



Memorandum

To: Citizens Advisory Committee Members
From: Mark Garrity, Executive Director
Date: September 7, 2022

Executive Director's Report

Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP)

Contracts for the two ORTP consultant teams have been finalized, and coordination meetings are being planned for later this month.

The consultant for the related Travel Demand Forecasting Model (TDFM) work has been updating the existing model and working with our implementation partners as needed to respond to project changes.

FY2022 Audit

The OahuMPO FY2022 audit has begun with Accuity LLP. They have begun the process of collecting documents and financial information from Oahu MPO and HDOT Business Office. The official audit is scheduled to last until September 28th with the results in early to mid-October.

Personnel and Training

Last month, Dallas Ige and Samantha Lara attended a lunchtime training session sponsored by the Hawaii chapter of the American Planning Association titled "the Role of Planners Fostering Equity in Hawaii".

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC met on August 12 and received presentations on OWP Work Elements including the Multi-Modal Transit Asset Management Plan Phase I, and Kapolei Maintenance Facility and Transit Center Alternatives Analysis.

They also discussed the upcoming deadlines and requirements for the selection of performance targets for federally required performance measures.

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Policy Board (PB)

The Policy Board met on August 30. They received presentations on OWP Work Elements including the Multi-Modal Transit Asset Management Plan Phase I, and Kapolei Maintenance Facility and Transit Center Alternatives Analysis, and voted to approve the reports as evidence the work was carried out and directed OahuMPO staff and agency partners to incorporate study recommendations in the metropolitan transportation planning process, as applicable.

The Policy Board also received an update on federally required performance measures.

The next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m.

New federal legislation – Inflation Reduction Act

The Inflation Reduction Act was signed into law on August 16. The bill contains transportation spending provisions that could affect Oahu.

\$1.893 billion for a NEW **Neighborhood Access and Equity grant program** that provides competitive grants to improve walkability, safety, affordable access through construction of projects to remove or reuse an existing facility, to retrofit or cap a facility, to build or improve complete streets, or active transportation networks, for planning and capacity building activities in disadvantaged or underserved communities.

\$1.262 billion for investments in **Economically Disadvantaged Communities** for the same kind of FHWA grants under the Neighborhood Access and Equity program, but specifically for communities that are economically disadvantaged.

\$50 million for FHWA for guidance, technical assistance, templates, training, or tools to facilitate efficient and effective contracting, design, and project delivery by units of local government, and subgrants to units of local government to build capacity to deliver surface transportation projects.