December 20, 2018

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President and
Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and
Members of the House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

FY2018 Annual Report to the State Legislature

In accordance with HRS 279D, please find enclosed Maui MPO’s annual report on activities conducted from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Sincerely,

Lauren Armstrong
Executive Director

Enclosure

Cc: Maui MPO Policy Board (by email)
Cc: Darin Allan, Community Planner, Federal Transit Administration Region 9 (by email)
Cc: Amy Ford-Wagner, Transportation Planner, Federal Highway Administration Hawai‘i Division (by email)
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Introduction

The Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization (Maui MPO) formed in 2016 and operates pursuant to a Comprehensive Agreement between the State of Hawaii and County of Maui pursuant to federal requirements of 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303. Maui MPO coordinates a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process for federally-funded or regionally significant transportation systems on the island of Maui.

Our vision is for Maui communities to be connected by a safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation system. Using a data-driven approach, the MPO strives to direct federal funds toward projects that increase access to opportunity and prosperity, while promoting the health and wellness of Maui’s people and environment through improved multimodal pedestrian, bicycle and transit options.

The Maui MPO Policy Board is the decision-maker on the use of federal-aid transportation funds on Maui. The Policy Board is served by an Executive Director and staff, as well as a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Participating agencies include the County of Maui and the State of Hawaii. Maui MPO is administratively tied to the County Department of Transportation.

Federal planning grants from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) account for 80% of Maui MPO’s annual budget. The remaining 20% of funds come from the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) and County of Maui Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Act 132, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, codified as HRS § 279D, requires Maui MPO to “submit an annual report to the legislature of all activities conducted by the organization during the year immediately preceding the submission of the report.”

This progress report details the activities conducted by Maui MPO in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018.

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See HRS 279D-5(c)
Program Administration

Maui MPO Executive Director and staff administer the MPO to facilitate a comprehensive planning and budgeting process for federal-aid transportation projects on Maui. The Executive Director works with committee chairs to prepare agendas and materials for Policy Board and TAC meetings. MPO staff prepare financial reports, reimbursement requests and supporting memoranda to inform Executive Director and Policy Board decisions, and to ensure timely expenditure and reimbursement of planning funds as approved in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Key accomplishments:

- Maui MPO operations and planning studies in FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) approved by FTA and FHWA;
- 8 Policy Board meetings;
- 9 Technical Advisory Committee meetings;
- Timely reimbursement requests to HDOT for 80% of expenses;
- Attended American Planning Association (APA) national conference in New Orleans;
- Attended SubSTAC meetings in Honolulu to provide input on statewide transportation project evaluation criteria SmartTRAC.
Public Participation

Maui MPO works to increase the transparency of decision making around the use of federal funds for transportation projects on Maui. All meetings of the Policy Board and TAC are open to the public and subject to HRS § 92-D. Meeting agendas and supporting materials are available at www.mauimpo.org.

In FY2018, Maui MPO staff, Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board members organized and participated in TIP workshops, Long Range Transportation Plan pop-up events, and other outreach events.

Key accomplishments:

- Maui MPO Title VI Plan approved by Policy Board in September 2018;
- 227 subscribers to Maui MPO e-newsletter;
- 15 e-newsletters to notify public of Maui MPO meetings and activities;
- 9,000+ residents reached via Facebook and Instagram;
- 80+ hours of public outreach:
  - Transportation Improvement Program public workshops;
  - Long Range Transportation Plan pop-up events;
  - Healthy Eating Active Living and Blue Zones Project.
- 7 groups received a presentation from the Executive Director:
  - Alliance of Community Associations;
  - Haʻikū Community Association;
  - Kula Community Association;
  - Maui Wheelers wheelchair advocacy group;
  - Pāʻia Town Association;
  - Waikapū Community Association;
  - West Maui Taxpayers’ Association.
Long Range Transportation Plan

In April 2018 Maui MPO kicked off an update to the Maui Long Range Transportation Plan, named *Hele Mai Maui 2040*. A project team made up of the Executive Director, TAC Chair and Vice Chair selected consultants Nelson/Nygaard and Munekiyo Hiraga to assist with an update to the Plan. Due July 2019, the update will include performance measures, a prioritized list of multimodal projects, and a financial plan.

