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Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2035 Final Public Meeting Planned

Public Encouraged to Access Information Online and to Attend the Meeting

HONOLULU (February 14, 2011)—The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) has released the draft of the *Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2035* (ORTP 2035) for review. The ORTP 2035 will be the official guide for transportation facilities and services planned for Oahu through the year 2035. Come and discuss transportation improvements and programs considered for inclusion in ORTP 2035 with the Project team at this islandwide public meeting:

Meeting will be open house format with a presentation as indicated below.

- Thursday, February 24, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with presentation at 6:30 p.m.
- Neal Blaisdell Center, Pikake Room, 777 Ward Avenue, Honolulu
(Bus 1, 2, 3, 9,13, 40A, 52, 53, 57, 62, B, C)

The *Draft ORTP 2035* and a comment form are available for download from the OahuMPO web site, www.oahumpo.org. Comments on the draft Plan may be submitted to the OahuMPO **by March 28, 2011**. The Final Plan is anticipated to be adopted in April 2011.

The ORTP 2035 is a long-term vision document that outlines transportation goals, objectives, and policies for Oahu. The plan identifies short-range and long-range strategies and actions that are designed to promote the development of an integrated sustainable transportation system which facilitates the safe, efficient, and economic movement of people and goods.

The *Draft ORTP 2035* has been prepared to conform to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transportation Administration requirements and procedures. As such, the resulting plan must be fiscally constrained, meaning that funding sources must be identified for the selected projects and programs. When gas tax and other revenue sources were plentiful, addressing the funding issue was relatively easy. However, in today's financial environment, identifying revenue to fund necessary transportation projects is challenging. Meeting attendees will be asked for their comments on the draft package of congestion relief, sustainable transportation, and operations, safety and maintenance projects and programs which have been identified.

"The goal of this meeting is to show the public how we have integrated their input into the overall plan and put together an improved regional transportation plan which will contribute to the quality of life for residents on Oahu," according to Brian Gibson, the executive director of OahuMPO. "An improved regional transportation system with roadway and public transit, pedestrian and bicycling components can ultimately increase mobility and accessibility, meet communities' growth needs, and save residents time, money and stress."

Please join us...

The Draft Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2035 (ORTP 2035), the official guide for transportation facilities and services planned for Oahu through the year 2035, is available for public review.

The ORTP 2035, produced by the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, is a long-term vision document that

- Outlines transportation goals, objectives, and policies for Oahu
- Identifies short and long range strategies and actions that promote the development of a sustainable, multi-modal transportation system

Come review and discuss proposed transportation improvements and programs with the project team.

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or pay parking is available for \$5.00)

Comments on the draft ORTP may be submitted until Monday, March 28, 2011 to the OahuMPO. The draft plan and detailed information about how to provide comments are available at www.oahumpo.org or by email at oahumpo@oahumpo.org or telephone at 587-2015.



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