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Policy Board Meeting
October 26, 2026

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I. Introductions/Roll Call

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II. Approval of September 28, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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III. Reports

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A. Planning Study Close Out Presentation:

Traffic Signal Optimization and Demand Management Study

Traffic Signal Optimization & Demand Management Microsimulation Model

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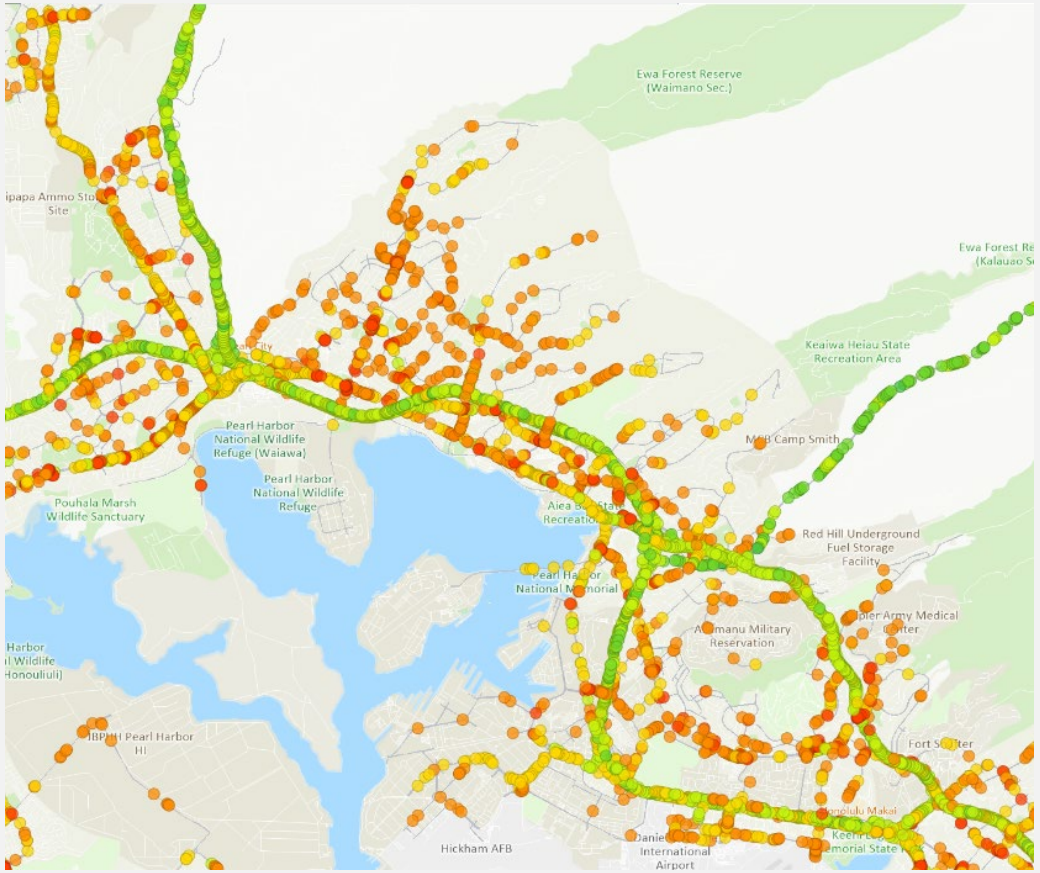
Project Team

Purpose and Need for Microsimulation Model

- Purpose:
  - Integrate simulation and larger forecasting models (Oahu Regional Transportation Forecasting Model)
  - Simulate all roads, project/routing impacts, individual driver decisions
  - Maintain consistency across projects and agencies
- Need:
  - Larger forecasting models cannot analyze specific project impacts in fine detail, nor individual driver decisions
  - Individual traffic analyses are disparate, duplicative, cannot address routing

Oahu Island-wide Model

- Incorporates:
  - Oahu Regional Transportation Forecasting Model streets
  - All traffic signals
  - All modes of travel: vehicle, transit routes, pedestrians, and cyclists
- Generates reports, maps, charts
- Calibrated and validated



