

Minutes of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization POLICY BOARD

April 25, 2023 Virtual Meeting hosted on Zoom

Members Present:

Members Absent:

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

Known Guests Present:

Chris Clark
Andy Ku
Max Kalhammer
Robert Sato
Justin Menina
Jame Schaedel
Rori Kirkpatrick
Yoko Tomita
Kiana Otsuka
Amy Ford-Wagner

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

I. INTRODUCTIONS / ROLL CALL

Chair Cordero called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Chair mentioned the meeting is being recorded and reminded members to mute their mics when not speaking and to keep their cameras on as a quorum of 6 members must be visible for the duration of the meeting as required by Sunshine Law.

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.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 28, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The Policy Board members reviewed the meeting minutes of the March 28, 2023 Policy Board meeting which were sent to them in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by Director Morton of DTS and seconded by Councilmember Okimoto to approve the March 28, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions and the minutes were accepted.

III. REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director (ED) Mark Garrity summarized his ED Report including brief descriptions of the business transacted at the April 5, 2023, meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and the April 14, 2023, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting.

A copy of ED Garrity's report is available on the OahuMPO Policy Board webpage: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2811

B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

There was no report from the TAC.

C. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

There was no report from the CAC.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP) FY2024-2025 FINAL DRAFT

Planning Program Manager Nicole Smith reviewed the federal requirement that metropolitan planning organizations prepare an OWP, and the steps to develop the OWP between March and June 2023. Ms. Smith highlighted a few key changes in this OWP cycle in comparison with prior years, including that this upcoming OWP cycle will program funds for two fiscal years, from July 2023 through June 2025.

Ms. Smith presented a financial table from the Executive Summary that showed the anticipated funding sources and anticipated expenditures. Ms. Smith reviewed each task of the proposed work program, highlighting the federally required work products amongst the five tasks and describing the seven regional studies to be completed in coordination with various government agencies including the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and the Hawaii State Energy Office. Ms. Smith stated that the OWP was out for public and intergovernmental review for 30 days between February and March 2023. OahuMPO received seven comments from government agencies and none from the public. Ms. Smith summarized those comments and OahuMPO's response.

A motion was made by Deputy Director Sumada of DPP and seconded by Director Manahan of HART to endorse the final draft of the OWP FY2024-2025. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was approved.

B. FEDERAL PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS FOR PM2: PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE CONDITION, AND PM3: SYSTEM PERFORMANCE AND FREIGHT RELIABILITY

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) has set performance measure targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition, and System and Freight Reliability. The OahuMPO has 180 days to respond by adopting State targets or setting targets specific to Oahu. Mr. Zakari Mumuni, Senior Transportation Planner provided an update and presented proposed targets for approval for PM2 and PM3.

A question was asked by Chair Cordero regarding access to missing data and ED Garrity mentioned there will be access to the data in the future, but there is no exact timeline when this will happen. OahuMPO is recommending that freight performance targets (for the areas without Oahu based data) remain the same as those targets set by the State established for the statewide conditions. Thus, we are setting targets that meet the Federal requirements. As Oahu specific data becomes available, it may be reasonable to set different targets due to the different conditions here compared to the other islands and counties.

Director Morton commented that he noticed the State's system performance targets will decline in the near term. Is this due to the covid period when streets were free flowing of traffic? Is the percentage decline due to traffic returning to normality? ED Garrity replied the data was not specific to Oahu, but statewide. The State must set targets that are achievable, due to funding ramifications if targets are not met.

Safety related required performance measures were presented to the Policy Board members in January, and OahuMPO is presenting these new performance measures now, in advance of the six-month deadline in June when we must pass all the required performance measures.

A motion was made by Director Sniffen of HDOT and seconded by Director Morton of DTS to approve pavement and bridge condition and system performance and freight reliability proposed targets for PM2 and PM3. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was approved.

C. OAHU REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (ORTP) 2050 - UPDATE ON SCHEDULE

Mr. Zakari Mumini, Senior Transportation Planner, presented the ORTP 2050 Schedule and described the work included under each of the seven critical path items displayed on the slide. It was noted that this long-range plan final update will be brought to the Policy Board for approval in the spring of 2026. ED Garrity noted that many members of the TAC are already on the ORTP 2050 working group, and that OahuMPO is very open to further involvement and discussion with others not already engaged in the process.

VI. INVITATION TO INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

VII.ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cordero thanked everyone who attended and reminded members about the next meeting, to be held on the last Tuesday of the month. The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2781