



OAHU METROPOLITAN
PLANNING
ORGANIZATION

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

Overview

What is a Metropolitan Planning Organization?

- MPOs date back to 1960s
- Urban areas in the United States are required by federal law to have an MPO in order to receive federal transportation funds
- The MPO is a forum for local officials to jointly select projects paid for with federal funds
- The MPO sets policy and guides the transportation planning process for the region

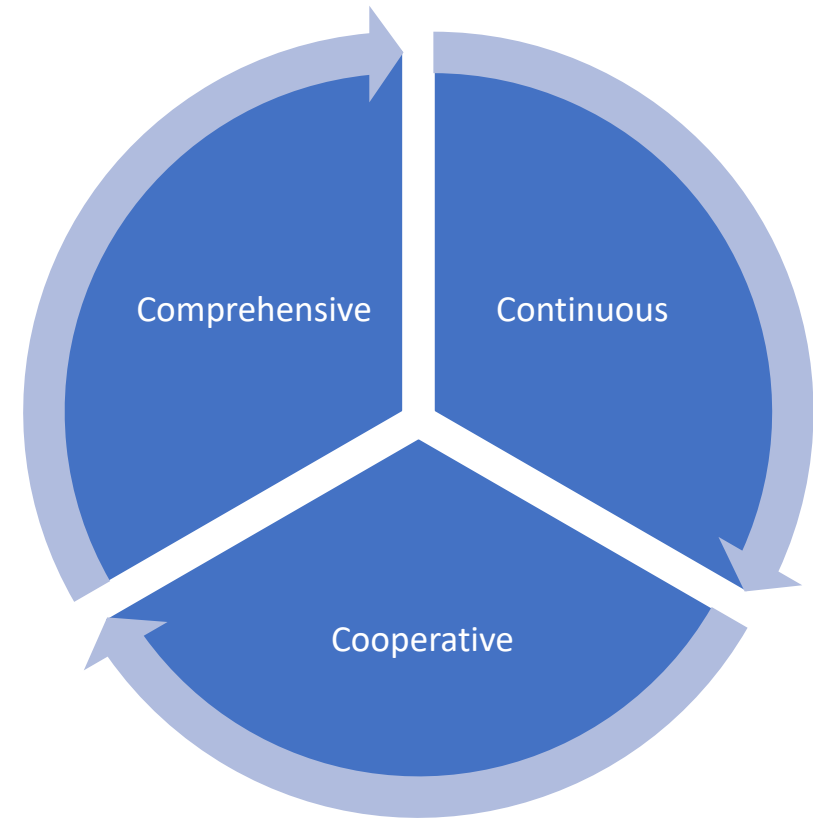
Trying to avoid this...



Cypress Freeway eradicates neighborhoods
(Oakland, CA)

Requirements of an MPO

- All MPOs must...
- Maintain a **Regional Transportation Plan**
- Maintain a **Transportation Improvement Program**
- Maintain an **Overall Work Program** that includes operations and planning studies
- **Involve the public** in decision-making



OahuMPO Background

- *The OahuMPO is the federally mandated metropolitan planning organization designated by the governor to develop an overall transportation plan and to allocate federal funds on Oahu.*
- OahuMPO has existed since 1973
- Planning area: island of Oahu
- Implementation partners:
 - City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services
 - Hawaii State Department of Transportation
 - Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation



OahuMPO Key Work Products

Oahu Regional Transportation Plan

- Long-term transportation plan
- Establishes vision and goals for the region
- 25-year planning horizon
- List of projects and programs
- Updated at least every 5 years; Current: The 2045 ORTP

