

Testimony of the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

Senate Committee on Transportation & Culture and the Arts

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SCR 200

REQUESTING THE OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO COORDINATE A TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM

Dear Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and Committee Members,

The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) supports SCR 200, which requests that we coordinate a transportation management training program. This would enable the OahuMPO to enhance and expand our current training program to focus on educating key decision makers responsible for transportation policy, planning, funding, and implementation.

This resolution would help us achieve various state and county goals including improving transportation safety and providing a multimodal transportation system that can expand opportunities for residents to lower their household costs related to transportation. By including peer-to-peer learning opportunities and site visits, our decision makers can see and experience successful applications of best practices and meet with the innovative leaders that implemented changes in their communities.

SCR 200 aligns with the Vision and Goals of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), including reducing serious injuries and traffic deaths to zero, enhancing the transportation network to increase active and public transportation, promoting an equitable and affordable transportation system, and Integrating land use and transportation planning to provide a reliable and efficient multimodal transportation system.

The OahuMPO is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) on the island of Oahu responsible for carrying out a multimodal transportation planning process, including the development of a long-range (25-year horizon) metropolitan transportation plan, referred to as the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), which encourages and promotes a safe, efficient, and resilient transportation system that serves the mobility needs of all people and freight (including walkways, bicycles, and transit), fosters economic growth and development, while minimizing fuel consumption and air pollution (23 CFR 450.300).

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this resolution.

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Comments:

Mahalo for your consideration of this timely and thoughtful measure. Former O'ahuMPO Transportation Improvement Program manager here.

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