



Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

July 12th, 2019

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

**Members Present:**

Name	Agency	Voting Rights	Present
Marian Yasuda (Chair)	DTS	Yes	X
Eileen Mark	DTS	Yes	
Rachel Roper	HDOT	Yes	X
Ken Tatsuguchi (Vice Chair)	HDOT	Yes	X
Dina Wong	DPP	Yes	X
Andy Yamaguchi	DPP	Yes	X
Ruth Lohr	HART	Yes	X
Vacant	HART	Yes	
Jie Bai	DBEDT	Yes	X
Ruby Edwards	OP	Yes	X
Kimberly Evans	FAA	No	
Ted Matley	FTA	No	
Kyle Oyasato	DFM	No	
Gareth Sakakida	HTA	No	
Tim Trang	DDC	No	
Amy Ford-Wagner	FHWA	No	X

Guests Present: Michelle O'Connell (FHWA)

**OahuMPO Staff Present:** Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Diane Dohm, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand, Nicki Smith, Kiana Otsuka, Tori Larson, Logan Takeda, 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 9:03am.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF JUNE 14TH, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Yasuda requested members review the minutes which were mailed to the members in advance of the meeting.

Andy Yamaguchi noted that the Members Present table on the first page was missing two voting members. Ken Tatsuguchi motioned and Dina Wong seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting. There was no further abstention, discussion or opposition and the minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **IV. REPORTS**

##### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director Au welcomed the new members to the TAC. He reported that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration jointly approved the FY2020 Overall Work Program (OWP) in a letter dated July 9, 2019. OahuMPO has hired a summer intern, Logan Takeda. Logan currently attends University of Portland, where he studies civil engineering. OahuMPO is currently in the final phases of recruitment of a Transportation Impact Analyst. This person's responsibilities will include the management of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Executive Director Au reported that the Policy Board (PB) met on June 25, 2019, received a briefing on the final draft of the FY2020 Overall Work Program (OWP). The PB discussed and endorsed the final draft of the FY2020 OWP.

In the June 19, 2019 meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee, the City Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency (OCCSR) provided an informational briefing on the OCCSR's climate action planning and resilience strategy. The CAC also received a presentation on the Final Draft FY2020 Overall Work Program (OWP). The committee discussed and recommended Policy Board endorsement.

The Executive Director Report can be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1634](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1634)

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

There was no old business to conduct.

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

##### **A. Election of Vice Chair**

Chair Yasuda noted that the next Vice Chair would serve through December 31. As no nominations were received prior to the meeting, she invited TAC members to nominate others or themselves for Vice Chair. Dina Wong nominated Ken Tatsuguchi and he accepted. There was no further discussion, objections, or abstentions and Ken Tatsuguchi was elected as Vice Chair.

##### **B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2019-2022 Revision #6**

Kiana Otsuka, Transportation Planner began with an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program as a four-year schedule of surface transportation projects. Ms. Otsuka noted that Revision #6 is an amendment involving major changes. As such, requirements include re-demonstration of fiscal constraint, a public and intergovernmental review, consideration by the TAC and approval by the Policy Board. Revision #6 consists of

five project amendments four of which are State of Hawaii projects funded through FHWA and one of which is a City and County of Honolulu project funded through the FTA.

Ms. Otsuka reviewed each project amendment, noting the funding category, changes made, and the difference in funding. For the intergovernmental and public review, four total organizations responded with no comment. The results of the Title VI and Environmental Justice Analysis show that as of Revision 6, the TIP invests 11% more per capita or \$243/person in T6/EJ block groups.

Ruby Edwards asked about OS26, Resurfacing of Kalanianaʻole Highway and whether Complete Streets would be integrated into this project. Ken Tatsuguchi responded that the primary objective of this particular project is maintenance and confirmed that it is being jointly planned, noting that even before there was the term Complete Streets, HDOT did have the retrofit requirement which is a Complete Streets condition.

Ruth Lohr motioned, and Andy Yamaguchi seconded to recommend that the Policy Board approve the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #6, as presented.

The presentation may be viewed at: [http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1635](http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1635)

### **C. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan – Vision & Goals**

Kiana Otsuka and Diane Dohm, Senior Transportation Planner, reviewed the results of Phase 1 Outreach of the ORTP 2045. Phase 1 Outreach was completed through information and outreach booths, an online survey and focus groups. For the information and outreach booths, over three thousand participants were asked which transportation goals should be prioritized through 2045. Safety, Health & Air Quality and Active Transportation received the most votes. OahuMPO staff analyzed the distribution of votes by zip code and planning area, noting that the results were relatively consistent with population distribution.

226 people participated in the online survey, for which Safety, Reliability & Efficiency, and Resiliency & Environment received the most votes. The online survey asked respondents how they envision getting around Oʻahu in 2045. In order to analyze the results, the responses were coded. The top five responses received included rail, bus, car, bike, and walk.

OahuMPO engaged 120 people through focus groups held in each of the planning areas around the island. They were asked to identify their top three transportation goals and to share how they envision getting around Oʻahu in the year 2045.

Ken Tatsuguchi asked Ms. Otsuka and Ms. Dohm how they planned to reconcile North Shore and Primary Urban Center residents having different transportation concerns. A general discussion ensued on how OahuMPO plans to address regional specificity and how to convert goals to a project list.

To share the overall results across all three outreach methods, OahuMPO staff shared the priority rankings side by side and reviewed the primary take-aways from this exercise. The process of developing ORTP draft vision and goals was advised by a working group with representatives from FHWA, DPP, DTS, HART, and HDOT. OahuMPO staff shared a list of discussion points from the meeting of the working group on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. OahuMPO staff then displayed the draft vision statement:

“In 2045, O’ahu’s path forward is multimodal, with a focus on public transit (rail and bus), bicycle, pedestrian, and “accessible, autonomous, connected, electric, and shared vehicles” (AACES). We envision a transportation system that is safe, reliable, efficient, convenient, affordable, well-maintained, connected, accessible, and resilient.”

TAC members provided feedback, suggested how to possibly shorten the vision statement, and recommended removing the acronym. It was recommended that the statement place greater emphasis on the user and his or her experience, rather than on the transportation system itself. There was discussion on the demographics of the respondents to the online survey and the focus groups. Ms. Dohm indicated that these demographics will be emailed to the TAC members.

Diane Dohm then introduced the list of seven draft goals, noting that two were added after meeting with the Working Group. The TAC noted potential for overlap between resiliency and sustainable, and maintained and reliable.

TAC members also recommended expanding on the goals in the vision statement rather than repeating them.

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

There was no matter to be heard.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Yasuda adjourned the meeting at 10:13a.m.