

**Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**POLICY BOARD  
Friday, April 13, 2016, 2:00 p.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 437  
415 Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii**

**Members Present:**

Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair	Councilmember Ann Kobayashi
DOT Deputy Director Ed Sniffen	DTS Director Michael Formby
Councilmember Joey Manahan	Councilmember Brandon Elefante
Representative Henry Aquino, Vice Chair	OP Leo Asuncion (Non-Voting)
HART Deputy Executive Director Brennon Morioka	OP Debra Mendes (Non-Voting)
Senator Will Espero	FHWA Assistant Division Administrator Ralph Rizzo
DPP Director George Atta	DOH Heidi Hansen-Smith (Non-Voting)

**Member(s) Absent: Senator Michelle Kidani**

**Guests Present:**

Joe Magaldi (CAC Chair)	Kai Kraut (HART)
Jesse Souki (TAC Chair)	Dion Mesta (HNL CCL District 8)
Ryan Tam (HART)	Marian Yasuda (DTS)
Dinna Schwiering (CImbr Manahan's office)	Virginia Sosh (DTS)
Asia Yearny (EPA)	Andrea Anixt (CAC)
Mark Pa'aluki (NB #24)	Patrick Tom (HDT)
Lori Arakaki (DPP)	Jill Tanabe (HDT)
Kapua Kealli'ikoa Kamai	

**OahuMPO Staff Present:** Brian Gibson, Chris Clark, Randolph Sykes, Taylor Ellis, Veronica Schack, Amy Ford-Wagner and Mike Galizio

Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

**I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR**

Chair Ryan Yamane called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and persons in the audience introduced themselves.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2016 POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Councilmember Kobayashi made a motion and Councilmember Manahan seconded to approve the minutes as circulated. All members voted in favor. There being no discussion, objections, or reservations the minutes were approved as circulated.

#### **IV. REPORTS**

##### **A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director Gibson discussed the written report which was distributed to members prior to the start of the meeting. The report included a summary of what transpired at the 2016 April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup> Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the 2016 February 24<sup>th</sup> Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. He also presented a tentative listing of future Policy Board agenda items, detailed an update of performance-based planning, and included the first of the quarterly financial reports that OahuMPO will begin providing to the Policy Board.

Executive Director Gibson also announced that OahuMPO's current Planning Analyst, Taylor Ellis, will be leaving OahuMPO effective April 14, 2016 and commended his contributions during his time with OahuMPO.

##### **B. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

TAC Chair Souki discussed what had transpired at the TAC's April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and the April 12<sup>th</sup> continuance meeting.

There was discussion on the two projects included in the ORTP of which there is a question regarding who is the implementing agency. It was pointed out that these projects are listed as State projects and developer-funded and are included in the master plan for HCDA. TAC was agreeable with listing the two projects in question as non-HDOT State projects. It was also mentioned that FHWA was present at the TAC meeting and had noted that this ORTP 2040 is one of the better plans throughout the country that FHWA has recently seen.

In the discussion, it was noted that the TAC recommended approval with the understanding that a revision be done in the ORTP at a later time, particularly regarding language in the document. It was also noted that HDOT is completing the H1 corridor study of which there may be additional studies HDOT may wish to add to the ORTP so expectations are that there will be a future revision. During that revision, clarification regarding who is the implementing agency for the two projects in question could be included.

##### **C. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)**

The Chair of the CAC reiterated the desire of the CAC to have a non-voting member on the Policy Board and thanked the Policy Board for all their help.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to address.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. DRAFT OAHU REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (ORTP) 2040**

Mr. Clark reviewed the background of the ORTP 2040, noted the consequences of not approving this document before the end of April, discussed the project development process and the results of the intergovernmental and public review, presented the expenditures by project category and detailed modifications that had been made to the ORTP 2040. He also discussed the TAC's recommendation to approve with reservations and itemized their concerns.

Director Gibson noted the accelerated pace taken for this ORTP 2040 due to circumstances of the past two years and expressed gratitude to Chris Clark and the entire OahuMPO staff for all their efforts which culminated in this final ORTP 2040 draft being presented to the Policy Board.