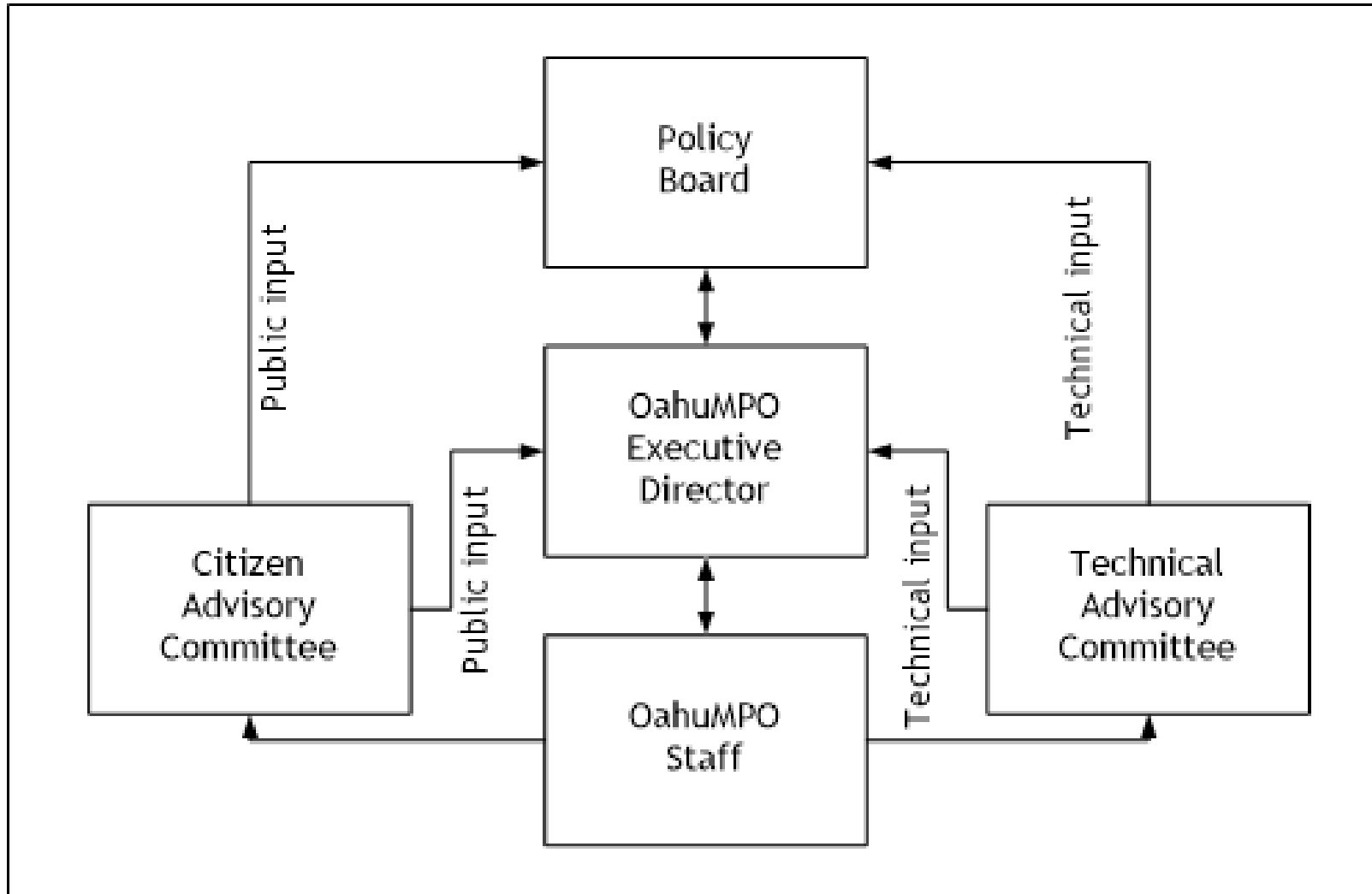
Transportation Improvement Program

- Short-term schedule of projects and programs
- Covers a 4-year time period
- New TIP development cycle every 3 years
- Consistent with ORTP
- Budgeting tool AND legal commitment for use of funds
- Amended twice annually

Overall Work Program

- OahuMPO's operating budget
- Covers a two-year period
- Supports planning studies and other activities such as the Congestion Management Process and Training Programs

OahuMPO Structure



OahuMPO Governance

- The OahuMPO is governed by the Policy Board:

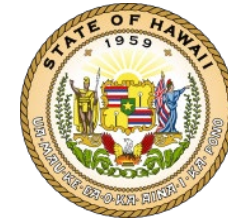
- The Policy Board is the MPO and decision-making body
- Current Chair: Councilmember Radiant Cordero
- Current Vice Chair: Representative Darius Kila

- 11 Voting Members:

