



Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

August 9th, 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	X
Ryan Fujii	HDOT	Yes	X
Ken Tatsuguchi (Vice Chair)	HDOT	Yes	X
Noelle Cole	DPP	Yes	X
Andy Yamaguchi	DPP	Yes	X
Vacant	HART	No	
Ben Trevino	HART	Yes	X
Joseph Roos	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	

Guests Present: David Winber (HART), Keane Nishimoto (HART), Chris "CJ" Johnson (DTS)

**OahuMPO Staff Present:** Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand, Nicki Smith, Kiana Otsuka, Tori Larson, and Logan Takeda

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF JULY 12TH, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Yasuda requested members review the minutes which were mailed to the members in advance of the meeting. The July 12<sup>th</sup> minutes were accepted as written.

#### **IV. REPORTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director Au notified the TAC that Diane Dohn, Sr. Transportation Planner, has accepted a position with HDOT as the State Bike/Ped Coordinator. Director Au requested that TAC members refer qualified candidates to apply for the Sr. Transportation Planner.

Director Au stated that in the July meeting, the Policy Board approved Revisions #5 and #6 of the TIP 2019-2022 as presented. The Policy Board also discussed the need for OahuMPO to convene a Transit Oriented Development Advisory Committee as it is written in the Policy Board by-laws. It was determined that the TOD Advisory Committee should remain in the by-laws, but OahuMPO will not convene a committee at this time. This topic may be revisited in the future.

Director Au shared that PB Chair Brandon Elefante provided a report on his experience at the 2019 53rd Annual National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Conference held June 9-12, 2019 in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Citizen Advisory Committee met in July and received a presentation on the Hawaii Road Usage Charge (HIRUC) and its current status which included feedback from the community meetings, and upcoming project events/activities.

The Executive Director Report can be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1668](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1668)

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

There was no old business to conduct.

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

##### **A. OahuMPO Vision Zero Policy**

Chair Yasuda informed the TAC that the presenter for this agenda was unable to attend the meeting. Chair Yasuda recommended that the committee motion to postpone the agenda item to the September meeting. Andy Yamaguchi moved to postpone, Ruby Edward seconded. There was no further abstention, discussion or opposition and the motion passed.

##### **B. Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) Presentation - HDOT**

Ken Tatsuguchi gave a presentation of HDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan, focusing primarily on the State of Good Repair component of the TAMP. HDOT is required by the FHWA to develop and implement a TAMP and penalties for not doing so are decreased availability of federal funding.

Ken Tatsuguchi covered the roles and responsibilities of the TAMP within HDOT, reviewed the bridges and pavement included in the National Highway System, and reviewed Performance Measures & Targets.

In Figure 5.2, the Projected State of Poor Repair for NHS Bridges, Ken Tatsuguchi pointed out how the percentage of bridges in poor condition responds to various scenarios over ten years (no funding vs. life cycle planning strategies vs. condition-based strategies or preventative maintenance). This graph shows that putting \$30 million/year into the NHS Bridge program should lower the percentage of bridges in poor condition to 1.5 or below over 10 years.

Another component of TAMP is the evaluation of risk, and the HDOT's TAMP includes a chapter on Environmental Vulnerability. Hawaii is unusually vulnerable to environmental risks (hurricanes, SLR, seismic activity, lava flows, etc). DOT needs to demonstrate to the feds and to Congress that Hawaii deals with threats that other states do not.

Chapter 8 of the TAMP is on Life-Cycle Planning, and shows that over 60 years, HDOT will spend less using a preventative maintenance strategy than on rehabbing the asset.

In closing, Ken Tatsuguchi stated that the TAMP was submitted at the end of June and HDOT has received comments from FHWA. Ken shared take-a-ways from a recent conference and responded to a couple of questions from the committee.

The presentation may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1699](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1699)

### **C. Public Participation Plan Draft Presentation**

Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand, Acting Community Planner, provided an introduction on the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and OahuMPO's approved policy for developing the PPP. The draft presented to the TAC at this meeting will be the basis for completing a draft to be used in the required 45-day Intergovernmental Review and Public Comment period. Ms. Weygan-Hildebrand clarified that she's soliciting feedback on the policy substance of this draft, not on grammar or typos.

In working toward this PPP draft, Ms. Weygan-Hildebrand brought together a Working Group that looked at an initial draft that considered the work done by the consultant and comments from staff. The Working Group met on January 8, 2019. OahuMPO received feedback that said PPP draft read more like a resource book for staff than a document which the public can use to understand how they can participate. Thus, the PPP draft was re-crafted.

The draft outline breaks out sections that are geared toward the public and sections that are more internal. The emphasis of the new PPP draft is to inform how and at what points the public can participate. It also provides staff information and resource references to customize the PPP.

A suggestion from the working group was to show the public participation for each work product (ORTP, TIP, OWP, PPP). Ms. Weygan-Hildebrand presented how each work product's public participation flow looked like and presented a sample of key elements and other texts that are included in the PPP draft. She explained that it is the intent to make the PPP shorter in order to make it easier and more feasible to translate in other languages.

Chair Yasuda commented that she likes the graphics and they are easier to understand but it's important to make a second version considered accessible. Screen readers can't read the graphics.

Chair Yasuda suggested a 6<sup>th</sup> goal regarding managing expectations. She also suggested making the PPP much more general, and not defining the number of days for public comment period.

The presentation may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1700](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1700)

**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**

Chair Yasuda announced that the September meeting was reschedule to Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> due to the conflict with HCPO.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Yasuda adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.