



To: Citizens Advisory Committee Members

From: Mark Garrity, Executive Director

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## Executive Director's Report

### *Workforce Development and Training*

Senior Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka attended the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) annual conference in Miami. She attended sessions related to safety, climate, equity, sustainable growth, and regional collaboration, and will incorporate lessons learned into her work related to regional planning studies and on other MPO work products.

### *Community Outreach and Volunteering*

May was Bike Month on Oahu, and MPO staff participated in various events to celebrate.

On May 14 and 15, OahuMPO staff Samantha Lara, Maile Greenhill, and Lily Zheng joined the Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) at bike energizer stations at Thomas Square Park and along the Civic Center Bike Path. OahuMPO staff members collected feedback from cyclists about their biking experiences, including what they love and what could be improved, and distributed participation prizes. The insights gathered will be incorporated into our upcoming 2050 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan.



Samantha Lara and Maile Greenhill also volunteered for the "Bike Lane Menehune Project" on Saturday, May 11, hosted by HBL. During this event, Samantha and Maile, along with other volunteers, replaced broken delineators on the Ward Avenue protected bike lane.

### *Legislation Update*

During the 2024 State legislative session, OahuMPO staff tracked and followed 140 bills that had some relationship to our planning efforts or the long-range transportation plan. We submitted supporting testimony for 27 bills that were consistent with the adopted Vision, Goals, or Objectives of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan. Three of the bills for which we submitted testimony made it all the way through and have been sent to the governor for signing. Two bills are related to highway safety (SB2443, and SB3242) and one is related to urban development (SB3202).

### *Research related to MPO expenditures on Safety*

At the April Policy Board meeting, the Board requested staff to conduct research on how other MPOs are addressing safety through budgeting and policy. To follow up, Transportation Planner Chelsea Dau has begun investigating budgets and policies pertaining to safety in various approved long-range plans and Transportation Improvement Programs.

### *Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)*

The TAC met on May 10. They received a presentation on the Overall Work Program (OWP) FY2024-2025 Revision 1 Final Draft and voted to recommend the Policy Board approve. They also received a presentation on the OWP funded Energy Conservation and Emissions Reduction Plan and voted to recommend the Policy Board approve. Finally, they received a presentation from DTS on Transportation Safety figures and targets but did not take any action and deferred the item to a future meeting.

Their next meeting is scheduled for June 14 at 9:00 AM.

### *Policy Board*

The Policy Board met on May 28. They received a presentation on proposed Overall Work Program (OWP) FY2024-2025 Revision 1 Final Draft and voted to approve. They also received a presentation on the Overall Work Program Energy Conservation and Emissions Reduction Plan and voted to approve the report.

Their next meeting is currently scheduled for June 24 at 11:00 AM.