



Memorandum

To: Technical Advisory Committee Members

From: Mark Garrity, Executive Director

Date: October 14, 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 Travel Demand Forecasting Model (TDFM) has been updating the existing model and working with our implementation partners as needed to respond to project changes.

Initial coordination meetings our two ORTP consultant teams (PBR-Hawaii/Nelson Nygaard, and Urban Logiq) have held to discuss tasks and schedule. They will attend the ORTP working group meeting on October 19 at 2:30 PM. Please attend this meeting if you are able.

An official project kickoff meeting, including the two consultant teams, our modeling consultant, and our partners and stakeholders, is being planned for later this year or early next 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 was distributed on October 5.

FY2022 Audit

The OahuMPO FY2022 annual audit is wrapping up and the results will be available later this month.

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 planning processes and how planners can improve those processes.

Zak, Dallas, and Lily attended travel demand forecasting model training hosted by Caliper, which runs from September 27-29. This month, Zak is attending training related to data analytics.

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 from October 1, our newest intern, Joel Temple, has joined the OahuMPO. Joel is a graduate student at the University of Hawaii in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

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.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

The CAC met on October 4 and received presentations from representatives of HDOT, DTS, and HART, who provided a high-level overview of their current priorities along with important updates. CAC members were given an opportunity to ask questions following the reports.

They also held a discussion regarding membership and specifically discussed the status of several organizations that have missed 3 meetings over the past year. No action was taken.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1 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 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.