



Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

November 14th, 2019

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

**Members Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Voting Rights</b>	<b>Present</b>
Marian Yasuda (Chair)	DTS	Yes	X
Eileen Mark	DTS	Yes	X
Ken Tatsuguchi (Vice Chair)	HDOT	Yes	
Susan Uejo	HDOT	Yes	X
Dina Wong	DPP	Yes	X
Andy Yamaguchi	DPP	Yes	X
Jorge Felix	HART	Yes	X
Ben Treviño	HART	Yes	
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	X
Tim Trang	DDC	No	
Amy Ford-Wagner	FHWA	No	X

**Guests Present:** Michele O'Connell (FHWA), Sohrab Rashid, Cheryl Soon, Michael Packard, Debbie Ruffin, Jennifer Scheffel

**OahuMPO Staff Present:** Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Nicki Smith, Kiana Otsuka, Nicole Cernohorsky, Taylor Ellis, and Tori Treviño

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Marian Yasuda called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

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

## **III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11TH, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Yasuda requested members review the minutes which were mailed to the members in advance of the meeting. The October 11<sup>th</sup> minutes were accepted as written. There were no corrections, reservations, or abstentions and the minutes were approved as written.

## **IV. REPORTS**

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Director Alvin Au reported that OahuMPO is actively recruiting to fill the Senior Transportation Planner position and asked the TAC to encourage anyone who may be interested to apply. He also reported that the OahuMPO released their Call for Projects to all agencies for the FY2021 Overall Work Program (OWP) on October 21, 2019. He reported that OahuMPO hosted its transportation demand forecasting modeling consultants and met with the OahuMPO partner agencies to discuss the model.

Director Au reported that the Policy Board met on October 29, 2019 and discussed establishing a process to evaluate the OahuMPO Executive Director. The OahuMPO staff also updated the Policy Board on the Certification Review Implementation Plan.

Director Au reported that the CAC met on November 13, 2019 and SSFM presented the draft final report of the Central Oahu Transportation Study (COTS) and the COTS PIG presented their feedback on the COTS report.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1789](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1789)

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to conduct.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Presentation: Central Oahu Transportation Study**

Cheryl Soon of SSFM discussed the scope of work; the geographical region covered by the COTS; the processes taken during the study; the three community goals; and the various methods of community involvement. Sohrab Rashid of Fehr and Peers and Michael Packard of SSFM presented proposed projects, their costs, and expected timeframe.

There was a discussion regarding highway right-of-way, transportation alternatives to busses in first and last mile connections, and whether the proposed state park and ride would connect to the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART) park and ride. There was a comment commending the results of the study and hard work done by staff and consultants.

Kiana Otsuka, Transportation Planner for OahuMPO, announced that a letter from the Wahiawa/Whitmore Village neighborhood board was not part of the mailing but was given as a handout to the TAC members. She noted that this letter would also be distributed to the Policy Board. Chair Yasuda requested a discussion on a letter which was created by the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) Permitted Interaction Group (PIG). Taylor Ellis, community planner for OahuMPO, reported that the CAC PIG prepared a separate document, with the purpose of adding community perspective to the study. Mr. Ellis introduced the similarities and differences of the PIG report and SSFM study and explained that the PIG requested the report be included in the COTS report as an appendix. There was a discussion as to whether the report would be better suited as a public comment as opposed to an appendix. It was decided that the TAC would take action on the COTS report as presented, however, the TAC would not take action on the CAC PIG report because not all members received the report nor were they able to review it before the meeting.

A motion was made by Andy Yamaguchi and seconded by Ruby Edwards that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend the Policy Board accept as evidence that the work was carried out. There were no further discussions, objections, or abstentions, and the motion was passed.

Chair Yasuda noted that she would inform the Policy Board that because the TAC was not able to review the CAC's PIG report, the TAC had no recommendation regarding its inclusion as an Appendix in the COTS report.

The Central Oahu Transportation Study final report may be viewed at:

<http://www.oahumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/00-191213-FINAL-Deliverable-H-2.pdf>

The presentation may be viewed at: [http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1760](http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1760)

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

There were no matters to be heard.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dina Wong announced that on November 21 at 6:00PM there would be an East Kapolei Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan Update. The meeting will be held at the KROC Center in East Kapolei.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Yasuda adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.