Upon the Chair's call for questions, Councilmember Manahan asked Director Formby who confirmed that the Salt Lake Boulevard Project (#209) is in the planning and design stage. Councilmember Manahan inquired if the project were to be moved to the short list, can it be moved back to mid-range if it was not ready to proceed in 2018. Mr. Clark explained that moving a project to the short-range is not a discretionary action and discussed the criteria that determines if a project is categorized as short-range. He noted the Salt Lake Boulevard Widening Project did not meet that criteria. However, that project is included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and is being actively worked in the short-range.

Chair Yamane questioned who recommended the reduction of scope and cost for the Interstate Corridor Study. Mr. Clark responded that FHWA advised OahuMPO that a project's description must include a specific location and types of improvement. The implementing agency, HDOT, indicated that information would not be available until summer. Once that information is received, and at the implementing agency's request, an amendment can be prepared to include the necessary project details. Mr. Clark noted that the Policy Board is the decision making body.

There was some discussion about the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process regarding deletions, deferments, deflations, and additions. Chair Yamane inquired about the requests to delete OS 19 & OS 21 H-1 PM Contraflow, Westbound from the TIP. Mr. Clark explained that revisions are received by OahuMPO from the implementing agency. The revisions follow the process in the TIP Policies and Procedures and are then considered by the Policy Board. As the decision-making body, if the Policy Board disagrees with any TIP revision, the Policy Board has the authority to not approve those recommendations in their motion. Additions, however, that had not gone through the review process would be a recommendation for the next cycle.

A motion was made by Councilmember Manahan and seconded by Director Atta to approve the ORTP 2040 as presented and allow staff to make technical non-substantive changes prior to transmittal to USDOT. There being no discussion, oppositions or abstentions, the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) REVISION #9**

Senior Transportation Planner Chris Clark reviewed the background and timeline that lead up to the TIP Revision #9. He described the characteristics of the three revision documents #7, #8, and #9. Mr. Clark noted that 75% of the projects included in the TIP were modified in these documents and presented a summary description of each of the modifications included in Revision #9.

It was pointed out that a Title VI and Environmental Justice (T6/EJ) Analysis, along with intergovernmental and public review was completed for Revision #9. Mr. Clark discussed the timeline and the comments received from the reviews.

Copies of three written testimonies had been distributed to the Policy Board members prior to the meeting day.

Additionally, Andrea Anixt orally testified and expressed discontent and concern with the further deferment of the Waikane Stream Bridge project (OS 35) and the lack of a comprehensive corridor study for the Kahalu'u to Haleiwa section of Kamehameha Highway which has been a CAC priority for several years. At the meeting she also provided a written copy of her testimony.

Kapua Kealli'ikoa Kamai then presented the testimony of Allen Frenzel. A written copy of his testimony had been distributed to the Policy Board members prior to the meeting day. Mr. Frenzel's testimony requested that the ORTP 2040 agenda item be rescheduled and the Policy Board not approve the current draft of the ORTP 2040.

Chris Clark thanked the representatives from the implementing agencies (HDOT, HART and DTS) who at the request of the Policy Board, were in attendance at this meeting.

In response to Chair Yamane's inquiry, CAC Chair Magaldi indicated that the CAC had not had time to review the current draft TIP comments and testimony but are currently reviewing.

A motion was made by Director Formby and seconded by Councilmember Elefante for approval of the FFYs 2015-2018 TIP Revision #9, as presented. There being no discussion, oppositions or abstentions, the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **C. CAC REQUEST TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY**

Executive Director Brian Gibson discussed the history that resulted in a resolution passed by the CAC regarding Council Bills 8 and 84 pertaining to public involvement in the implementation of Complete Streets. As an advisory body, the CAC may not act alone and Policy Board approval must be obtained prior to transmission of the resolution to the City Council. However, subsequently, the bills were tabled and the City Council is currently working on a compromise bill. Executive Director Gibson noted that the CAC would like to express their support for productive public involvement.

#### **VII. INVITATION TO INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

There was no additional public testimony.

#### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Yamane expressed appreciation to all members who attended.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Written by: Roni Schack  
Reviewed by: Brian Gibson, Chris Clark, and Randolph Sykes