



Meeting Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
POLICY BOARD

April 29, 2024, 11:00 AM
Virtual Meeting hosted on Zoom,
and in person at
707 Richards Street, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96813

Members Present:

Councilmember Val Okimoto, Vice Chair	DTS Chris Clark
Councilmember Radiant Cordero	DPP Tim Steitz
Representative Lisa Kitagawa	DOH Heidi Hansen-Smith
HART Executive Director & CEO Lori Kahikina	OPSD Katia Balassiano

Members Absent: Representative Darius Kila (Chair), Senator Chris Lee, Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, DOT Director Edwin Sniffen, FHWA Richelle Takara

Known Guests Present:

Amy Wirtz	Jame Schaedel
Brad Romine	Katie Rooney
Charles Demling	Marc Ericksen
David Smith	Vance Tsuda
Gabriella Sandoval	Xiao Feng Li
Ian Hardy	

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

Vice Chair Okimoto called the meeting to order at 11:02.m. Vice Chair Okimoto 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. Vice Chair Okimoto 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 MARCH 28, 2024 POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Policy Board members reviewed the meeting minutes of the March 28, 2024 meeting which were sent to them in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cordero and seconded by Representative Kitagawa to approve the March 28, 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 Workforce Development and Training, Personnel and Office 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=3279

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. ROADWAY SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS FOR 2020-2024

Transportation planner Chelsea Dau reviewed the federally required performance measures for Highway Safety per 23 CFR 490.207(a), and summarized OahuMPO staff's approach for developing the proposed targets.

Ms. Dau then displayed line graphs for each of the performance measures that showed 5 years of actual data indicated with a blue line and the 2024 proposed target indicated with an orange line. Ms. Dau noted that many of the metrics were unfortunately trending upward. Ms. Dau explained that OahuMPO will use the targets to direct planning and implementation funds toward the improvement of roadway safety.

Councilmember Cordero raised a question regarding the proposed safety targets. Will there be changes relating to any federal funding for the proposed safety targets? Will the City or State seek additional federal funding regarding the proposed safety targets? Ms. Dau replied that the OahuMPO will be applying for a Safe Streets for All grant. Ms. Dau mentioned that the City is also applying for funds. Councilmember Cordero asked if the MPO can find a way of setting a policy to expend a certain amount of money that is dedicated to safety. ED Garrity added that OahuMPO will be submitting grant applications for additional funds to increase the safety budget, looking for more opportunities to improve safety data and analysis of potential safety improvements and how we can predict behavior in the future to reduce the number of fatalities on Oahu.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cordero to approve the proposed safety targets for the number and rate fatalities and serious injuries in addition to the number of non-motorized serious injuries and fatalities following a Vision Zero by 2045 target. Councilmember Cordero also added a request that the OahuMPO staff research other MPO budgets and policies related to safety. Representative Kitagawa seconded the motion. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

B. 2024 TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT (TAM) PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS

Chuck Demling with the Department of Transportation Services summarized the TAM target setting schedule and performance measures, noting that revenue and service vehicles are evaluated based on a useful life benchmark and facilities are evaluated on a condition scale of 1 to 5. Mr. Demling stated that higher values reflect degrading asset condition/performance and lower values reflect sustained asset condition/performance.

Mr. Demling shared the FY2023 Targets, the FY2023 Performance, and the FY2024 Targets for all required performance measures.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cordero and seconded by DTS Chief Planner, Chris Clark, to approve DTS' Transit Asset Management Performance Measure Targets and direct OahuMPO staff to incorporate them into the metropolitan transportation planning process. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

C. PRIORITIZATION PROCESS PILOT PROGRAM (PPPP) GRANT APPLICATION

ED Garrity presented a grant opportunity called the PPPP, which is a 100% federally funded grant aimed at improving the project selection process for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program through transparent, data-driven methods. The requested amount is approximately \$1.2M, with no local match required.

A motion was made by DTS Chief Planner, Chris Clark and seconded by Councilmember Cordero to direct the MPO staff to submit the PPPP grant application. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

D. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP) PRESENTATION: PLANNING FOR IMPROVED RESILIENCE TO COASTAL HAZARDS THROUGH GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Amy Wirtz with the University of Hawaii Manoa (UHM) Sea Grant Program summarized the project scope as a feasibility assessment of nature-based solutions to climate change impacts at Punalu'u Beach Park. The Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission partnered with the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands and the UHM Sea Grant program to gather community input that would guide the outcomes of the feasibility assessment project alternatives.

Ms. Wirtz summarized the project goals and objectives, the tasks and analyses completed, and the key findings from the study. She then described the five alternatives that were evaluated and the estimated rough order of magnitude costs for each. The project alternatives included beach nourishment and sand dune restoration paired with various

options for engineered rock structures that would help slow erosion by holding the sand in place.

Ms. Wirtz then shared the modeled annual wave flooding with and without the implementation of one of the alternatives.

Representative Kitagawa, who represents the Kaaawa area, inquired about the estimated lifespan of different shoreline protection measures. Ms. Wirtz explained that while nourishment and dune restoration may last around a decade due to lack of stabilizing structures, that larger T- head groins could provide longer term stabilization against sea level rise but may alter the natural character of the shoreline. The members discussed the potential impacts of sea level rise, the feasibility of the proposed interventions and their longevity with the hybrid option expected to last 50 years.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cordero and seconded by Representative Kitagawa to approve the presentation as evidence that the work was carried out, submit documentation of the work completed to the USDOT for approval, and incorporate study findings into the metropolitan transportation planning process. 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

There were no announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 PM.

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at:

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