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Planning Organization

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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:

FY2019 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, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren Armstrong", written in a cursive style.

Lauren Armstrong
Executive Director

Enclosure

Cc: Maui MPO Policy Board (by email)

Cc: Amy Ford-Wagner, Federal Highway Administration Hawai'i Division (by email)



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**2018-19 Annual Report to
Hawai'i State Legislature &
Maui County Council**

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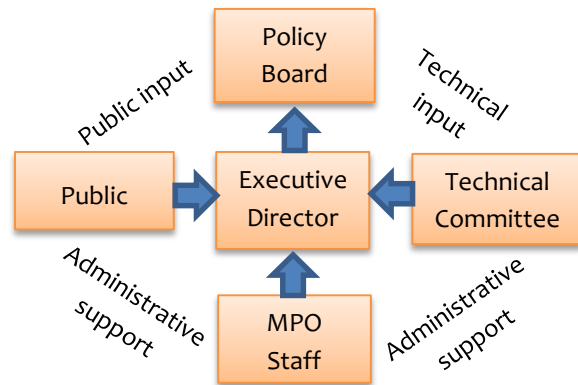
Introduction

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 regional 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-5(c), 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) 2019 from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. Regular financial updates are provided to the Maui MPO Policy Board.

Table 1. Expenditures Programmed for FY2019

Cost Category	Total Budget
Staff Costs	\$ 269,848
Travel	\$ 13,400
Utility	\$ 2,200
Materials and Supplies	\$ 2,500
Consultant Contract	\$ 324,588
Rent	\$ 13,200
Other	\$ 13,306
TOTAL	\$ 639,043

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 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)* approved by FTA and FHWA;
- 9 Policy Board meetings;
- 8 Technical Advisory Committee meetings;

- Timely reimbursement requests to HDOT for 80% of expenses;
- Attended American Planning Association (APA) national conference and Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) national conference;
- Won competitive funding for Maui team to attend Walkability Action Institute in Atlanta, Georgia.



Maui MPO and Healthy Eating Active Living Coalition (HEAL) won competitive funding for a Maui team to attend the Walkability Action Institute in April 2019.



2018-19 Maui MPO Policy Board members and staff. From left: Jade Butay, Tamara Paltin, Rowena Dagdag-Andaya, Shane Sinenci, Lauren Armstrong, Yuki Lei Sugimura, Michael Hopper, Marc Takamori, Troy Hashimoto, Michele McLean, Rosalyn Baker.

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 2018-19, Maui MPO staff, Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board members participated in Long Range Transportation Plan public workshops, pop up events and online engagement.

Key accomplishments:

- FTA Title VI Plan approved by Policy Board to address equity in transportation planning;
- 15 e-newsletters to notify public of Maui MPO meetings and activities;
- 265 subscribers to Maui MPO e-newsletter, 16% annual increase;
- 12,000+ residents reached via Facebook and Instagram;
- 90+ hours of public outreach;
- Commission on Persons with Disabilities;
- Ha‘ikū Community Association;
- Healthy Eating Active Living Coalition annual meeting;
- Kihei Community Association;
- Kula Community Association;
- Maui County Council Multimodal Transportation Committee;
- Maui High School Drivers’ Education class;
- Managed Retreat Symposium;
- Seabury Hall assembly;
- West Maui Community Plan Advisory Committee.



Maui High School Drivers' Education class gives input on Hele Mai Maui 2040 Plan in May 2019

Long Range Transportation Plan

In 2018-19 Maui MPO continued work on 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 worked with consultants from Nelson/Nygaard and Munekiyo Hiraga to assist with an update to the Plan. The Plan includes performance measures, a prioritized list of multimodal projects, financial forecasting and near-term actions.

Key accomplishments:

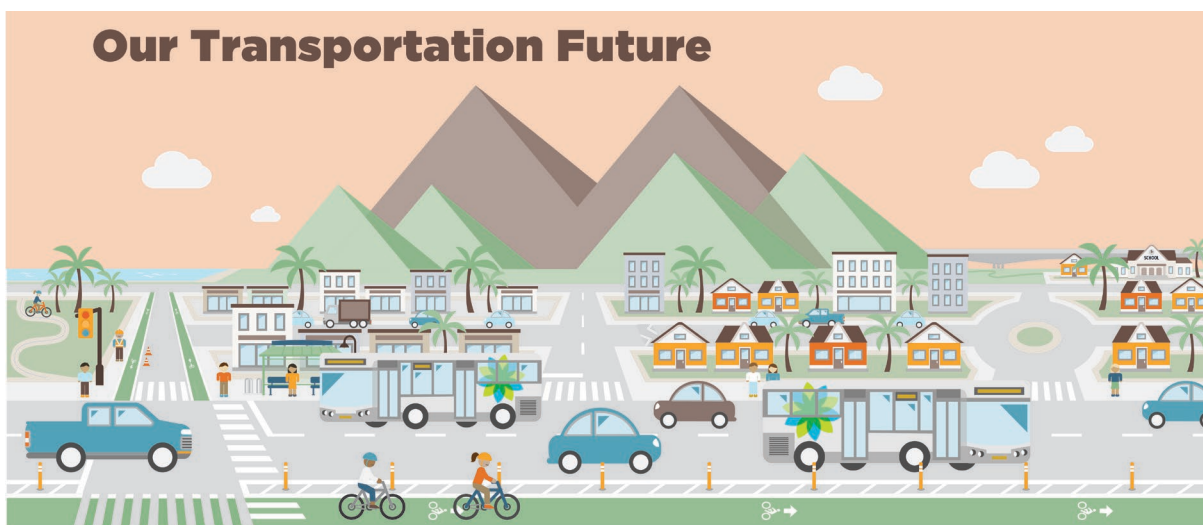
- Work with consultant and project team to update Maui Long Range Transportation Plan;
- 7 TAC meetings and 7 Policy Board meetings dedicated to review of Plan deliverables;
- 4 Community Think Tank meetings to gather public input on Plan;
- 6 pop-up planning appearances at Town Fridays and public events;



