



Approved Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY BOARD

Tuesday, January 31, 2023
via Zoom

Members Present:

Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Chair	Representative Darius K. Kila, Vice Chair
Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam	Senator Chris Lee
Councilmember Val Okimoto	Senator Sharon Moriwaki
DTS Director Roger Morton	DOH Heidi Hansen-Smith
HART Director Joey Manahan	OPSD Katia Balassiano
DPP Deputy Director Jiro Sumada	FHWA Richelle Takara

Member(s) Absent: HDOT Director Ed Sniffen, Representative Ryan Yamane

Known Guests Present:

Chris Clark	Jo Jordan
Marisa Ideta	Amy Ford-Wagner
Robert Sato	Kelly Dolan
Gavin Kennedy	Roni Schack
Jame Schaedel	Maria De Mesa
Kimberly Evans	Kiana Otsuka
Rick Kirkpatrick	I.oamilda
Tabatha Knudson	Robin Henski

OahuMPO Staff Present: Mark Garrity, Zakari Mumuni, Nicki Smith, Samantha Lara, Lily Zheng, Joel Vincent, Joel Temple, Dallas Ige, Chelsea Dau, Danelle Miyahara

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cordero called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Chair reminded members to mute their mics when not speaking and to keep their cameras on as a quorum of members must be visible for the duration of the meeting as required by Sunshine Law.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken of Policy Board members present and quorum was established. Chair Cordero and staff monitored cameras to ensure at least six members had their cameras on at all times during the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

The Policy Board members reviewed the meeting minutes of the December 20, 2022 Policy Board meeting which were sent to them in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by Director Manahan and seconded by Senator Lee to approve the December 20, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions and the minutes were accepted.

IV. REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Mark Garrity summarized his Executive Director Report including brief descriptions of the business transacted at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) December 20, 2022 meeting.

A copy of Executive Director Garrity's report is available on the OahuMPO Policy Board webpage - https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2823

B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

There was no report from the TAC.

C. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

CAC Chair Jordan reported the CAC did not have a January meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 1. Chair Cordero asked Chair Jordan if the CAC members on the neighborhood boards share comments and deadlines with their respective boards. Chair Jordan stated the CAC encourages their members to communicate with all of their respective organizations, especially the neighborhood boards.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF NEW POLICY BOARD VICE CHAIR

Director Manahan nominated newly elected Representative Darius Kila as the new Policy Board Vice Chair to replace former Policy Board Vice Chair Representative Henry Aquino who now resides in the Senate. Policy Board Member Representative Kila, House District 44, currently serves as Vice Chair on the Transportation committee and sits in the Housing and Finance Committees. He was elected unanimously among the Policy Board members to complete the existing term that expires in December 2023. Director Manahan made the motion to elect Representative Kila and it was seconded by Senator Lee. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions.

**B. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP) PRESENTATION:
ALA MOANA TRANSIT PLAZA ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS**

Mr. Chris Clark, Chief Planner for the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS), presented an overview of work completed as part of the Kalia (Ala Moana) Transit Plaza Alternatives Analysis, funded under the FY2019 OWP.

Senator Moriwaki asked questions regarding the timeline and the next phase. Mr. Clark said parcel three has been acquired by the City & County of Honolulu (City) and they will move forward with preliminary engineering to use parcel three as an on-route charging location for electric buses. The City is currently working to acquire parcel one from Watumull. Mr. Clark mentioned the City is concentrating on the priority list of charging facilities – Alapai (final design), Pearlridge and Pearl City (currently in design phase).

Chair Cordero asked Mr. Clark when will the City begin to program funds for the parcels. Mr. Clark replied the City will program the funding out in phases.

Representative Dos Santos-Tam asked Mr. Clark taking into consideration that rail will stop at Kaka’ako, how will this affect the scope of the transit plaza, including ridership and planning of the plaza. Mr. Clark said this will most likely continue to be the most utilized transit center on Oahu and will need to be developed regardless of rail, improving The Bus system.

Director Morton stated that the City’s intent is for rail to get all the way to Ala Moana, once funds are available.

Ms. Balassiano commented although the City has struggled with interim transit development plans and projects, she praised the City for demonstrating how mixed-use towers can be effective without parking, and to demonstrate how it can be a desirable place to live with the numerous transit options.

Senator Lee asked if popular destinations such as Ala Moana Beach Park, would have enhanced and less burdensome routes and modes of transportation, including secure bike storage facilities. Mr. Clark mentioned the City is working on providing bike storage, bike and car shares, bus and mobility hubs, with on-site improvements for complete streets corridors.

Chair Jordan asked Mr. Clark about The Bus routes at Ala Moana, primarily routes C and E. Mr. Clark stated The Bus route planning is not included in the scope. He mentioned once that part of the project is complete, there will be capacity for more buses and routes to be added.

Director Manahan asked Mr. Clark regarding the alternatives analysis; if there is room for corridor preservation and possibly future rail alignment. Mr. Clark responded yes, when the City made an offer on parcel one, it was the with the intent of right of way preservation and the City has rail station footprints identified as a constraint in the development.

A motion was made by Director Manahan and seconded by Senator Moriwaki to approve the report as evidence that the work was carried out and to direct the OahuMPO staff to incorporate study findings into the metropolitan transportation planning process. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions.

C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN TARGETS

DTS is required by 49 CFR 625 to develop and update Transit Asset Management (TAMP) with targets for three required State of Good Repair measures. Ms. Marisa Ideta, DTS Planner with the Transportation Mobility Division, presented the targets developed under its Overall Work Program funded TAMP.

There were no questions asked. A motion was made by Senator Okimoto and seconded by Vice Chair Kila to support DTS' TAMP targets and to direct the OahuMPO staff to incorporate them into the metropolitan transportation planning process. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions.

D. 2023 HIGHWAYS SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS

OahuMPO Senior Transportation Planner, Mr. Zakari Mumuni, presented Oahu specific highway safety data and options for safety targets, to be used as OahuMPO's official safety performance targets.

There were no questions asked. A motion was made by Senator Lee and seconded by Vice Chair Kila to adopt Option C. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions.

VII. INVITATION TO INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

There were no comments.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Garrity reiterated the Overall Work Program should be coming out this Friday, for public and intergovernmental review, and the Transportation Improvement Program Revision 11 is currently in public and intergovernmental review until this Friday.

Director Morton shared sad news regarding the passing of longtime DTS employee and former CAC Chair Joe Magaldi.

Chair Cordero wished Happy Birthday to Director Manahan today. Happy Birthday wishes were also mentioned for Senator Lee, Director Morton, and Deputy Director Jon Nouchi.

Chair Cordero gave a shout out to Vice Chair Kila for his post to provide comments on the TIP.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cordero thanked everyone who attended and adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2835