- 3 City Council Members
- 2 State Senators
- 2 State Representatives
- HART CEO
- DTS Director
- HDOT Director
- DPP Director

- 3 Non-Voting Members:

- FHWA Administrator
- State Department of Health Director
- State Office of Planning Director



Role of the Policy Board

- The “Gatekeepers” for federal transportation funding
 - Projects and Programs must be included in both the long-range plan (ORTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be eligible for federal funds
 - Projects and programs must have been vetted through collaboration with the community and relevant interested parties, as well as with State, City & County, and Federal agencies
 - Projects must be beneficial to the community and region and consistent with long-range plans
 - Can be obligated (ready to start expending funds) in the federal fiscal year of approval
 - Will not add to the existing substantial backlog of obligated, unexpended projects

Policy Board Duties

- Review and approve federally required transportation plans and programs developed by OahuMPO, e.g.:
 - Transportation Improvement Program
 - Oahu Regional Transportation Plan
 - Other approved Planning Studies
- Consider recommendations of advisory committees:
 - Citizen Advisory Committee
 - Technical Advisory Committee
- Endorse Overall Work Program (annual budget)
- Attend Regular Board Meetings
 - Quorum requires 6 out of the 11 voting members
 - Meets last Tuesday of each month



Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

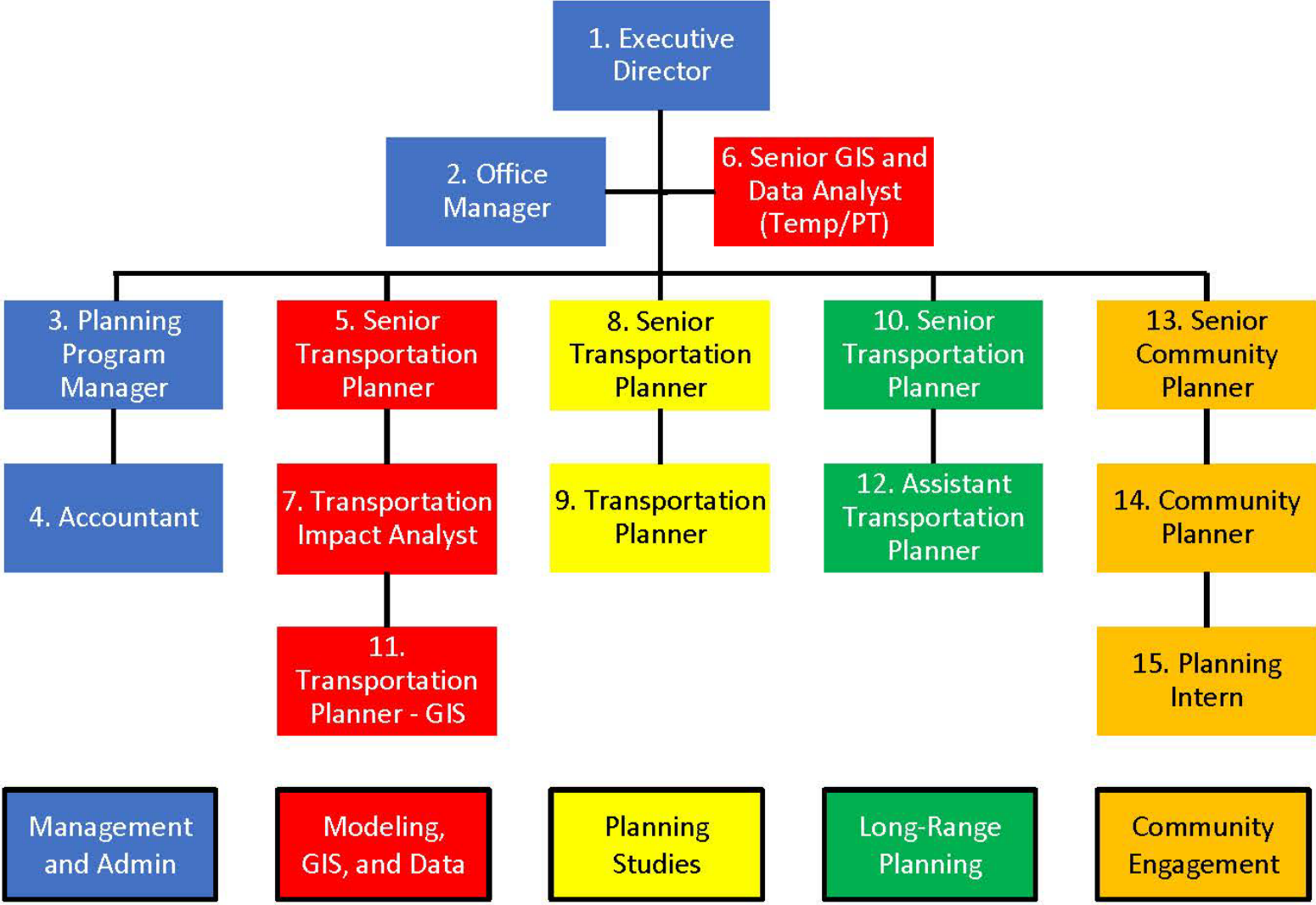
TAC Membership		
As of Feb 2023		
Agency	Voting	Alternate
HDOT	Ken Tatsuguchi	Rachel Roper
HDOT	Masatomo Murata	Pradip Pant (STP)
DTS	Yoko Tomita	Mark Au Mike Motoki Greg Tsugawa
DTS	Eileen Mark	Marisa Ideta Jay Egusa Greg Tsugawa
DPP	Andy Yamaguchi	Lin Wong
DPP	Dina Wong	Noelle Cole
HART	Dennis Lovello	Vacant
HART	Wai Yi Ng	
OP	Aaron Setogawa	Ruby Edwards Lorene Maki
DBEDT	Joseph Roos	Laura Meisinger
	Non-Voting	
FHWA	Amy Ford Wagner	
FTA	Ted Matley	
HTA	Gareth Sakakida	
FAA	Kimberly Evans	
DDC	Tim Trang	Stan Katsura
DFM	Kyle Oyasato	Lan Yoneda

