



Memorandum

To: Policy Board Members

From: Mark Garrity, Executive Director

Date: April 25, 2023

Executive Director's Report

Community Engagement Activity: Multimodal Marathon / Commute Challenge

As mentioned last month, the OahuMPO is partnering with Blue Planet Foundation to co-host a month-long commute challenge / multimodal marathon (official name to be determined) to be held during August 2023. It is designed to encourage people to consider trying multimodal transportation choices and to collect data on travel behavior. Prizes, to be donated by various organizations, would be awarded to participants based on their multimodal travel patterns. It is being held in August to time with the back-to-school crunch and the newly opened rail system. We will continue to provide regular updates to the Policy Board it progresses.

Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2050 (ORTP 2050)

The ORTP 2050 consultant completed a draft review and summary of various planning documents produced in recent years on Oahu. The focus of this review was to examine and summarize the goals, vision, and priorities of the public as identified in the documents. The consultant team has also been presenting the Vision and Goals statements from the 2045 Plan to various stakeholder groups, including the Citizens Advisory Committee and the ORTP Working Group. The purpose is to review the past vision and goals, ensure they are still relevant, and update them as needed for the 2050 Plan. The result of this effort will be presented to the Policy Board at an upcoming meeting later this year.

2023 Transportation Project Management Training Program

The fourth session of the Transportation Project Management Training Program will be held this coming Friday, April 28. The session will cover environmental clearance requirements under State of Hawaii HRS 343 and federal NEPA law, plus presentations on Coastal Zone Management and Historic Preservation related requirements. We will have speakers from Federal and State agencies including FHWA, USFS, DLNR, and the SHPD.

Personnel and Training

In April, we welcomed a new employee to OahuMPO, Ken Schmidt, who is our new Senior GIS and Data Analyst. He retired from the City and County of Honolulu in 2022 with more than 25 years of experience in developing and managing geographic information systems, and land information and permit tracking systems. Ken will be working part-time, and in addition to building up our GIS and data analysis capabilities, he will help us better coordinate land-use and transportation planning and develop future scenarios for analysis as part of the ORTP 2050 process.

Also in April, two of our transportation planners, Samantha Lara and Lily Zheng, attended the American Planning Association national planning conference in Philadelphia. They were able to meet with peers from around the country and learn from experts on many topics relevant to their work here at OahuMPO.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

The CAC met on April 5 and received presentations on the results of the 2022 TMA Certification Review, the proposed Overall Work Program for FY2024-2025, and the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2050 potential vision and goals. They voted to recommend the Policy Board endorse the Overall Work Program for FY2024-2025.

Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC met on April 14 and received presentations on the Overall Work Program FY2024-2025 Final Draft, proposed performance targets related to Pavement, Bridge, System Reliability, and Freight, an update on the schedule for the development of the ORTP 2050, and potential policies and procedures related to out-of-cycle revisions to the ORTP. They voted to recommend the Policy Board endorse the Overall Work Program for FY2024-2025 and approve the proposed performance targets.

Their next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m.