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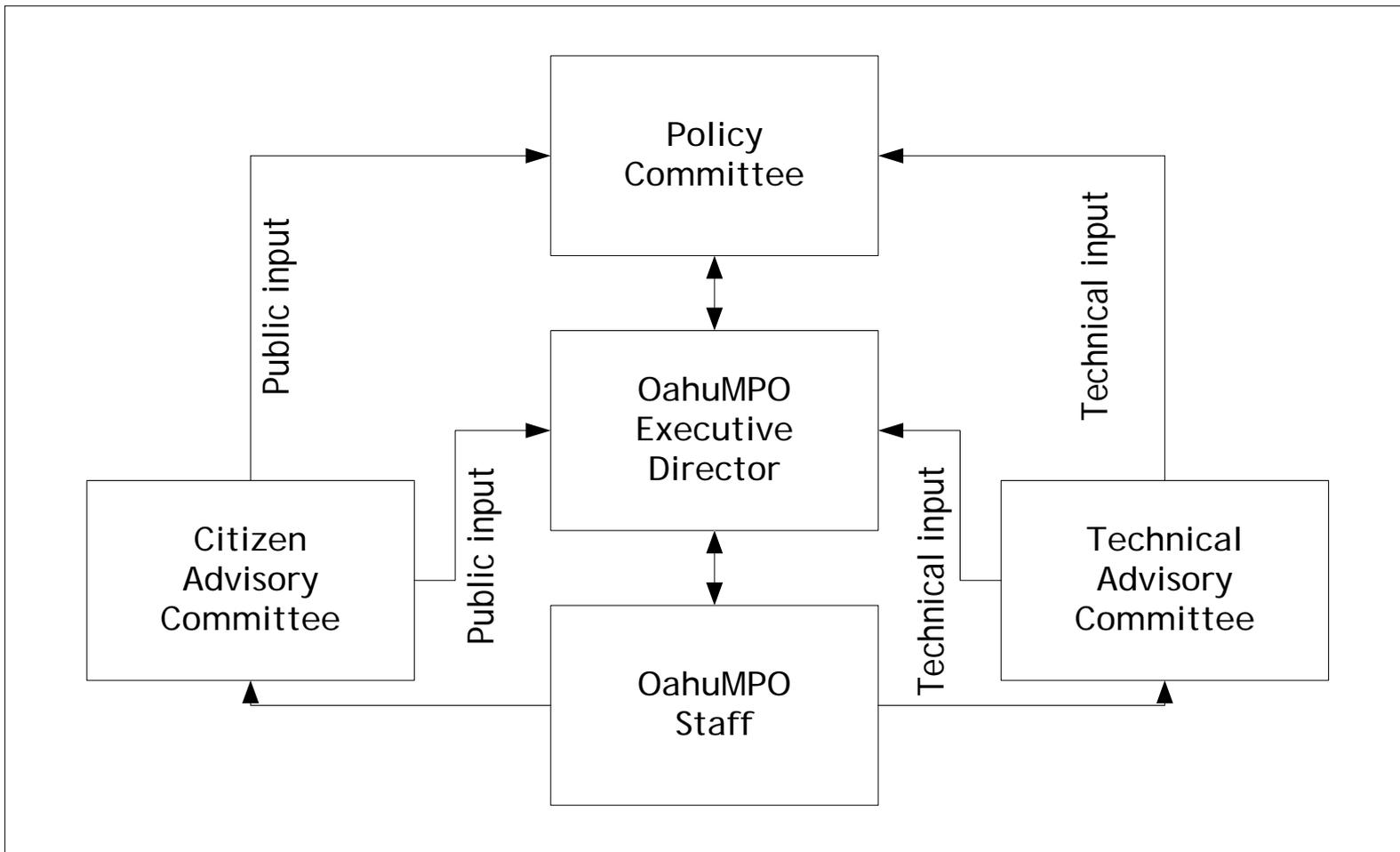


# What is an MPO?

- Any urban area with more than 50,000 residents must have a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- MPO's exist to help ensure the smart and effective investment of limited public transportation dollars
- 23 CFR 450 guides MPO activities
- OahuMPO is Hawaii's only MPO, but Maui may qualify after the 2010 census



# OahuMPO Organization



# MPO Federal Requirements

- Agency Work Plan
  - Overall Work Plan (OWP)
  - Identifies and prioritizes transportation planning needs
  - Programs planning work elements & establishes MPO annual budget
  - Currently developing our FY 2012 OWP



# MPO Federal Requirements

- OWP Sample Work Elements
  - Travel Demand Forecasting
  - Household Interview Travel Survey
  - Waterborne Transit: Ocean Pointe Feasibility Study
  - Program support and admin
  - Support for Citizens Advisory Committee
  - Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program



# MPO Federal Requirements

- Long-Range Transportation Plan
  - Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORPT)
  - Identifies multi-modal transportation projects and makes them eligible for federal funding
  - Also establishes a transportation “vision” for the island
  - Must be fiscally constrained
  - Performance measures are “next big thing”



# MPO Federal Requirements

- Currently developing ORPT 2035
  - Will work with staff in December to develop final draft project list
  - Public input expected in Jan/Feb 2011
    - Island-wide public input meeting, Jan 19 at NBC
  - Final approval scheduled for April 2011



# MPO Federal Requirements

- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
  - Schedules projects from the ORPT for construction/implementation
  - FY 2011-2014 TIP was approved in June
  - Two annual revisions scheduled
    - Changes due to MPO by Nov. 23
    - STIP approval is still pending, so revision may not occur as scheduled



# MPO's Can Be More

- As a regional planning agency, many MPOs take on roles above and beyond their federal requirements
  - Role of MPO is really only limited by needs and priorities of member agencies & communities
  - Other funding sources must be used for roles beyond 23 CFR 450





# MPO Revenues

- 80% Federal; 20% Local
  - Fed \$ provided by FHWA PL funds and FTA 5303 funds (formula programs)
  - Local funds are split 50/50 between City & County of Honolulu and State for internal MPO operations
    - Departments can seek 80% reimbursement for staff time for MPO projects
    - Department can request MPO funding for planning projects, but pay 100% of local share



# FY 2011 Budget

- \$2,461,755 Total
  - \$374,505 from FTA 5303
  - \$1,594,899 from FHWA PL
  - \$492,351 from local sources
- Breakdown by recipient
  - \$632,940 for MPO operations
  - \$1,723,000 for consultants
  - \$105,815 for departmental staff

# Summary

- MPOs are necessary for the smooth flow of federal transportation dollars
- MPOs require buy-in at the local level, but provide inexpensive planning resources
- MPOs are multi-jurisdictional and designed to provide a regional perspective



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