- Advisory to Policy Board and Executive Director
- Provides technical expertise and advice to the Policy Board and OahuMPO Staff
- 10 voting, 6 non-voting members, representing:
 - Implementation partners (HDOT, DTS, HART)
 - Other transportation related agencies
 - Planning/land use
 - Economic development
 - Public works
 - Freight/shipping
- Monthly meetings
 - Second Friday of each month at 9 am

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

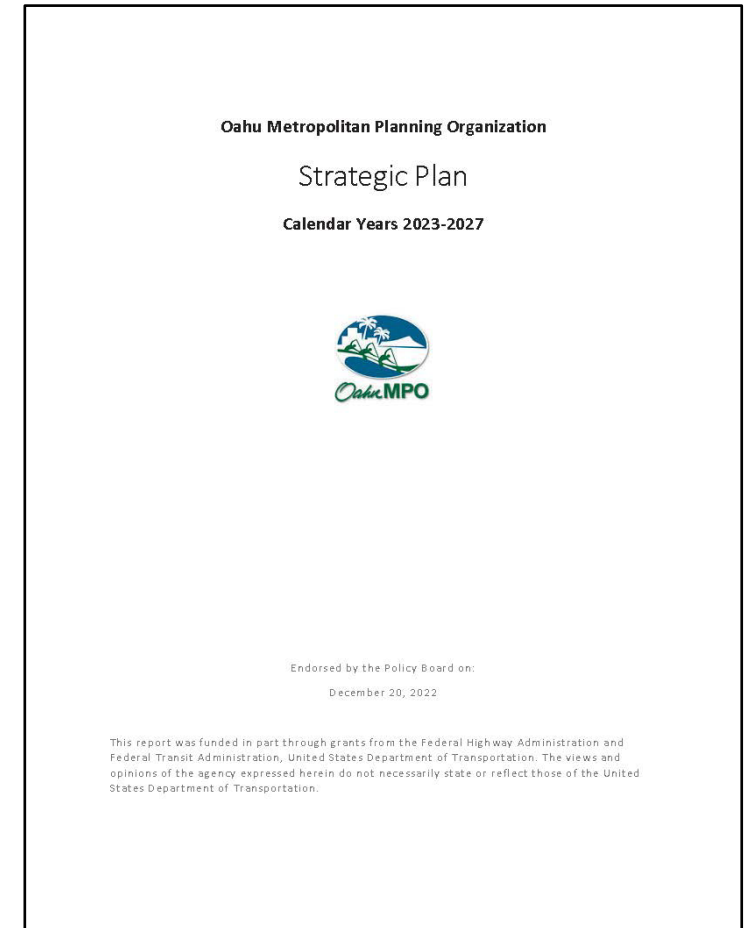
- Advisory to Policy Board and Executive Director
- Contributes to the federally required public participation process
- Currently more than 40 member organizations represented
 - Including private, non-profit, and/or non-governmental organizations, plus neighborhood boards
 - Current Chair: Katie Rooney
 - Current Vice Chair: Adriel Lam
- Monthly meetings
 - First Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm

