrian Master Plan. OahuMPO plans to use part of the funds to hire a Section 106 Compliance Specialist for four years to assist with environmental clearances for projects and to set up a programmatic agreement which will help expedite the federal approval process and aid in a quicker development of these projects.

Chair Cordero asked if the Policy Board will be given an update on what projects will be funded. Executive Director Garrity responded that how the application will be structured is still being developed. He noted the Oahu Pedestrian Master Plan includes a list of high priority projects and the goal is to proceed with as many of these projects as possible.

DTS Director Morton added that the City would like geographic distribution of these benefits island-wide and are mindful of their objective to consider equity in the selection of these projects. He noted that discussion will be held with stakeholders, Councilmembers and others as the process progresses.

To Chair Cordero's question if the Policy Board will receive updates on how projects will be prioritized and provided with a list of chosen projects, Director Morton indicated both can be provide to the Policy Board and noted that a project list is normally included in City programs.

C. OahuMPO Strategic Plan

Executive Director Mark Garrity provided an update on the progress of the Strategic Plan (Plan), discussed the action items undertaken so far, and discussed the next steps in this process. He noted the draft Strategic Plans from prior years previously developed includes some relevant ideas which will be considered for this Strategic Plan in efforts for the period 2023 to 2027.

To Senator Moriwaki's question if there is a timeline for the Strategic Plan, Mr. Garrity said he expects a draft may be given to the Policy Board in the next two to three months for their discussion and approval. He added that he expects the results of the 2022 Federal Certification Review will be available by then, and if it includes anything that should be incorporated into the Strategic Plan, it can be done at that time.

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

There were no comments.

VIII. Announcements

Chair Cordero expressed a belated happy birthday to Councilmember Tulba.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Cordero adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

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