

OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO), established under section 279E-2, HRS, is an advisory body responsible for coordinating the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the island of Oahu. These responsibilities include: updating Oahu's regional transportation plan; developing an island-wide work program of transportation studies; conducting, administering, and assisting in transportation studies; and programming transportation projects to ensure federal funding.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee, the decision-making body of OahuMPO established under section 279E-3, HRS, consists of fourteen members as follows: five members of the legislative body of the City and County of Honolulu, three members of the Senate, three members of the House of Representatives, the Director of Transportation, the city Director of Transportation Services, and the Director of the authority for rapid or mass transportation (Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation), or a successor agency that operates public transportation on Oahu. The Policy Committee is supported by two advisory committees: the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

Technical Advisory Committee. TAC provides technical input to OahuMPO's planning process, acts as the technical liaison between the Policy Committee and the OahuMPO Executive Director, provides advice to the Policy Committee and the OahuMPO Executive Director on technical matters, and ensures the technical competence of the planning process. TAC membership consists of two staff representatives from each of the city and state planning and transportation departments. The staff representatives from the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism include one staff member from the Office of Planning. In addition, one staff representative each from the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Aviation Administration; the Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association; and a faculty member of the University of Hawaii (with a background in transportation or city planning) attend TAC meetings as nonvoting members.

Citizen Advisory Committee. CAC is a volunteer group consisting of representatives from community organizations, professional associations, neighborhood boards, and the private sector. It provides an avenue for obtaining public input for Policy Committee deliberations on transportation issues. Besides providing input directly to the Policy Committee, CAC assists in developing public involvement programs to solicit general public input for the Policy Committee. Comments received from CAC members and non-members are treated equally. CAC meets about once a month. These meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity for interested parties to hear and discuss transportation issues with the appropriate project administrators or decision-makers.

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