



Meeting Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
POLICY BOARD

February 27, 2024, 1:00 PM
Virtual Meeting hosted on Zoom, and in person at
707 Richards Street, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96813

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Representative Lisa Kitagawa, FHWA Richelle Takara

Known Guests Present:

Amy Ford-Wagner	Jill Tanabe
Brandon Sekiya	Justin Menina
Chris Clark	Katie Rooney
Jame Schaedel	Patrick Tom
	Yoko Tomita

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

I. INTRODUCTIONS / ROLL CALL

Chair Kila called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Chair Kila 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 Kila and Oahu MPO staff monitored cameras to ensure at least six members had their cameras on at all times during the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 30, 2024 POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Policy Board members reviewed the meeting minutes of the January 30, 2024 meeting which were sent to them in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cordero and seconded by Senator Moriwaki to approve the January 30, 2024 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 the 2022 Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review status and corrective actions, the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan updates, and a summary of the latest Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings.

A copy of Executive Director Garrity's report is available on the OahuMPO webpage:
https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3221

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. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FFYS 2022-2025 REVISION 17

Senior Transportation Planner Dallas Ige stated that Revision 17 is an amendment consisting of the removal of two projects, modifications to one existing project and the addition of five new projects from the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045. As required for TIP amendments, OahuMPO verified consistency with the ORTP 2045, performed a Title VI/Environmental Justice Analysis, demonstrated fiscal constraint, and released the document for two weeks of public and intergovernmental review in early January.

Mr. Ige reviewed each of the project changes in the revision, noting why the change is being made, the funding source if applicable, and the estimated total project cost.

Executive Director (ED) Garrity stated that OahuMPO received two e-mail comments from the public yesterday and they have been e-mailed out to all Policy Board members and were also posted in the OahuMPO website.

Senator Moriwaki brought up concerns about the exclusion of the Makakilo Drive project from the TIP. Mr. Ige clarified it is still considered an active project as it is included in the long-range plan, ORTP 2050.

Director Morton further explained that progress on the Makakilo project has stalled due to its high cost and the need for a retaining wall to protect the historic Waiahole

ditch. Director Morton also mentioned that DTS is considering a project to provide an emergency access route from the end of Makakilo Drive.

A motion was made by Senator Moriwaki and seconded by Councilmember Cordero to approve Revision 17 of the TIP FFYs 2022-2025. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UPDATE

Senior Transportation Planner Dallas Ige stated that the changes to the TIP procedures consist of making the \$10 million cost threshold permanent for a major change to a project or project phase and to remove the revision criteria for transferring (flexing) funds between federal agencies.

Mr. Ige stated that last year the Policy Board temporarily approved the \$10 million cost threshold in 2023 and it would revert to \$5 million unless approved to be permanent. The justification for the request is that it provides greater flexibility to process changes, especially if time sensitive.

Mr. Ige stated that the revision criteria for transferring funds between agencies was already removed from the ORTP Policies and Procedures at the request of FHWA and FTA, and OahuMPO is now requesting the same for the TIP to ensure consistency. Both FHWA and FTA see the flexing of funds as an accounting function that does not require a revision to either the ORTP or the TIP. To ensure transparency, the TIP will document the flexing of funds between agencies in the project description field.

A motion was made by Councilmember Okimoto and seconded by Senator Moriwaki to approve the proposed updates to the TIP Policies and Procedures. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

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

There were no comments.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

ED Garrity reminded Policy Board members that the next Policy Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28, at 3:00 PM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM.

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at:
https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3222