



To: Citizens Advisory Committee Members

From: Mark Garrity, Executive Director

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Executive Director's Report

Community Engagement Activity – Multimodal Marathon

Planning for the 2023 Hawaii Commute Challenge: Go Multimodal is underway. As mentioned last month, this event is designed to change travel behavior through friendly competition where participants log their commutes to gain points and be entered to win prizes. Data on travel patterns will be collected and used to support our various planning studies and plans.

Funding for this challenge is being provided by Ulupono Initiative, and the OahuMPO is supporting with staff time. The team is finalizing sponsorship package materials, a media kit, and an outreach plan. As we continue working on this community event, you will be provided with information to pass on to your respective neighborhood boards and community groups. Please help us by spreading the word!

2023 Transportation Project Management Training Program

The fourth session of the Transportation Project Management Training Program was held on Friday, April 28. The session covered environmental clearance requirements under State of Hawaii HRS 343 and federal NEPA law and included presentations on Coastal Zone Management and Historic Preservation related requirements.

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.

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.

Policy Board

The Policy Board met on Tuesday, April 25 and received presentations on the Overall Work Program (OWP) for FY 2024-2025, Federal Performance Measure Targets for PM2: Pavement and Bridge Condition and PM3: System Performance and Freight Reliability and received an overview of the ORTP 2050 Schedule.

They voted to endorse the final draft Overall Work Program FY2024-2025, which has now been sent to FHWA and FTA for final approval. They also voted to approve the proposed targets for PM2 and PM3.

Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30 at 1:00 p.m.