



## Memorandum

To: Citizens Advisory Committee Members

From: Mark Garrity, Executive Director

Date: October 5, 2022

### Executive Director's Report

#### ***Federal TMA Certification***

On September 23, OahuMPO received notice that we have been successfully recertified as a TMA by the USDOT for another four years.

#### ***Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP)***

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

Our two ORTP consultant teams (PBR-Hawaii/Nelson Nygaard, and Urban Logiq) have been given notices to proceed and have begun working. Initial coordination meetings have held to discuss tasks and schedule. A project kickoff meeting, including the two consultant teams, our modeling consultant, and our partners and stakeholders, is planned for later this year.

#### ***National Household Travel Survey (NHTS)***

The OahuMPO is currently participating in the next generation National Household Travel Survey with the Federal Highway Administration, through November 2022. Surveys are being sent out at random to households on Oahu, and we are encouraging residents to help with this effort aimed at better understanding how people travel on Oahu. The results will help officials and planners determine where and how to make transportation investments, such as bridges and roads as well as facilities for bicycling, walking and transit. To help inform the public about the program, a press release has been prepared and will be distributed this week.

#### ***FY2022 Audit***

The OahuMPO FY2022 annual audit is wrapping up and the results should be available in mid-October.

#### ***Personnel and Training***

Samantha Lara attended the Hawaii Congress of Planning Officials September 14-16 in Poipu, Kauai and served as a moderator for a panel session. The session was geared toward improving processes and procedures and how planners can make a difference.

Zakari, Dallas, and Lily attended travel demand forecasting model training from September 27-29.

On October 1, Dallas Ige was promoted to Transportation Impact Analyst and Lily Zheng was promoted to Assistant Transportation Planner. Both started with the OahuMPO earlier this year and have already become very important members of the MPO team. Congratulations to Dallas and Lily!

Also in October, our newest intern, Joel Temple, joined the OahuMPO. Joel is a graduate student at the University of Hawaii in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. Welcome, Joel!

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

The TAC did not meet in September. Their next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m.

#### ***Policy Board (PB)***

The Policy Board met on September 27 and received a presentation on the 2022 OahuMPO Title VI / Environmental Justice Program Implementation Plan. They voted to approve the Plan.

They also discussed an application for a new member to the CAC, Ulupono, and voted to approve the application.

The Board also reviewed a draft letter of support for the federal Transit Oriented Development Act of 2021, introduced by Congressman Kahele. They approved the letter and directed the Executive Director to forward it to the congressman's office.

The State DOT provided a presentation regarding how Act 131 goals are assessed for HDOT's Highways Division projects.

The Policy Board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m.

#### ***Federal grant application – Safe Streets and Roads for All***

On September 15, DTS and the OahuMPO submitted a joint grant application under the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All program. If successful, the grant will provide \$6.5 million to support completion of preliminary engineering for high priority projects on the City's Pedestrian Master Plan, to develop a Programmatic Agreement to satisfy Section 106 and 4(f) compliance, and to allow the OahuMPO to hire a full-time planner specializing in federal compliance for four years to support project implementation and help expedite approvals.