



Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, March 10, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation 17th Floor Large Conference Room
1099 Alakea Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

HART Ryan Tam, Chair	OP Nicola Szibbo
HDOT Ken Tatsuguchi, Vice Chair	DBEDT Joseph Roos
HDOT Robert Miyasaki	DTS Chris Clark
DPP Lori Arakaki	DTS Eileen Mark
DPP Caterine Picardo Diaz	FHWA Liz Fischer (non-voting)

Members Absent: Ted Matley (non-voting) (FTA), Kyle Oyasato (non-voting) (DFM), Gareth Sakakida (non-voting) (HTA), Tim Trang (non-voting) (DDC); FAA Kimberly Evans (non-voting)

Guests Present:

Joe Magaldi (CAC Vice Chair)	Ty Fukumitsu (DTS)
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OahuMPO Staff Present: Alvin Au, Randolph Sykes, Taylor Ellis, Veronica Schack, Dylan Armstrong, Joel Vincent, Kiana Otsuka.

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

I. CALL TO ORDER

It was determined that there was quorum and Chair Ryan Tam called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members and members of the audience introduced themselves. Chair Tam welcomed the new Interim Executive Director Alvin Au. Interim Executive Director Au expressed his happiness to be at the TAC meeting and welcomed and encouraged feedback from TAC Members.

Chair Tam also welcomed Nicola Szibbo to the TAC as the new representative of the Office of Planning.

III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Tam called for members to review the minutes which were included in the meeting packets mailed to TAC members in advance of the meeting.

Three discrepancies were noted and will be corrected in the final version of the minutes:

- 1) Steve Young rather than Mike Watkins attended the January 13, 2017 meeting;
- 2) Sec. IV. A., in the last sentence - "Transportation Improvement Plan" should be "Transportation Improvement Program";
- 3) Sec. VI. D., in the 2nd paragraph, last sentence - "first two years be programmed in the TAP" should be "first two years be programmed in the TIP".

A motion was made by Chris Clark and seconded by Catherine Picardo Diaz to close the call for corrections to the minutes and approve the minutes as corrected. There being no discussion, objections, or abstentions the motion was approved unanimously.

IV. REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Randolph Sykes expressed his appreciation of the new Interim Executive Director Alvin Au and discussed the written Executive Director report which was distributed to members prior to the start of the meeting. Mr. Sykes focused on the accomplishments and progress made by OahuMPO and noted that the intergovernmental review comments received by the March 27, 2017 deadline will be emailed to the TAC members. He reported on the status of the TIP and on outstanding contracts; that OahuMPO was recognized with a Patriotic Employer award; introduced OahuMPO's new Clerk, Kiana Otsuka; and gave an overview of the last Policy Board and Citizen Advisory Committee meetings.

There was discussion regarding the development of the timeline for the review of the Bylaws and other documents that will sunset in 2018 and of the cancellation and re-solicitation of the contract for Federal Requirements which includes performance measures due to the appointment of Director Wes Fryszacki as the head of the Department of Transportation Services (DTS). Mr. Sykes expects a timeline for this project should be available around May. Chair Tam indicated this is a possible agenda item for the May 2017 TAC meeting.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at:

http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1116

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. TRAFFIC SIGNAL PRIORITIZATION METHODOLOGY – TY FUKUMITSU

Ty Fukumitsu of DTS presented an overview of the Traffic Signal Prioritization Methodology study. He discussed the requirements of the study, the criteria used to evaluate and determine the priority of installation and modification of traffic signal projects, and highlighted aspects of some of the current projects.

There was discussion on the prioritization of projects based on time on prioritization list versus safety, on the methodology as related to pedestrians and bicycles, on special conditions included in the study, on the state's methodology, on the cost and maintenance of traffic signals, and on the value of the study as a tool for educating both the public and elected officials and for mitigating liability.

The project deliverables may be viewed at:

<http://www.oahumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/TS-Prioritization-Methodology-Study-Report-12.22.2016-FINAL.pdf>

A motion was made by Ken Tatsuguchi and seconded by Lori Arakaki that TAC recommend Policy Board approval as evidence that the work was carried out and direct staff to use the study recommendations in the OahuMPO's planning processes. There was no further discussion, objections, or abstentions and the motion passed unanimously.

B. FFY 2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP), REVISION 15

Dylan Armstrong of OahuMPO presented a brief description of the amendments. There was discussion regarding the intent and priorities for OS67, about the American Community Survey population updates, concerning discrepancies in the funding tables, requesting more details in the TIP on the specifics of the amendments, and noting that the intergovernmental agency comment deadline of March 27th is after this TAC meeting so TAC did not have the benefit of hearing agency comments. Liz Fischer commented that Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are very aware of the persons, reasons, and causes that resulted in the delay of the TIP Revision 15; expressed for the record, FHWA's and FTA's deep concern knowing how that situation stressed and taxed OahuMPO's limited staff; and about the disregard by those parties for what is required to insure federal funds move forward for everyone. Chair Tam added that the main objective is that we get the federal funding for these projects in a timely fashion.

A motion was made by Chris Clark and seconded by Ken Tatsuguchi that TAC recommend Policy Board approval of revision #15 pending appropriate addressing of public and intergovernmental comments, note the concern of the timeliness of the process, and request the correction of the discrepancies noted in the financial tables.

Taylor Ellis indicated that intergovernmental comments received will be forwarded to TAC members. There was no further discussion, objections, or abstentions and the motion passed unanimously.

The FFY 2015-2018 TIP Revision 15 (FHWA Only) may be found at:

<http://www.oahumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/15-18-TIP-Revision-15-FHWA.pdf>

VII. INVITATION TO INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments and the meeting moved on to Announcements.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Tam announced that there will be no meeting in April so the next TAC meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2017. Mr. Sykes added that currently the Policy Board also will not hold a meeting in April.

Since the last Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) update was last done in May 2016, Mr. Clark of DTS requested that an ORTP update be included on the agenda for the May TAC meeting.

Mr. Tatsuguchi informed members that the State's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) was posted on the State Procurement Office site on March 9, 2017 and emails were sent out to various agencies. Applications will be accepted up to June 15, 2017. It was recommended that Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) also do postings on the HDOT Facebook page and other public modes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tam adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.



TAC Chair-Ryan Tam

5/17/17
Date



TAC Secretary Veronica Schack

5/17/2017
Date