To: Technical Advisory Committee Members  
From: Mark Garrity, Executive Director  
Date: August 11, 2023

Executive Director’s Report

Subrecipient Award and Monitoring Procedures
OahuMPO staff recently completed an update to the Subrecipient Award and Monitoring Procedures document, which covers pre-award risk assessments, subaward agreements, post-award tasks, reporting, and subrecipient responsibilities. Staff added language regarding the accessibility of interim and final work products. Please see the updated document here: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2770

Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2050 – Community Engagement
The OahuMPO conducted public outreach for the ORTP 2050 at the North Shore Emergency Preparedness Event and Craft Fair in Waialua on Saturday, July 29th. Samantha Lara accompanied the consultant team to raise awareness about the ORTP 2050, the role of the MPO, and the importance of transportation planning. The intention was to raise awareness and gather feedback from the community about the proposed vision and goals of the ORTP 2050.

2023 Hawaii Commute Challenge: Go Multimodal
The Commute Challenge officially began on August 1, 2023. This month-long event will encourage people to experience the wide variety of transportation options Hawaii has to offer. Participants will walk, bike, bus, carpool, or utilize public transportation on any trip to earn points, complete challenges, and compete for fun prizes. Anyone can participate in this statewide challenge, so please sign up and encourage your friends, family, and constituents to participate! Link to register is here: https://bit.ly/3PCzugH!

2023 Transportation Project Management Training Program
The seventh session of the Transportation Project Management Training Program was held on Friday, July 28. The session focused on construction and related federal requirements. Presentations were made by staff from FHWA, HDOT, the City, and various consultants. We continue to receive good feedback and attendance. We are also planning for the PM Training Mobile Workshop, which will take place October 2-5 in Seattle and Portland. We will be visiting various project sites and meeting with project managers and others involved in using federal funds to develop transportation projects.
Policy Board
The Policy Board meeting met on July 25, and received presentations on the Autonomous Vehicle Planning Study, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2022-2025 Revision 15, and the ORTP 2050 Update on Vision, Goals, and Objectives.

They voted to approve TIP Revision 15.

Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29 at 1:00 p.m.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
The CAC met on August 2. They received a presentation from DTS regarding the Transit Rider Survey and voted to recommend the Policy Board approve the report.

They also held a discussion on a resolution regarding pedestrian safety near the Waiawa-Pearl Highlands rail station and voted to approve the resolution. A copy of the resolution is attached to the end of this report.

They also held a discussion on how to address the issue of CAC members that have not attended multiple meetings.

Their next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6 at 2:30 p.m.
RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOGNIZING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND URGING HART, THE STATE DOT, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DTS TO IMPLEMENT IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE WAIAWA PEARL HIGHLANDS TRAIN STATION

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) and the City and County of Honolulu DTS opened the first nine stations of the Skyline on June 30, 2023,

WHEREAS, the intention of the Skyline is to connect and expand upon existing transportation options for users in an efficient and safe manner,

WHEREAS, concern has been expressed by the public about safety of the current pedestrian infrastructure linking the Waiawa Pearl Highlands station across Kamehameha Highway,

WHEREAS, Hawaii is among the states with the highest number of pedestrian fatalities of seniors,

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has acknowledged the importance of reducing fatalities on our roadways by developing a Vision Zero action plan,

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has identified an emphasis on safety reflected by:

   (1) The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117-58, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)) which expanded funding opportunities, promoted Complete Streets policies, increased attention to safety for all users of the surface transportation system, modified some eligibilities related to bicycling and walking activities and projects, and added provisions for shared micromobility, and by stating that,

   (2) bicyclists and pedestrians shall be given due consideration in the comprehensive transportation plans developed by each metropolitan planning organization and State in accordance with sections 134 and 135, respectively. Bicycle transportation facilities and pedestrian walkways shall be considered, where appropriate, in conjunction with all new construction and reconstruction of transportation facilities, except where bicycle and pedestrian use are not permitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization strongly urges the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, the State Department of Transportation, and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services to prioritize and expedite the installation of comprehensive pedestrian infrastructure at the Waiawa Pearl Highlands station at Kamehameha Highway, including a fully protected pedestrian crossing, in an effort to:

   ● Prevent pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries

   ● Address community concerns for the safety of all, including the blind and/or disabled
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- Encourage use of public transit by addressing the needs of pedestrians frequenting the rail station

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a resolution of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization at its regularly scheduled meeting held on August 2, 2023.