



To: Policy Board Members

From: Mark Garrity, Executive Director

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Executive Director's Report

Interagency Coordination and Grant Support

OahuMPO worked closely with the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) staff to help them prepare an application for the USDOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program. If awarded, the grant would provide \$1.6 million to DTS to develop a Transit Signal Priority (TSP) system and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) to address safety, traffic congestion, system reliability, and equity on the Ala Moana Boulevard/Nimitz Highway corridor in Honolulu.

OahuMPO Open House

The OahuMPO held an open house on July 24, to allow members of the public to visit our offices and meet staff, to learn more about what the MPO does. A total of 18 people attended in person and participated in a lively and informative discussion about transportation planning on Oahu. We hope to have this type of event on an annual basis.



Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2050 Survey

A public survey related to the ORTP 2050 is being launched on August 1. It is an interactive and educational survey that prompts participants to prioritize the ORTP 2050 goals and objectives that were approved by the Policy Board. We are using an array of tools and strategies to cast a wide net for public input. We would appreciate your support by sharing the survey information, which is included in the flyer that was included in the Policy Board meeting mailing materials. Information will continue to be posted on our social media and website.

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

The CAC met on July 3. They received a presentation from the Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) on electric bikes, including definitions, regulations, trends, and tips for safe riding.

Their next meeting is scheduled for August 7 at 2:30 PM.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC met on July 12. They received a presentation from OahuMPO Transportation Planner Chelsea Dau, who conducted research on how other MPOs and regions are addressing safety in their long-range planning efforts including budgeting and policies.

They also received a presentation from Chelsea Dau regarding a proposed application for the FHWA Safe Streets for All grant program, which is planned to be submitted by OahuMPO in August.

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