Keeaumoku St. Corridor Model

- Proof-of-concept to develop island-wide model
- Corridor between Wilder Ave. and Kapiolani Blvd.
- Modeled Complete Street improvements

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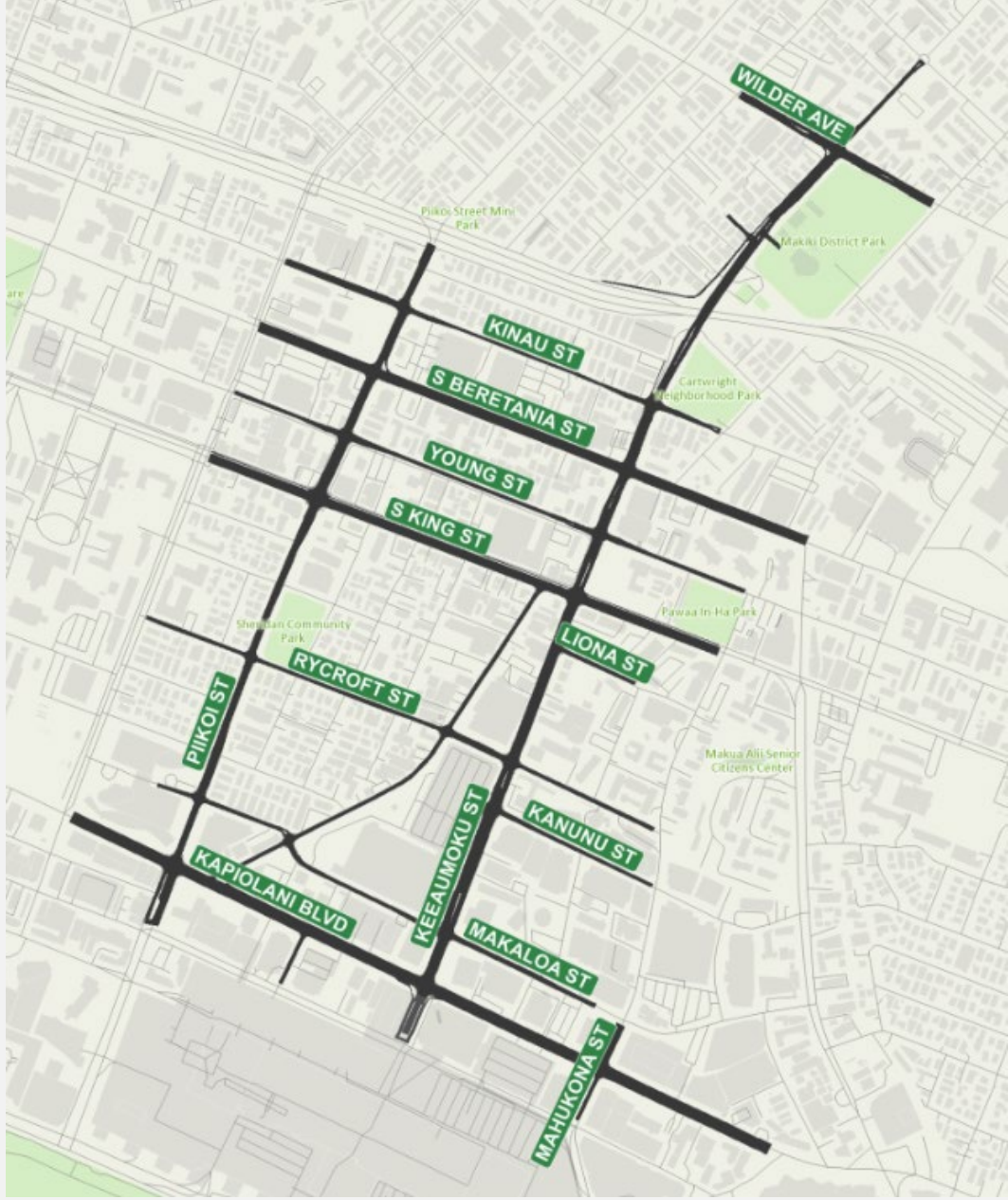
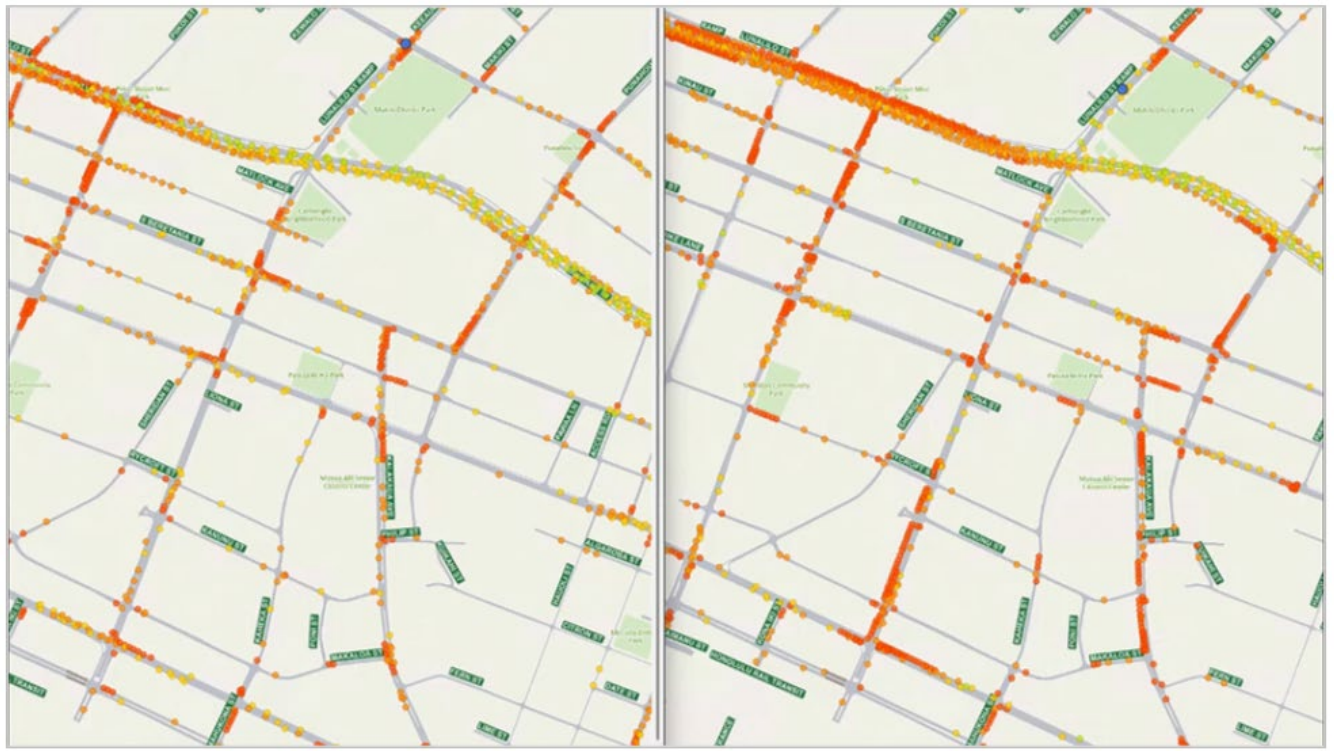
Project Carve-out Studies

