



Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 13, 2018 9:00 a.m.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Board Room #150
1099 Alakea Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

DTS Marian Yasuda, Chair	HART Ryan Tam
FHWA Ralph Rizzo	DBEDT Joseph Roos
DPP Dina Wong	OP Lorene Maki
HDOT Ken Tatsuguchi	HDOT Robert Miyasaki, Vice Chair
FAA Kimberly Evans	

Members Absent: Whitney Birch (HART), Rodney Funakoshi (OP), Eileen Mark (DTS), Ted Matley (non-voting) (FTA), Kyle Oyasato (non-voting) (DFM), Gareth Sakakida (non-voting) (HTA), and Tim Trang (non-voting) (DDC).

Guests Present: Ruth Lohr, Jeyan Thirugnanam, Michael Morris.

OahuMPO Staff Present: Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Joel Vincent, Kiana Otsuka, Amy Ford-Wagner, David Wade and Lena Phomsouvanh.

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

I. CALL TO ORDER

It was determined that there was quorum and Chair Marian Yasuda called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members and members of the audience introduced themselves.

III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 13, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Yasuda called for members to review the minutes which were included in the meeting packets mailed to TAC members in advance of the meeting. It was noted that under *VIII. Announcements* Ryan Yamane should be corrected to Ryan Tam and under *IX. Adjournment* the Chair's last name should be corrected from Masuda to Yasuda. A motion was made by Ryan Tam and seconded by Lorene Maki to approve the minutes as amended. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and Chair Yasuda announced the minutes were approved as amended.

IV. REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Alvin Au announced that the 2019 Overall Work Program was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and that State Senator Karl Rhodes was appointed to the Policy Board to replace State Senator Will Espero. He updated the TAC regarding position vacancies: Diane Dohm has been hired to be the new Planning Program Manager and approval is pending for a candidate who will temporarily fill the Community Planner position during Taylor Ellis' one-year deployment to the Middle East. Executive Director Au also gave a brief recap of the Policy Board and Citizen Advisory Committee meetings.

Executive Director Au introduced David Wade, OahuMPO's new Transportation Impact Analyst and Michael Morris, FHWA's temporary representative.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at:
http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1352

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision #23

Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka presented background on what the Transportation Improvement Program is, how it is funded, and what kind of activities are included in the document. She discussed the FFYs 2015-2018 TIP Revision 23, explained that it is an amendment, mentioned the number of projects included in this revision and detailed the revisions made to each project. Ms. Otsuka also noted the comments received during the public and intergovernmental review and explained the Title VI and Environmental Justice Analysis.

In response to the question if the Environmental Justice Analysis concludes that the funding request is in compliance, FHWA Administrator Ralph Rizzo confirmed there is no limit, level of compliance, or specified percentages for environmental justice. Ms. Otsuka explained OahuMPO is only required to demonstrate that OahuMPO has completed the analysis, and to document it in the TIP.

Senior Transportation Planner Amy Ford-Wagner stated that there is an assumption made that environmental justice block groups are more densely populated and therefore funding may benefit more people in the area, despite a lower per-capita dollar amount. Ms. Otsuka added that this analysis does not take into consideration the indirect benefits of projects for block groups. There was also discussion on whether other MPOs use an Environmental Justice Analysis to influence how project funding is determined. Ms. Ford-Wagner

commented that there will be an update to the Environmental Justice Analysis Methodology completed by a consultant and that equity can be used as a factor in project selection.

A motion was made by Robert Miyasaki and seconded by Ken Tatsuguchi to recommend the Policy Board consider the the FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #23, for approval. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

B. FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka presented the FFYs 2019-2022 TIP, noted the number of projects included and the funding breakdown, explained required processes, and presented the new projects. She discussed the Environmental Justice Analysis, the public outreach process that was completed, and the comments received during the public and intergovernmental review period.

As requested, Ms. Otsuka outlined the TIP timeline. She noted that after the TAC votes, the TIP is presented to the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) for their vote; is modified to include additional comments from the TAC, the CAC, and the public; then the final draft is presented to the Policy Board for their approval which will be at their July 27th meeting. Subsequently, the TIP will be sent to the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) to be incorporated into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Chair Yasuda requested that comments be separately grouped by governmental responses and public responses. Ms. Otsuka confirmed that City and HDOT agency responses to the intergovernmental and public review comments would be incorporated in the TIP and presented to the Policy Board at their meeting.

A motion was made by Robert Miyasaki and seconded by Ken Tatsuguchi to recommend the Policy Board consider the the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program, for approval. There were no further discussions, oppositions, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

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

There were no announcements.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Yasuda adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.