



Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

November 9, 2018

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

**Members Present:**

DTA Marian Yasuda (Chair)	FHWA Amy Ford-Wagner
HDOT Ken Tatsuguchi	DBEDT Joseph Roos
DPP Dina Wong	FAA Kimberly Evans
HART Ruth Lohr	OP Rodney Funakoshi
DTS Eileen Mark	HDOT Robert Miyasaki
HTA Gareth Sakakida	

**Members Absent:** Ted Matley (non-voting) (FTA), Kyle Oyasato (non-voting) (DFM), Tim Trang (non-voting) (DDC), Ryan Tam (voting) (HART),

**Guests Present:** Pete Garino

**OahuMPO Staff Present:** Alvin Au, Roni Schack, David Wade, Carolyn Wegan-Hildebrand, Nicole Smith 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 9:05 a.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Marian Yasuda requested members review the minutes which were included in the meeting packets mailed to TAC members in advance of the meeting. The following corrections were noted: Robert Miyasaki was absent from the meeting, so his name should be included in the *Members Absent* listing; Rodney Funakoshi's first name was missing from the *Members Absent* listing; Kimberly Evans is with the FAA not the FTA; quorum was met at the September meeting, so the sentence on quorum under *Call To Order* should be struck; the second sentence under Old Business should also be removed.

A motion was made by Joseph Roos and seconded by Rodney Funakoshi. Robert Miyasaki abstained since he was not present at the September 14, 2018 meeting. There were no further discussions or objections and the minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **IV. REPORTS**

##### **A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director Au shared that the OWP FY2020 Call For Projects was released to the Policy Board and agency department heads with a due date of November 30, 2018. He shared personnel changes at OahuMPO during the month of October including the addition of Victoria Larson as Clerk/Secretary and Nicole Smith as Planning Program Manager. He reported that the Supplemental Administrative Agreement has been approved. This agreement with the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) will extend to the year 2021.

There was no update from the Policy Board since the Board did not meet in September or October due to lack of quorum. Executive Director Au gave a brief summary of the business covered at the September 19<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

TAC Members noted that they had not received a copy of the Call for Projects memo and asked Oahu MPO staff to forward the memo via email. Robert Miyasaki also asked for clarification on CAC's vote on initial proposals for the OWP FY2020.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1427](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1427)

##### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to conduct.

##### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

###### **A. Performance of the National Highway System**

Senior Transportation Planner Diane Dohm gave a brief background on performance measures pertaining to the National Highway System (NHS), noting that committee members would likely see parallels between highway and freight performance measures as both refer to reliability. On Oahu, the NHS includes all of the interstates, primary highways, and primary arterials. Performance measures for the highway system uses the metric of person miles traveled that are reliable. Reliability is the ratio of bad traffic to normal traffic – 80<sup>th</sup> percentile vs. 50<sup>th</sup> percentile. Ms. Dohm described current condition as measured by HDOT and discussed the two- and four-year performance targets for interstate and non-interstate highways.

The Oahu MPO is tasked with responding to the targets set by HDOT, to report on progress toward meeting the targets in the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), and to show how projects programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) support meeting these targets. Ms. Dohm explained that the OahuMPO can agree to plan and program projects that support and contribute to the State's targets, to set its own quantifiable targets for all performance measures, or to do a combination of the two options. With previous performance measures, OahuMPO had agreed to plan and program projects according to the state's targets based on available resources and expertise. There will be an opportunity to revisit target-setting in the future. Robert noted that the text on the agenda under Recommended Action was not updated from the previous meeting.

Rodney Funikoshi asked for clarification on OahuMPO's response and Robert clarified that this means adopting the targets on the chart in the handout. There was a general discussion between members on how reliability is calculated, and how it differs from efficiency. Members also clarified that there is no penalty currently for not meeting performance targets. Amy Ford-Wagner commented that this

metric is interesting for using person-miles instead of vehicle miles, so reliability could be improved through improvements to bus service. Amy also added that the lack of penalty may change over time and suggested not relying on that.

The motion was made by Robert Miyasaki and seconded by Joseph Roos to recommend OahuMPO's response to the NHS Performance Targets to the Policy Board for their consideration and approval. There was no further objections or abstentions and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045**

Senior Transportation Planner Diane Dohm provided a presentation on the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2045 which OahuMPO is currently working on and noted that the hard deadline for the ORTP 2045 is April 2021. Ms. Dohm presented a high-level look at the schedule for the next two years. Currently, OahuMPO is reviewing key existing plans around the island. Once the branding is finalized, OahuMPO will begin public outreach starting with vision and goals. Ms. Dohm discussed two draft branding concepts being considered and welcomed any feedback and suggestions that the committee may have about the designs. She added the designs will be shown to the Policy Board and the Citizens Advisory Committee as well. There was discussion about the use of Hawaiian language in the branding that supports the Hawaiian culture, about the schedule, the plan for community outreach, and the parties involved in helping to make this process run smoothly.

**C. FY2020 Overall Work Program (OWP) Proposals from the Citizen Advisory Committee**

Senior Transportation Planner Diane Dohm explained the four candidate proposals from the CAC which the CAC had voted on at their September meeting. The four candidate proposals are: Island Wide Road Accessibility, Island Wide Traffic Signal Time and Evaluation, Modernizing Oahu's Ground Transportation to Eliminate Gridlock, and the North Shore Corridor Study. Ms. Dohm gave a brief description of each of the project proposals and requested that member agencies submit their responses regarding the CAC candidate proposals by next Friday, November 16, 2018. Ms. Dohm also suggested that if there is work already addressing these areas of interest to the CAC, that the agencies provide a presentation to the CAC, so that the CAC understands that work is being done on the areas that the CAC cares about.

Ms. Dohm reiterated that OahuMPO's Overall Work Program's Call for Projects was issued on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Planning Program Manager Nicole Smith is now managing the OWP and will be following up to ensure members who did not receive the email or memo receives the notice. All proposals are to be sent to OahuMPO by November 30, 2018. Any questions or comments regarding the Call for Projects and the OWP should be directed to Ms. Smith.

**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 announced that the FAA is hiring for the position of an Assistant Manager who would report to FAA Manager Gordon Wong.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Yasuda adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.