**Key accomplishments:**

- Procure and manage consultant to update Maui Long Range Transportation Plan;
- 2 TAC meetings dedicated to review of Plan deliverables;
- 2 Community Think Tank meetings to gather diverse citizen input on goals and opportunities;
- 1 Policy Board meeting to provide input on plan goals and process;
- 7 pop-up planning appearances at Town Fridays and public events;
- 250 public surveys collected on transportation values and needs;
- Draft Maui Fact Book and maps of bicycle, pedestrian, freight facilities.

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**PROJECT TIMELINE**

- **2018**
  - **May**: Project Launch
  - **June**: Community Values & Opportunities
  - **July**: Maui Fact Book & Community Forum #1
  - **August**: Evaluation Framework & Community Forum #2
  - **September**: Call for Projects
  - **October**: Project Prioritization & Community Forum #3
  - **November**: Funding Options & Draft Plan for Review
  - **December**: Final Long Range Transportation Plan

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*Hele Mai Maui pop-up planning event at Lahaina Town Friday*
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

In FY2018 Maui MPO and its member agencies HDOT, DPW, MDOT and Planning Department carried out a performance based public selection of transportation projects for the FFY 2019-2022 TIP. The TIP is a list of State and County transportation projects that are programmed to use federal funds. The TIP is financially constrained based on reasonably anticipated federal funds.

FHWA funds are typically programmed for highway, bicycle, and pedestrian projects, while FTA funds are programmed for acquisition, operation and maintenance of the public transit system.

The TIP was approved by the Maui MPO Policy Board on June 28, 2018. Projects are selected for the TIP through a process outlined in the TIP Policies and Procedures based on asset management priorities, public input, and availability of local match funds.

The Maui MPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provided technical analysis and recommendations to the Policy Board. Stakeholders, agencies, and members of the public have opportunities to provide input throughout the TIP process.

Key accomplishments:

- Maui 2019-2022 TIP approved by Policy Board and State DOT Director to include in STIP;
- 10 public workshops in various locations around Maui;
- 160 TIP survey respondents;
- $88 million Federal Highway Administration funded projects programmed for 2019-2022;
- $15 million Federal Transit Administration funds for buses and public transit operations;
- 76% of project funding focused on safety and system preservation;
- Kihei North-South Collector Road capacity project included in 2022 constrained year;
- Pa‘ia Relief Route and Honoapi‘ilani Highway Realignment included in 2023 planning year.

Maui TIP Proportion of Federal Funds by Program
Complete Streets

Maui MPO coordinated stakeholders within the County and community to facilitate implementation of Complete Streets on Maui. A Complete Streets policy and updated technical guidance documents will support creation and maintenance of sidewalks, multiuse paths, bicycle facilities and transit-friendly infrastructure through retrofits and resurfacing projects, as well as requirements for new land development. In support of these County efforts, MPO Executive Director:

- Coordinated “Creating Healthier Communities” coalition made up of County Planning and Public Works Departments, HEAL, Blue Zones and Maui Bicycling League for public outreach events;

- Reviewed and commented on draft County of Maui Street Design Manual.

- Reviewed and commented on draft County of Maui Complete Streets Policy;

- Reviewed and commented on draft changes to the County of Maui Subdivision Code, Title 18.

- Organized and led Onehe'e Avenue Walk Audit with national active transportation expert Mark Fenton to identify needed safety improvements;

- Gathered public input on Complete Streets design concepts at Blue Zones bingo nights;

- Organized Vision Zero Launch and Memorial Bike Ride, where Mayor Arakawa proclaimed goal of zero traffic fatalities on Maui by 2040.
Table 1. Financial summary for FY2017 & 2018 UPWP

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| Member Dues Received | 100,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 |

Maui MPO Policy Board
Stacy Crivello, Chair – County of Maui Councilmember
David Goode, Vice Chair – County of Maui Director of Public Works
Michele McLean – County of Maui Director of Planning
John Buck – County of Maui Deputy Director of Transportation
Kelly King – County of Maui Councilmember
Yuki Lei Sugimura – County of Maui Councilmember
Jade Butay – State of Hawai‘i Director of Transportation

Maui MPO Technical Advisory Committee
Pam Eaton, Chair – Planning Program Administrator, County of Maui Planning Department
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Maui MPO Staff
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