OahuMPO Staff



OahuMPO Strategic Plan 2023-2027

- The OahuMPO Strategic Plan:
 - Provides vision, mission, goals, objectives, major work products, proposed staffing, funding strategy, strategic initiatives and action items for the OahuMPO over the next five years
 - [OahuMPO-2022-Strategic-Plan-FINAL-20221220.pdf](#)
- Includes Strategic Initiatives related to:
 - Training and Staff Development
 - Funding
 - Overall Work Program (OWP)
 - Performance Based Planning and Programming
 - Data Collection and Management
 - Public Engagement
 - Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP)
 - Congestion Management Process (CMP)
 - Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



Overall Work Program (OWP)

- Includes OahuMPO's annual operating budget and funding for planning studies
- 80% Federally funded: USDOT Federal Highway Administration [FHWA] and Federal Transit Administration [FTA]
- 20% Locally funded: split among State (HDOT), City & County (through DTS), and HART
- Operating budget:
 - \$9,933,530 in FY2024-2025 for operations, staff, and planning projects (over two years)
- Planning studies and other efforts:
 - Project Management Training Program
 - Updated Regional Travel Demand Model
 - Active Transportation Monitoring Program
 - Transit Rider Survey
 - Multimodal Assessment
 - Mobility Hub Study, and others...

Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2045 (ORTP 2045)

- ORTP 2045 Vision Statement:
 - “In 2045, O’ahu’s path forward is multimodal and safe. All people on O’ahu can reach their destinations through a variety of transportation choices, which are reliable, equitable, healthy, environmentally sustainable, and resilient in the face of climate change”



ORTP 2045: Seven Goals

1. Improve the safety of the transportation system;
2. Support active and public transportation;
3. Promote an equitable transportation system;
4. Improve the resiliency of the transportation system;
5. Preserve and maintain the transportation system;
6. Support a reliable and efficient transportation system; and
7. Improve air quality and protect environmental and cultural assets.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- A four-year schedule of surface transportation projects and operations
 - Consistent with ORTP 2045
 - Projects are “Ready-to-Go”
 - Local match provided (if applicable)
 - Includes Planning Factors
- Projects must be on the TIP to receive federal transportation funds

Revisions to the TIP

- Revision Process:
- Scheduled twice a year, and “as needed”
- Administrative Modification
 - Minor revision that does not require review by the Committees or the Policy Board
 - Does not require solicitation of public comments or re-demonstration of financial constraint
- Amendments
 - Major revision that requires review by the Committees and Policy Board
 - Requires solicitation of public comments and re-demonstration of financial constraint

Federal Certification Review

- The FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the MPO planning process meets federal requirements
- Certification process identifies:
 - **Corrective actions**
 - **Recommendations**
 - **Commendations**
- Occurs at least every four years
- Most recent Certification Review completed in July 2022
- Received 11 Corrective Actions, which have already been addressed or are in the process of being addressed



2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) aka Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- IIJA or BIL is the 5-year Transportation Authorization Bill that provides federal funds to FHWA and FTA projects
- Provides more federal funding compared with previous bills
 - More formula funding and more discretionary (grant) funding
 - More funding for bridges, including off-system bridges
- Emphasis on climate change mitigation, resilience, equity, and safety for all users, including cyclists and pedestrians
- More flexible formula funding available for Oahu (e.g., STBG funds) and more of it available as Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Set-Aside funding
- More discretionary grant opportunities available to advance local priorities and specific programs or projects that align with federal goals

If you want to know more...

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- Mahalo!