- Specific project focus
- Insert origin-destination data from regional forecasting model
- Simulates project effects on surrounding network
- Models alternate route choices



Scenarios

- Vision Zero Countermeasures (protected left turns, leading pedestrian interval, no right turn on red)
- Pedestrian Recall (no button push crossing)
- Bikeway Network
- Transit Priority Network
- Scenarios compared with base/no-build model



BASE PED RECALL

Story Map

- https://arcg.is/1HDK4u0
- Story map details the project:
  - Overview
  - Capabilities
  - Traffic Impact Report usage summary
- www.honolulu.gov/completestreets/guidance/

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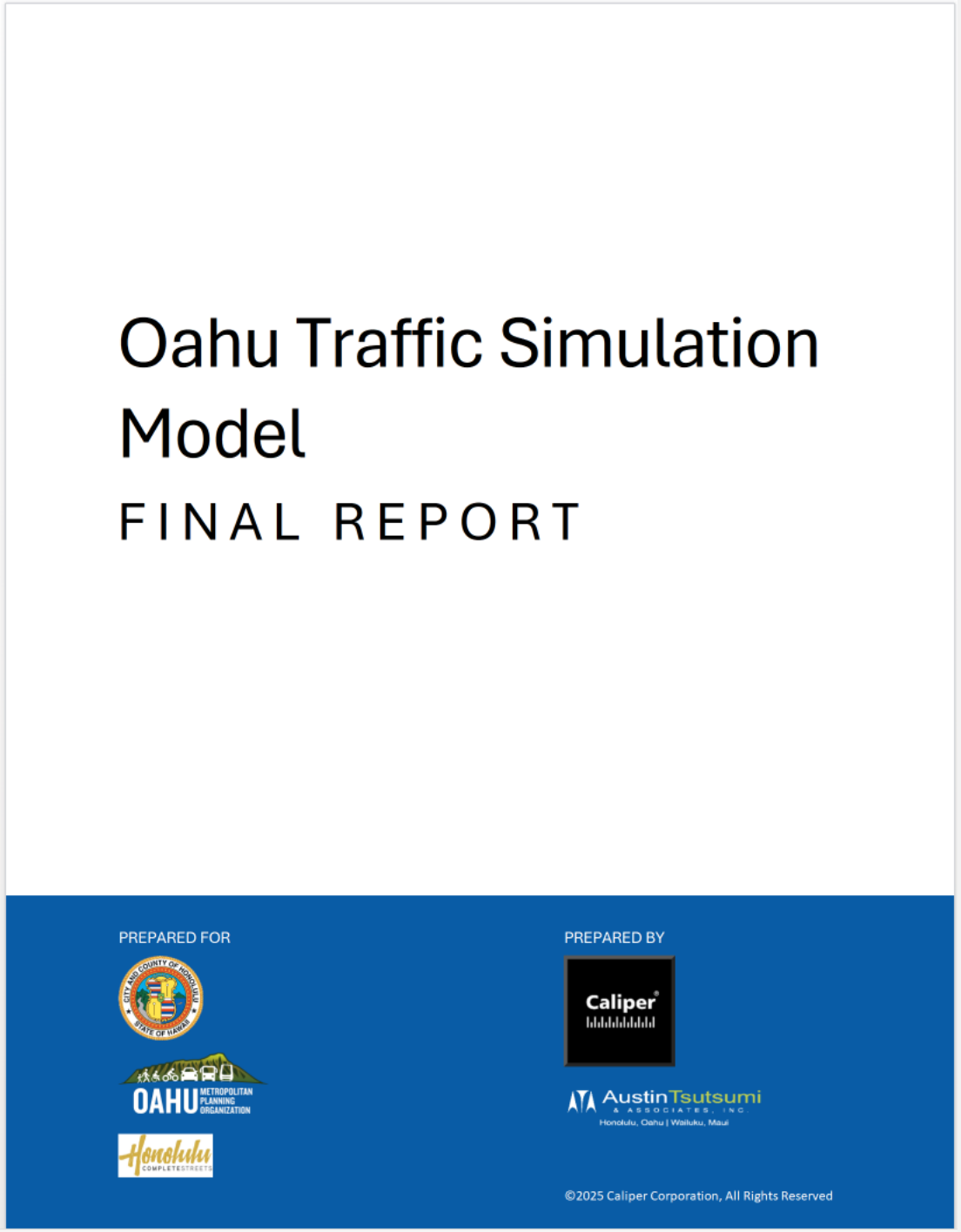
Project Website

- www.honolulu.gov/completestreets/guidance/
- O‘ahu Microsimulation Model and Report section has links to:
  - Final project report
  - Story Map site
  - Final model version on Github



Mahalo!

