



Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 8, 2019

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

Members Present:

DTS Marian Yasuda (Chair)	FHWA Amy Ford-Wagner
DPP Noelle Cole	DBEDT Joseph Roos
HART Ruth Lohr	FAA Kimberly Evans
HART Ryan Tam	OP Rodney Funakoshi
HDOT Robert Miyasaki	HDOT Ken Tatsuguchi

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), Dina Wong (DPP) (voting).

Guests Present: Ralph Rizzo

OahuMPO Staff Present: Alvin Au, Roni Schack, David Wade, Nicole Smith, Diane Dohm, Kiana Otsuka, Tori Larson, and Joel Vincent

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marian Yasuda called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 11, 2019 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.

Two corrections were made to Section VI – Ewa Transportation Impact Fee Program Update: 1) to strike the word “finally” from the sentence “He noted that this is the oldest of all OWP studies and that it is finally completed. “ and 2) to change “will be” in the sentence “It will be updated every five years ...” to “It is scheduled to be...”. Kimberly Evans added that Airports should be added after FAA in the Announcements section.

A motion was made by Rodney Funakoshi and seconded by Noelle Cole. The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. REPORTS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director Au shared that the Oahu MPO staff are currently conducting outreach events for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) first phase of public involvement. Oahu MPO has attended eight community events and engaged 797 people. Oahu MPO welcomes suggestions from TAC members for upcoming events.

The Policy Board met on January 29th and received a presentation from FHWA on the 2018 Oahu MPO Transportation Management Area Planning Certification Review Summary Report.

The Citizen Advisory Committee met on January 16th and elected Joseph Magaldi as Chair and Dick Poirer as Vice Chair. The OahuMPO presented to the CAC a Year-In-Review report highlighting accomplishments, performance and recommended areas of improvement. The CAC also reviewed their 2019 agenda for public involvement.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1481

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to conduct.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018 Oahu MPO Federal Certification Review Final Report

Mr. Ralph Rizzo, Hawaii Division Administrator for the Federal Highways Administration presented a PowerPoint on the OahuMPO Federal Certification Review Final Report. He provided background on the purpose, history, and steps taken during the certification review process and described how the report is structured.

Mr. Rizzo noted items that have shown improvement such as the internal management of the overall work program (OWP), including more transparency and a more fully involved Citizens Advisory Committee.

He discussed the findings and recommendations that appear in the current report and those that were also included in the 2014 certification review report, noting that the more serious fundamental 2014 corrective actions have been resolved. He emphasized the importance of documentation of public comments, of the analysis completed for Title VI and Environmental Justice, and of clearly demonstrating implementation of the congestion management process.

Mr. Rizzo acknowledged the motion made by the Policy Board that a letter be sent to FHWA requesting clarification on two of the findings from the Certification Review.

Rodney Funakoshi asked how and if OMPO responded to the report. Mr. Rizzo explained the process and Director Au clarified that the Oahu MPO did respond to the draft report of the Certification Review, noting that feedback is not reflected in the final report. Director Au assured Rodney Funakoshi that Oahu MPO staff is aware of the issues in the Certification Review and several of them are being actively addressed.

Mr. Rizzo added that Oahu MPO's response included a request for guidance and technical assistance and that FHWA is committed to providing that support.

Amy Ford-Wagner noted that she is working with OahuMPO on addressing the Certification Review items and volunteered to provide the TAC periodic updates from FHWA's point of view on the OahuMPO's progress in this.

Chair Yasuda, Rodney Funakoshi and Kimberly Evans asked for more information on the expected timeline for addressing items noted in the Certification Review as well as periodic updates on progress toward meeting these deadlines.

Mr. Rizzo's presentation may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1491

B. FY2020 Overall Work Program

Nicole Smith, Planning Program Manager, provided an informational briefing on the status of the Overall Work Program FY2020 including the timeline, changes in format/layout, and the proposals received from agency partners.

The OWP FY2020 will be reviewed by the TAC in the March meeting, and then be released for public/intergovernmental review in mid-March for 30 days. The final draft will be presented to the Oahu MPO committees in May and submitted to FHWA for approval in June.

The OWP FY2020 will be organized by task to better describe the Oahu MPO's work to the public, agency partners, and the FHWA.

Ryan Tam noted that HART is planning to submit a proposal on the study of AV/transit integration.

Chair Yasuda asked if agency partners have responded to the CAC's proposals and Nicole stated that the Oahu MPO is working with DTS and HDOT to provide presentations to the CAC on current or future projects that align with their OWP proposals. The committee then had a general discussion on how CAC proposals get programmed in the OWP.

C. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2019-2022 Revision #3

David Wade, Transportation Impact Analyst, introduced the TIP as a four-year schedule of surface transportation projects and explained that amendments or major changes require a re-demonstration of fiscal constraint, public & intergovernmental review and consideration and/or approval by OahuMPO's committees.

David stated that the seven projects amended in Revision #3 were submitted by HDOT, are FHWA funded and are part of the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP).

Revision #3 removes 5 projects from the TIP, re-adds one project, and adds a phase to an existing project. David described the five comments that were received during the public & intergovernmental review period. There was discussion on HDOT's prioritizing of their Top 30 project list.

David noted that the Title VI/EJ analysis for the amendment shows a 7% difference in investment per capita between T6/EJ Block Groups and non-T6/EJ Block Groups.

To Chair Yasuda's question, David stated that public/intergovernmental review are sent to partner agencies by email and postal mail. Chair Yasuda stated she was not notified that the TIP Revision was out for review and suggested that all agencies be asked to provide a response even if it's "no comment" in the future, so there is a clear indication that all agencies were consulted and participating. Robert Miyasaki was recommended that if the TAC members are not already included they be added to these communications.

A motion was made by Ken Tatsuguchi and seconded by Joseph Roos to recommend Policy Board approval of the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #3 as presented. There were no further discussions, oppositions, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

VI. 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.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Yasuda adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.