



Meeting Minutes of the
 Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
POLICY BOARD
 June 24, 2024, 11:00 AM
 Virtual Meeting hosted on Zoom
 and in person at
 707 Richards Street, Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96813

Members Present:

Representative Darius Kila (Chair)	HART Executive Director & CEO Lori Kahikina
Councilmember Val Okimoto, Vice Chair	DTS Chris Clark
Councilmember Radiant Cordero	DPP Tim Streitz
Senator Chris Lee	DOH Heidi Hansen-Smith
Senator Sharon Moriwaki	

Members Absent: Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, Representative Lisa Kitagawa, HDOT Director Edwin Sniffen, FHWA Richelle Takara, OPSD Mary Alice Evans

Known Guests Present:

Aaron Setogawa	Jeffrey Ang-Olson
Amy Ford-Wagner	Justin Menina
Ben Sullivan	Katie Rooney
Derek Abe	Kimberly Evans
Heather Williams	Leah Laramee
J. Marquez	Makena Coffman
Jakub Zielkiewicz	Patrick
Jame Schaedel	Robert Sato

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

I. INTRODUCTIONS / ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Okimoto called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.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 MAY 28, 2024 POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Policy Board members reviewed the meeting minutes of the May 28, 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 May 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, 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=3328

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 2025-2028

Dallas Ige, OahuMPO Senior Transportation Planner, described the TIP as a short-term list of transportation projects and programs that covers a period of four years, is updated every three years, and updated twice annually or as needed.

Mr. Ige stated that the TIP FFYs 2025-2026 consists of 80 projects and programs carried forward from the current TIP, plus 12 new projects from the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP). He described the key requirements of the TIP, including consistency with the long-range plan, demonstration of fiscal constraint and a public review and comment period. Mr. Ige noted that for the first time, OahuMPO verified consistency with the ORTP by evaluating all 92 projects and programs, rather than only the new projects and programs.

Mr. Ige shared the results of the Title VI/Environmental Justice Analysis, the financial tables demonstrating fiscal constraint, and described the intergovernmental and public review period.

Mr. Ige then described the twelve new projects noting the type of work to be done, the funding source and the estimated total project cost.

Councilmember Cordero asked if it is possible to add additional federal funds to a project once it is on the TIP. Mr. Ige replied that this is possible and explained that new projects on the TIP will be evaluated and funds can be added to the TIP as necessary.

Heidi Hansen-Smith, Department of Health, Primary Prevention Branch Chief, requested a listing of new projects and their evaluation scores. Mr. Ige confirmed the listing was available in the TIPs appendix and is available on the OahuMPO website.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cordero and seconded by Senator Moriwaki to approve TIP FFYs 2025-2028 as presented. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

B. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM PRESENTATION – OAHU MOBILITY HUB STUDY (STATE FACILITIES)

Kiana Otsuka, OahuMPO Senior Transportation Planner, described the purpose and need for this study, noting that Hawaii is facing several transportation challenges and there is a huge opportunity to convert short trips to alternative transportation modes. Ms. Otsuka stated that OahuMPO partnered with the Hawaii Climate Commission and the Hawaii State Energy Office to complete the study.

Derek Abe, Alta Planning & Design's Senior Planning Associate, described the study methodology which included identifying land use typologies, collecting data, and developing a social climate vulnerability index. Locations classified as small, medium, large were given prioritization scores that reflect the area's suitability for a future mobility hub. Mr. Abe showed maps of the small, medium and large priority locations color coded by suitability score with the specific sites (e.g. public school parking lots) identified by blue dots.

Mr. Abe stated that the considerations for the siting of a mobility hub included location, existing policies, rights of way, known unknowns, and meaningful engagement.

Ms. Otsuka explained how this study connects to OahuMPO's federally required work products (OWP, ORTP and TIP), and described the immediate next steps the MPO could take to pursue the development of mobility hubs at the high priority sites identified in this study.

Senator Moriwaki asked about the development of mobility hubs with a focus on understanding the locations, properties and existing policies as well as engaging with the agencies and local community. Ms. Otsuka outlined the funding and next steps for the project, emphasizing the importance of coordination with interested agencies. Senator Moriwaki also was interested in the priorities for developing mobility hubs in different locations, with Ms. Otsuka clarifying that there is a detailed list of priority sites based on the suitability analysis.

Councilmember Cordero had concerns regarding the type of technology that would be recommended for mobility in areas of public housing, to which Ms. Otsuka responded that a feasibility study would be conducted to determine the appropriate technologies and services for each site. The concept of resilience hubs was also mentioned by Mr. Abe, along with the potential use of alternate transportation modes in future developments.

Tim Sreitz, City and County of Honolulu (City), Department of Planning and Permitting's Lead Transit-Oriented Development Planner, highlighted the underutilized land use (i.e. parking lots) and suggested incorporating alternative transportation modes into new developments, such as the Iwilei Station with a mixed-use affordable housing project, and emphasizing plans for mobility hubs and bike paths around properties like stadiums or large campuses. Mr. Abe explained how the analysis focused on parking facilities but could be adapted for other purposes by incorporating reliable and complete data into indices to accommodate changing conversations and planning.

Senator Lee commented regarding the stadium area. Senator Lee stated that he spoke with a stadium board member that the Request for Proposal going out has requirements for easements around the perimeter of the property to be devoted to multimodal purposes connecting to the Pearl Harbor bike path and other mobility hubs. Another property to be studied and discussed is the Hawaii Pacific University campus on the Windward side, with 500 parking stalls.

A motion was made by Councilmember Cordero and seconded by Vice Chair Okimoto 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.

C. REGIONAL TRANSIT SAFETY TARGETS FOR 2024

Jose Marques, City Department of Transportation Services' (DTS) Chief Safety and Security Officer, summarized the Public Transportation Safety Plan requirements found in 49 C.F.R Part 673. Mr. Marquez described the seven target categories of transit safety performance and the associated objectives. Mr. Marquez described the 2024 targets for each category for bus, paratransit and rail as shown on the slide.

Senator Moriwaki questioned the high number of injuries on buses and possible prevention measures. Mr. Marquez clarified that safety events include accidents, incidents, and occurrences and assured members that engineering control measures, employee training, and public education campaigns were being implemented.

A motion was made by DTS Chief Transportation Planner Chris Clark and seconded by Councilmember Cordero to support DTS' Transit Safety 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.

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

There were no comments.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Clark, City DTS Chief Transportation Planner, announced that the City is now overseeing the bikeshare program (a one-year concession contract between the City DTS and Secure Bikeshare Hawaii). The City will be announcing a Notice to Proceed, with an official commencement date of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, with plans to solicit for a contract to provide long-term Biki bikeshare services thereafter. The goal is to continue the current bikeshare operations and satisfy the demand for affordable transportation.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM.

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at:

https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3330