Requested Action: Approve the Traffic Signal Optimization and Demand Management Study 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

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V. New Business

B. Executive Director Search Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Report Discussion and Recommendation

Executive Director Selection Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)

PIG Purpose:

- The Policy Board established the PIG on June 29, 2026, to assist with the recruitment and selection of the next OahuMPO Executive Director

PIG Report and Recommendation:

- Dated October 8, 2026
- Distributed to Policy Board members

PIG Members:

- Councilmember Val Okimoto, Chair
- Senator Sharon Moriwaki
- HDOT Director Edwin Sniffen
- HART Executive Director & CEO Lori Kahikina
- DTS Director Roger Morton

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PIG Authority and Activities

The PIG was authorized to:

- Review and evaluate candidates
- Participate in finalist selection and assessment
- Report findings and recommendations to the full Policy Board

PIG Activities:

- Reviewed the Executive Director position and qualifications
- Reviewed the recruitment and evaluation process
- Reviewed candidate applications and qualifications
- Considered leadership, transportation planning, management, collaboration, and Hawaii/Oahu experience
- Developed and reviewed the finalist assessment process
- Participated in finalist assessments
- Met to review results and develop findings and recommendations

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Recruitment and Finalist Assessment

Recruitment

- 25 applications received
- 9 candidates determined qualified by HDOT Personnel
- 3 finalists identified by the PIG
- 1 finalist withdrew
- 2 finalists completed the assessment process

Finalist Assessment

- Each finalist completed three components:
    1. Written Exercise
    2. Policy Board Interview
    3. Executive Presentation

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PIG Findings

Finalist Assessment Outcome

- Following completion of the interview process, the PIG reviewed the candidates' qualifications, professional experience, and performance during the assessment process

PIG Finding

- Neither of the two finalists provided a sufficient basis for the PIG to recommend appointment as the next Executive Director

PIG Conclusion

- Rather than recommend a candidate without sufficient confidence in the appointment, the PIG considered whether an **alternative approach** could provide the Policy Board with better information before making a permanent decision

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Recommended Interim Approach

Assign a Temporary Acting Executive Director:

- The PIG considered providing an existing OahuMPO employee, **Dallas Ige, Senior Transportation Planner**, an opportunity to serve temporarily as Acting Executive Director

Purpose:

- A temporary assignment or appointment would allow the Policy Board to observe actual performance in the Executive Director role, including:
  - Leadership of the organization
  - Working effectively with the Policy Board
  - Relationships with partner agencies
  - Staff and organizational management
  - Representation of OahuMPO
  - Relationships with federal, state, county, and other stakeholders

PIG Recommendation:

- Recommend that the Policy Board consider authorizing a **temporary appointment or assignment of Dallas Ige as Acting Executive Director for a limited period**, subject to confirmation of the appropriate personnel mechanism, terms, and conditions by the appropriate State and OahuMPO authorities.

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Interim Assignment ≠ Permanent Appointment

The proposed temporary arrangement is intended to:

- Provide the Policy Board with an opportunity to evaluate actual executive performance

It is <u>not</u> intended to:

- Make a permanent appointment at this time
- Predetermine the outcome of a future permanent appointment
- Determine Mr. Ige's eligibility or qualifications for permanent appointment
- Waive, modify, or establish an exception to requirements applicable to a future permanent appointment

After an Interim Period:

- The Policy Board would evaluate performance and determine whether to:
  - Proceed with a permanent appointment, or
  - Undertake another recruitment process
- The authority to make a permanent appointment rests with the full Policy Board

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Next Steps

October 8, 2026:

- PIG Report delivered to Policy Board (no discussion)

October 26, 2026:

- **Policy Board Discussion and Consideration**
  - Board discusses the PIG report and recommendation
  - Appropriate State/OahuMPO personnel mechanism presented
  - Board considers temporary Acting Executive Director arrangement

Following Temporary Assignment:

- Policy Board Evaluation
  - Assess actual executive performance
  - Determine appropriate path toward permanent Executive Director appointment

PIG Status

- PIG concludes its work upon presentation of this report.

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Requested Action: Accept the Executive Director Search PIG's Report and approve the recommendation for temporary assignment of Dallas Ige as Acting Executive Director

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VI. Invitation to interested members of the public to be heard on matters not included on the agenda

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VII. Announcements

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VIII. Adjournment