



Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 16th, 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
Eric Stoetzer	DTS	Yes	X
Rachel Roper	HDOT	Yes	X
Susan Uejo	HDOT	Yes	X
Dina Wong	DPP	Yes	X
Andy Yamaguchi	DPP	Yes	X
Jorge Felix	HART	Yes	X
Joseph Roos	DBEDT	Yes	X
Ruby Edwards	OP	Yes	X
Kimberly Evans	FAA	No	X
Ted Matley	FTA	No	
Kyle Oyasato	DFM	No	
Gareth Sakakida	HTA	No	
Tim Trang	DDC	No	
Amy Ford-Wagner	FHWA	No	X

Guests Present: Chris "CJ" Johnson (DTS), Meredith Soniat (DTS), Chris Sayers (DTS), John Hagihara (HHF Partners), Crystal Van Beelen (Department of Emergency Management))

OahuMPO Staff Present: Roni Schack, Nicki Smith, Kiana Otsuka, 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 9:04 am.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 9TH, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Yasuda requested members review the minutes which were mailed to the members in advance of the meeting. The August 9th minutes were accepted as written.

IV. REPORTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With Executive Director Alvin Au out of the office, the Executive Director's report was presented by Acting Executive Director Roni Schack.

She reported that OahuMPO is currently recruiting for both a Sr. Transportation Planner and a Planning Intern. She announced that OahuMPO's current Sr. Transportation Planner Diane Dohm's last day is September 17th and thanked Ms. Dohm for her contributions over the past year. It was also reported that the Finance & Accounting Processes and Procedures document has been completed and finalized noting that OahuMPO Accountant Joel Vincent has been working diligently with Spire over the past year to bring this effort to conclusion.

A catalog of expected upcoming items for the last quarter of 2019 was provided to the TAC and members were encouraged to attend the upcoming meetings because their vote is important. Anticipated items include an update of the Certification Review Implementation Plan, a presentation on the Central Oahu Transportation Study, the issuance of a Call for Projects for the Overall Work Program FY2021, and scheduling of a forecast modeling training session with OahuMPO's modeling consultant, WSP.

At the August 27, 2019 meeting of the Policy Board, OahuMPO provided a briefing on the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045 Draft Vision and Goals which included an overview of the public involvement results; feedback received from the project's working group, the OahuMPO's Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Technical Advisory Committee. Presentations on the intergovernmental review draft of the Public Participation Plan and a presentation on HDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan were also presented at that meeting.

At the August 21, 2019 meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee, OahuMPO presented on the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045 Draft Vision and Goals and provided a review of the Overall Work Program (OWP) in advance of gathering early input from the CAC on potential OWP proposals.

The Executive Director Report can be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1735

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to conduct.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. OahuMPO Vision Zero Draft Policy

Diane Dohm, Senior Transportation Planner, began the Vision Zero Draft Policy presentation with an introduction to Vision Zero as a set of strategies to achieve zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. Ms. Dohm shared data on traffic related fatalities and injuries and costs resulting from hospital visits and EMS-attended crashes.

For the policy portion of the presentation, Ms. Dohm highlighted efforts by the State and City & County of Honolulu to adopt Vision Zero policies noting that OahuMPO's efforts to develop and

adopt a Vision Zero Policy are the result of a request from the City and County of Honolulu and OahuMPO's intent is to align its policy with state and local policy. Most of the statements in OahuMPO's draft Vision Zero policy was adopted from the City and County of Honolulu's Vision Zero policy.

OahuMPO's draft Vision Zero policy states that OahuMPO will participate in any City & County of Honolulu or State of Hawaii forums that discuss Vision Zero; OahuMPO will support the State of Hawaii Act 134 on Vision Zero; and OahuMPO supports the City and County of Honolulu Vision Zero Action Plan. In addition, the draft policy states that OahuMPO will incorporate Vision Zero principles into its long-range plan. Ms. Dohm requested that if TAC members have any recommendations and comments to send them to Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka.

The presentation may be viewed at http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1733

B. Presentation: Oahu Coastal Communities Evacuation Planning Project – Phase 2

Crystal Van Beelen, Disaster Preparedness Officer with the Department of Emergency Management, introduced the study and its objectives. The study made use of key terms like Tsunami Evacuation Zone (TEZ) and Safe Sites (SS). Ms. Van Beelen stated that the Phase 2 project included the coastal areas between Hanauma Bay and Waipahu. The project was broken up into six tasks including an analysis of tsunami inundation zones, possible evacuation routes, identification of safe sites and the development of signage to facilitate evacuation.

The Department of Emergency management is currently working to translate outreach materials for the evacuation plan into the thirteen languages spoken on Oahu.

Ms. Van Beelen responded to questions from TAC members.

Andy Yamaguchi made a motion and Ruby Edwards seconded to recommend that the Policy Board accept as evidence that the work was carried out and direct staff to use the study recommendations in the OahuMPO's planning processes. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

The presentation may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1729

C. Presentation: Oahu Bike Plan Update

Chris Sayers, Bicycle Coordinator with the City & County Department of Transportation Services, and John Hagihara with HHF Planners presented the update to the Oahu Bike Plan. Mr. Sayers reviewed the update to the Vision and Goals for the Oahu Bike Plan which added "ages and abilities" to the Vision Statement and included a goal that Oahu achieve recognition by the League of American Cyclists as a gold level Bicycle Friendly Community. Mr. Sayers reviewed the existing bike network categorized by miles of bikeways and types of facilities and noted Oahu's achievements since the 2012 bike plan included the introduction of the Biki bikeshare system, passage of the safe passing law, and adoption of the Complete Streets ordinance.

He stated that research and analysis on best practices, development of a Bike Facility Design Toolkit, and an island wide level of traffic stress analysis were part of the planning process segment and noted that Department of Transportation Services (DTS) held two rounds of public engagement across the island. Key themes included safety, connectivity, Aloha, bikeway maintenance, and enforcement. Key recommendations of the plan included safety, multi-modal connections, encouragement & education, maintenance, signage & wayfinding, and evaluation.

In the bicycle facility selection, Mr. Sayers noted that the development of a low stress network that considers preferred thresholds for traffic volume and speed was emphasized. For Project Prioritization, the plan uses criteria of public input, safety, demand, connectivity and equity to rank projects and assign them a priority level. He shared a bar chart of the proposed bikeway network with mileage and priority levels indicated and noted the plan includes a cost projection for all projects at both the city and state level and provides the funding sources.

Strategies for implementation of the plan which include community engagement, demonstration projects, taking advantage of resurfacing plans and integrating comfortable bicycle facilities into Complete Streets plans and the performance measures that will be used to track progress against the plan goals in the year 2024 were discussed.

There was discussion on displacement of parking to bike lanes, collaboration with emergency evacuation planning, integration of signage and pavement colors that could help clarify bikeway and emergency routes for the public, and that since 55% of trips made in Honolulu are less than three miles how this is an opportunity to grow non-auto modes.

Dina Wong made a motion and Eric Stoetzer seconded to recommend that the Policy Board accept as evidence that the work was carried out and direct staff to use the study recommendations in the OahuMPO's planning processes. There were no further discussion, objections, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

The presentation may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1730

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

Kiana Otsuka announced that the draft report of the Central Oahu Transportation Study was released for public and intergovernmental review through October 7, 2019 and encouraged TAC members and the public to submit comments. The report can be viewed at <https://www.oahumpo.org/projects/planning-studies/central-oahu-transportation-study/>

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Yasuda adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.