



## Memorandum

To: Policy Board Members

From: Mark Garrity, Executive Director

Date: September 27, 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.

#### *FY2022 Audit*

The OahuMPO FY2022 audit is ongoing, and the team has been 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*

Samantha 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 discussing processes and how planners can improve those processes.

Zakari, Dallas, and Lily have been attending travel demand forecasting model training hosted by Caliper, which runs from September 27-29.

On October 1, Dallas Ige will be promoted to Transportation Impact Analyst and Lily Zheng will be 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, will join the OahuMPO. Joel is a graduate student at the University of Hawaii in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

#### ***Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)***

The CAC met on September 7 and received a presentation on the 2022 OahuMPO Title VI / Environmental Justice Program Implementation Plan. They voted to recommend the Policy Board approve the Plan. They also discussed an application for a new member to the CAC, Ulupono, and voted to recommend the Policy Board approve the application.

CAC members were also invited by the new chair, Jo Jordan, to recommend potential future agenda item topics, and Chair Jordan has invited representatives of HDOT, DTS, and HART to join the next CAC meeting to provide updates and be available for questions.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5 at 1:00 p.m.

#### ***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.

#### ***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 expedite 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.