

## I. INTRODUCTION

*The Oahu Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - FYs 2004, 2005, and 2006* has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21). It describes and prioritizes, in table form, the surface transportation programs and projects that the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Policy Committee has selected for implementation during the program period. The TIP, as adopted by the Policy Committee and approved by the Governor (or her designee), is the Oahu element of the Statewide TIP (STIP). The STIP is the document upon which the U.S. Department of Transportation bases its obligation of federal transportation funds for projects in Hawaii.

The TIP identifies transportation programs and projects totaling approximately \$526 million to be implemented during the three-year program period. The projects include those eligible for federal funding assistance as well as regionally significant locally-funded projects. FY 2004 projects represent those with the highest implementation priority. State projects in FY 2004 total approximately \$92 million, of which some \$75 million is from federal funds. The largest State project in FY 2004 is the Fort Weaver Road Widening project. This project is funded with about \$14 million in federal funds and \$4 million in local funds. City projects in FY 2004 total approximately \$79 million, with about \$47 million in federal funds. The Preventive Maintenance project for transit vehicles is the largest City project in the TIP. This is funded with about \$21 million in federal funds and \$5 million in local funds.

The TIP includes seven chapters, with Chapter I being this Introduction. Chapter II is an index of the abbreviations and codes used in the TIP. Chapter III describes the TIP public involvement program, and Chapter IV explains OMPO's project selection and prioritization system. Chapter V establishes guidelines for certain administrative matters relating to amendments and modifications to the TIP. The Financial Plan for the program period is explained in Chapter VI. Chapter VII contains the list of TIP projects for FYs 2004-2006, as approved by the OMPO Policy Committee. Supporting materials are provided in Appendices A through E.

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