

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 18, 2005 10:00 a.m.
Department of Transportation Fifth Floor Conference Room
869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Toru Hamayasu, Chair	DTS	James Burke	DTS
Glenn Yasui, Vice Chair	DOT	Carissa Unpingco (ex-officio, alt.)	FAA
John Mapes (alternate)	DBEDT	Valerie Rodman (ex-officio)	FHWA
Ron Tsuzuki (alternate)	DOT	Gareth Sakakida (ex-officio)	HTA
Kathy Sokugawa	DPP	A. Ricardo Archilla (ex-officio)	UH
Randolph Hara	DPP		

Member(s) Absent: Dick Poirier (DBEDT-OP)

Guests Present:

Wayne Kawahara (DOT)	Rich Kane (Pacific Resource Partnership (CAC))
Brian Suzuki (DTS)	L. Gary Bautista (NB #23)
Charles Carole (NB #10 (CAC))	Dick Kaku (Kaku Associates)

Staff Present: Gordon Lum, Shevaun Low, and Pamela Toyooka

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Toru Hamayasu. A quorum was present.

I. MINUTES OF THE JULY 15, 2005 MEETING

Kathy Sokugawa moved and Vice Chair Glenn Yasui seconded that the minutes of the July 15, 2005 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was unanimously carried.

Chair Hamayasu recognized members Valerie Rodman of Federal Highway Administration and Carissa Unpingco of Federal Aviation Administration.

II. ANALYSIS RESULTS OF STRATEGIC PLAN ALTERNATIVES FOR THE 2030 ORTP

Shevaun Low introduced Dick Kaku of Kaku Associates (OMPO's consultant updating the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) to 2030). Mr. Kaku gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the Strategic Plan Concepts analysis and results.

[James Burke arrived at 10:15 a.m.]

In remarks that followed the presentation:

- Mr. Lum stated that all references to points assigned to performance measures, weights, and ranking in the analysis of strategic plan alternatives will be removed.
- Vice Chair Yasui suggested that, as projects are refined, high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes

should terminate in Kapolei rather than in Waikele.

- In response to a question from Vice Chair Yasui, Mr. Kaku stated that earmarks identified as part of the highway reauthorization bill, SAFETEA-LU, will be incorporated in the revenue projections for the 2030 ORTP.
- Ron Tsuzuki summarized comments from the military on the Pearl Harbor bridge and tunnel concepts. He stated that, as part of a recent meeting he attended (with Congressional and Legislative representatives, the Air Force, the Navy, the Hawaii DOT, and OMPO), the military stated that it is willing to work with the community to find solutions to transportation challenges. Mr. Tsuzuki noted that the military expressed serious¹ concerns regarding security issues, terroristic threats, and the existing Ford Island Master Plan.
- In response to a question from Ms. Rodman, Mr. Kaku clarified that the venting of a possible Pearl Harbor Tunnel would be considered in a future draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) by the implementing agency and is not part of the 2030 ORTP analysis.
- In response to a question from Ms. Sokugawa, Mr. Kaku clarified projects 261 (Kamokila Boulevard extension to Franklin D. Roosevelt Avenue) and 266 (Kapolei Parkway, Ko Olina Resort to Kalaeloa Boulevard).
- In response to a question from Ms. Sokugawa, Ms. Low said that new roads proposed by the Hawaii Community Development Authority were not submitted to OMPO for inclusion in the 2030 ORTP.
- Dr. A Ricardo Archilla noted that it would be helpful for the reader to know if the performance measures point overwhelmingly for a concept or project. Mr. Kaku said that this would be provided through a narrative description of the performance analysis results.
- With respect to the strategic plan concepts analysis and results, John Mapes stated that Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism has no comments. Brian Suzuki stated that DTS is currently reviewing the material. Ms. Rodman noted that FHWA will be sending OMPO comments shortly.
- Ms. Unpingco asked for an explanation of how transfers to and from a rail system will be handled. Chair Hamayasu responded that the City will be doing a detailed alternatives analysis and DEIS where transfers will be evaluated.
- In response to a question from L. Gary Bautista, Mr. Kaku stated that it was not the intent of this analysis to recommend a single strategic concept, as presented to TAC. Rather, elements from each concept are likely to be taken through an iterative process to determine the projects in the final ORTP.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

¹ At the November 4, 2005 meeting, the OMPO TAC amended the minutes, adding the underlined text “serious”.