



Meeting Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
POLICY BOARD
January 30, 2024, 1:00 PM
Virtual Meeting hosted on Zoom

Members Present:

Councilmember Radiant Cordero, Chair	DOT Deputy Director Tammy Lee
Councilmember Val Okimoto	DTS Director Roger Morton
Senator Chris Lee	HART Executive Director Lori Kahikina
Senator Sharon Moriwaki	DPP Deputy Director Jiro Sumada
Representative Darius Kila, Vice Chair	DOH Heidi Hansen-Smith
Representative Lisa Kitagawa	FHWA Richelle Takara
	OPSD Katia Balassiano

Members Absent: Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam

Known Guests Present:

Bryan Lum	Paul La Farga
Chris Clark	Robert Sato
G. Kennedy	Sharon Brooks
Jame Schaedel	Shaun Ueda
Kelly Akasaki	Todd Boulanger

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

I. INTRODUCTIONS / ROLL CALL

Chair Cordero called the meeting to order at 1:01 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 NOVEMBER 28, 2023 POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Representative Kila and seconded by Councilmember Okimoto to approve the November 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 provided a summary of recent activities at OahuMPO, including training opportunities, personnel updates, the status of revisions to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and a summary of the latest Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings. The report also includes a copy of the OahuMPO Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Fourth Quarter Financial Report.

A copy of Executive Director Garrity's report is available on the OahuMPO webpage: https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3202

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. Election of New Chair and Vice-Chair for the Two-year Term, 2024-2025

OahuMPO staff stated that per the bylaws, the Policy Board is due to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for the next two-year term. For 2024-2025, the Chair will be a representative from the State Legislature, and the Vice Chair will be a representative from the City Council.

Representative Kitagawa nominated and made the motion that Representative Kila serve as Chair for the two-year term. Senator Moriwaki seconded. No members objected or abstained. The motion to confirm Representative Darius Kila as the new Policy Board Chair passed unanimously.

Representative Kila took over as Chair from this point forward.

Councilmember Cordero nominated then made the motion that Councilmember Okimoto serve as Vice Chair for the two-year term. Senator Moriwaki seconded. No members objected or abstained. The motion to confirm Councilmember Okimoto as the new Policy Board Vice Chair passed unanimously.

Director Morton thanked Representative Cordero for her past years of service as the Policy Board Chair.

B. 2024 Project Management Training Program and Mobile Workshop – Request for Approval

In 2023, the OahuMPO organized a Project Management Training Program, designed to enhance the knowledge, skills, and capacity of City and State government agency staff involved in federally funded multimodal transportation projects. Policy Board members have expressed a desire for the program to be run again in 2024 and the Hawaii State Department of Transportation (HDOT) has offered to pay the cost of the program using

State directed Federal funds. Executive Director Mark Garrity provided an update on the status of the program.

Senator Moriwaki made a motion and Councilmember Cordero seconded to approve to use State directed Federal funds and direct OahuMPO staff to organize and run the Transportation Project Management Training Program in 2024. There were no abstentions or objections and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Anonui Street Functional Classification Request

Bryan Lum with the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) described the background and characteristics of Anonui Street including bus routes, daily traffic volume and nearby trip generators. Mr. Lum then explained how an urban collector road is defined per American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), noting that Anonui Street meets this definition. Mr. Lum stated that DTS has plans to install roundabouts at three intersections using federal funding.

Councilmember Okimoto made a motion and Director Morton seconded to recommend approval of DTS' request to assign a functional classification to Anonui Street. There were no abstentions or objections and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2025-2028 Project and Program Scoring Review

Dallas Ige, Senior Transportation Planner, summarized the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process and schedule. Per the schedule, the current activities underway are the scoring of submitted projects and programs, and development of the draft TIP. Mr. Ige reviewed the scoring criteria for each Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045 goal, noting that some goals award bonus points or negative points. For the first time, the OahuMPO scored all 92 projects and programs to ensure consistency with the long range plan. Mr. Ige showed the new project scores and compared them with the existing project scores.

Senator Lee expressed interest in understanding the role of the Policy Board and the balance of projects. Katia Balassiano from OPSD raised concerns about the low scores in equitable transportation and cultural protection in the transportation projects, suggesting that future projects could address these issues. The OahuMPO reassured the Policy Board that they are revamping the scoring process for projects as part of the development of the new long-range plan, the ORTP 2050. Several discussions took place about the allocation of funds, the reclassification of T6/EJ areas, and the potential for more pedestrian improvements.

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

There were no comments.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Cordeiro wished a belated birthday to Senator Lee.

Chair Kila thanked Councilmember Cordeiro for her service these past years.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM.

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at:

https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3203