- 300+ public surveys collected on transportation projects;
- Plan available online at: www.mauimpo.org/hele-mai-maui-2040



Complete Streets visualization in Hele Mai Maui



Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

In 2018-19 Maui MPO and its member agencies HDOT, DPW, MDOT and Planning Department revised the list of transportation projects for the FFY 2019-2022 TIP. The TIP is a list of State and County transportation projects that will use federal funds.

Maui MPO worked with State legislators to improve consistency between the State CIP budget and the TIP, to provide accurate information to the public about project costs and timeframes for construction.

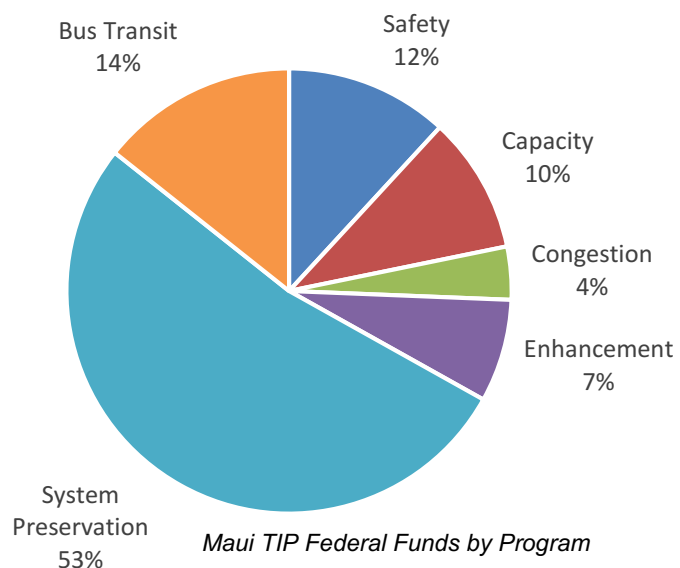
FHWA funds are typically programmed for highway, bicycle, and pedestrian projects, while FTA funds are programmed for acquisition, operation and maintenance of the public transit system.

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 Revision #2 Amendment* approved by Policy Board and HDOT Director to include in STIP;
- \$88 million Federal Highway Administration funded projects programmed for 2019-2022;
- \$15 million Federal Transit Administration funds for buses and public transit operations;
- Kihei North-South Collector Road, Lahaina Bypass Phase 1C, Pu‘unene Avenue Improvements, Pa‘ia Relief Route and Honoapi‘ilani Highway Realignment included;
- Coordinated with HDOT around performance-based planning with SmartTRAC project scoring.



Complete Streets

Maui MPO worked with the County and community members to help create Complete Streets that make it safe and comfortable for people of all ages and abilities to get around Maui. In support of Complete Streets efforts, MPO Executive Director:

- Served as chair of the Healthy Eating, Active Living (HEAL) Coalition Built Environment Committee;
- Gathered public input on Complete Streets design concepts via online and in person surveys;
- Organized Onehe'e Avenue Complete Streets Demonstration Project and Vision Zero Launch, news coverage online at: www.mauinow.com/2019/10/26/new-initiative-aims-to-promote-safety-on-maui-streets/.



Bulb outs improve pedestrian safety in Kahului



Maui High School students paint bulb outs on Onehe'e Avenue near Kahului Community Center Park

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Maui MPO Policy Board

Yuki Lei Sugimura, Chair – County of Maui Councilmember
Marc Takamori, Vice Chair – County of Maui Director of Transportation
Michele McLean – County of Maui Director of Planning
Rowena Dagdag-Andaya – County of Maui Director of Public Works
Shane Sinenci – County of Maui Councilmember
Tamara Paltin – County of Maui Councilmember
Jade Butay – State of Hawai‘i Director of Transportation
Rosalyn Baker – Hawai‘i State Legislature
Troy Hashimoto – Hawai‘i State Legislature

Maui MPO Technical Advisory Committee

Michael DuPont, Chair – County Deputy Director of Transportation
Robin Shishido, Vice Chair – District Engineer, State of Hawaii Department of Transportation
Pam Eaton – Planning Program Administrator, County of Maui Planning Department
Nolly Yagin, Civil Engineer VI, County of Maui Department of Public Works
Kathleen Aoki – Administrative Planning Officer, County of Maui Planning Department
John Smith – Chief of Field Operations & Maintenance, County of Maui Dept. of Public Works
Ken Tatsuguchi – Head Planning Engineer, State of Hawaii Department of Transportation
Chico Rabara – Engineering Program Manager, County of Maui Department of Public Works
Linda Munsell – County Housing and Human Services Deputy Director
John Buck – County Parks and Recreation Deputy Director

Maui MPO Staff

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