



Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 14, 2018

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

Members Present:

DTA Marian Yasuda (Chair)	HART Ryan Tam
HDOT Ken Tatsuguchi	DBEDT Joseph Roos
DPP Dina Wong	FTA Kimberly Evans
HART Ruth Lohr	FHWA Richelle Takara

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

Guests Present: None

OahuMPO Staff Present: Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Joel Vincent, Amy Ford-Wagner, David Wade, Carolyn Wegan-Hildebrand, and Diane Dohm.

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marian Yasuda called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 10, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Marian Yasuda requested 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 on page 3, the Hawaii Housing planning study contract was executed on September 11, 2018. Contract is between HHFDC and SMS Research and Marketing Services. Chair Marian Yasuda noted that for item III. *Approval of APRIL 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes* the date should be July 13, 2018. A motion was made and seconded. There were no further discussion, abstentions, or objections and the minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Au shared personnel changes at OahuMPO. He noted that the current Senior Transportation Planner, Amy Ford Wagner has accepted a position with the FHWA, that Diane Dohm,

OahuMPO's current Planning Program Manager, will become OahuMPO's new Senior Transportation Planner and new hire, Nicole Smith, will become OahuMPO's Planning Program Manager. Lena Phomsouvanh, secretary/clerk will also be leaving OahuMPO to accept a Graduate Assistant position at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Executive Director Au reported that there was an initial audit coordination meeting with N & K for the 2018 Single Audit and that the Supplemental Administrative agreement has been finalized and sent to Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HDOT) Director Jade Butay for signature. The Agreement extends to the year 2021.

Executive Director Au gave a brief summary of the business covered at the August 31st Policy Board and the August 15th Citizen Advisory Committee meetings.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1398

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to conduct.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY20 Overall Work Program (OWP) Development

Planning Program Manager Diane Dohm discussed the primary purposes of the Overall Work Program (OWP), the required metropolitan planning activities, provided examples of the types of planning projects that are eligible and projects that are not eligible for inclusion in the OWP and explained the criteria that determines potential OWP work. She discussed a proposed OWP format that would organize the projects by major task categories that would provide a clearer framework and message. She encouraged members to provide comments, ideas, and suggestions.

She reported the status of the FY20 OWP process, that it had been presented to Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) on August 15th, the four ideas that were received from the CAC, that OahuMPO has been engaging in conversations with partner agencies and working towards crafting the best possible CAC recommendations, and that discussion will be continuing with the CAC at their September 19th meeting where the CAC will be voting upon and prioritizing their recommendations. She added that she looks forward to continued conversation with all the partner agencies and that the formal call for proposals is expected to be made in late October.

There was discussion on the congestion pricing proposal by the CAC, what comprised the CAC's focus, and that the idea could be expanded to include other areas on the island of Oahu.

Ms. Dohm's PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at:

https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1395

B. OahuMPO Response to Federal Performance Measures Targets – Pavement and Bridge Condition and Freight Performance

Senior Transportation Planner Amy Ford-Wagner provided background on the origin and purposes of performance management, noting that OahuMPO needs to respond to targets that are set by the Hawaii's Department of Transportation (HDOT) and that performance measures drive the discussion around transportation investment and performance of our transportation system.

She stated there are six different performance measures but the focus for this presentation would be on Pavement and Bridge Condition on the Interstate and National Highway Systems (NHS) and on Freight Performance.

She displayed what roadways are affected by these measures, noting that HDOT is responsible for setting targets for the entire system regardless of jurisdiction. She discussed the grading of different pavement conditions, the performance targets set by HDOT, emphasizing these targets are meant to be realistic rather than inspirational and are short-term targets. There was discussion on how HDOT needs to consider not only the NHS roads but also local roads when considering how to allocate available resources. It was also mentioned that the ramification of not meeting these targets is the loss of flexibility of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding which will be required to be transferred to and obligated as National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) funds.

Ms. Ford-Wagner discussed the HDOT targets, the composition of bridges, the grading for bridges, that bridges that cross streams and other roadways are included, how the grading is calculated, and the penalty for not meeting the targets. She then summarized the 2-year and 4-year targets for Pavement and Bridge Conditions.

She explained that the Freight Reliability targets pertains only to the Interstate system and focus is on the reliability and does not include level of surface or free-flow travel for freight. She presented the reliability metric and how it is calculated, and the HDOT targets for different periods of the day.

In summary, Ms. Ford-Wagner discussed the MPO requirements and OahuMPO's options for coordination with HDOT.

There was discussion on the relationship of the freight targets to the Freight Plan, the purpose of the Freight Plan and what constitutes the freight network and that the freight network is primarily composed of NHS roads, how the state's Complete Streets project might impact the targets, and the concerns of truckers.

Ms. Ford-Wagner stated that after the Policy Board approval, a letter is sent to the HDOT and FHWA.

A motion was made by Ken Tatsuguchi and seconded by Dina Wong to recommend that OahuMPO's response to Pavement and Bridge Condition and Freight performance measures targets be recommended to the Policy Board for consideration and approval. There were no objections or abstentions and the motion was approved.

C. Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HDOT) Draft Performance-Based Project Prioritization

Ken Tatsuguchi, HDOT's Engineering Program Manager presented the Smart Transportation Rank Choice (SmartTRAC) program developed by the statewide transportation advisory committee SUB-STAC.

Mr. Tatsuguchi provided background and discussed the benefits, the state's priorities, the roles of the various players, eligibility, and the five factors used to score the projects. He outlined the timeline for SmartTRAC, as well as the scoring and prioritization of projects, the ranking and approval process undertaken by SUB-STAC. He will send OahuMPO the approval schedule for distribution to the TAC members.

As a test, projects in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is being put through SmartTRAC to test the program. Mr. Tatsuguchi explained that potentially could result in a rescore for projects based on their cost, which may then alter their priority. There was discussion on whether a project could be removed from STP if it were rescored by SmartTRAC and did not meet the requirements.

He outlined the next steps for SmartTRAC. Projects were sent to the MPO's and the Counties, so the applications could be completed. Applications are very similar to the Performance Progress Report (PPR), however additional information was added under "performance measures". HDOT is hoping to obtain consultants to assist with the evaluation. Upon their completion, the next step would be to send disclosures to agencies outside the program

It was stated that the Policy Board and OahuMPO supports this program and its transparency.

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

Ms. Kimberly Evans from the FAA made an announcement that Air Cargo Day will be held in October at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. She will forward the announcement to OahuMPO for distribution to the TAC members.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Yasuda adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.