



Memorandum

To: Policy Board Committee Members

From: Mark Garrity, Executive Director

Date: July 26, 2022

Executive Director's Report

2022 Federal Certification Review

The FHWA and FTA Federal Certification Team was in Honolulu the week of July 11-15 to perform a Federal Certification Review of OahuMPO. Representatives of FTA and FHWA were in Honolulu all week for a series of meetings with OahuMPO staff and members of the Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee.

Discussions were held regarding the Overall Work Program, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, the Public Participation Plan, the Congestion Management Process, and other issues and work products. A report will be issued in September and recertification of the TMA/MPO is expected before the deadline of September 23.

Procurement

The 2050 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) consultant selection process concluded with two consultant teams being selected to support the OahuMPO with various services related to the development of the ORTP. The two teams are 1) PBR Hawaii/Nelson Nygaard, and 2) Urban Logiq. We are now completing the contract paperwork with the firms so they can begin working.

Personnel and Training

Assistant Transportation Planner Dallas Ige recently attended two training classes related to environmental compliance, sponsored by the FHWA and National Highway Institute (NHI). They included "NEPA and the Transportation Decision Making Process", and "Applying Section 4(f): Putting Policy into Practice". The training will help the OahuMPO better support our partners regarding the use of federal funds in project planning and implementation.

Public Outreach

Transportation Planner Samantha Lara recently participated in a class field trip for a Sustainable Cities course offered to undergraduate students at UH Manoa. Ms. Lara worked with DTS to provide the students with HOLO cards and accompanied them from UH campus to downtown Honolulu. During the class, she answered questions about transportation planning, the OahuMPO's work products, and public transit on Oahu.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

The CAC met on July 6. They received a presentation from representatives of the FTA and FHWA regarding the upcoming TMA Certification Review.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC met on July 8 and received a presentation from representatives of the FTA and FHWA regarding the upcoming TMA Certification Review.

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m.