



Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 10, 2020

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 |
| Ken Tatsuguchi (Vice Chair) | HDOT | Yes | X |
| Susan Uejo | HDOT | Yes | X |
| Dina Wong | DPP | Yes | X |
| Andy Yamaguchi | DPP | Yes | |
| Jorge Felix | HART | Yes | |
| 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 | |
| Tim Trang | DDC | No | |
| Amy Ford-Wagner | FHWA | No | X |

Guests Present: Meredith Soniat

OahuMPO Staff Present: Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Joel Vincent, Nicki Smith, Kiana Otsuka, Nicole Cernohorsky, Tori Treviño, and Randolph Sykes

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marian Yasuda called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 14TH, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Yasuda requested members review the minutes which were mailed to the members in advance of the meeting. Chair Yasuda noted that under Item III. it was written "Approval of the September 16th, 2019 meeting minutes" It was noted that the date should be corrected to "October 11th, 2019 meeting minutes". Dina Wong noted that under item VIII. "Announcements" that the KROC Center location should be corrected from Ewa Beach to East Kapolei. There were no other corrections, reservations, or abstentions and the minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. REPORTS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director Alvin Au reported that OahuMPO is excited to announce that the Senior Transportation Planner position has been filled by Zakari Mumuni, who will begin at OahuMPO on February 3, 2020. In addition, OahuMPO filled the Transportation and Community Planning Intern Position. Samantha Lara will begin on January 21, 2020.

He also reported that OahuMPO's annual report was submitted to the Legislature and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on December 20, 2019; that the proposals from the Citizen Advisory Committee for the FY2021 Overall Work Program (OWP) were sent to our three partner agencies with a request for comments; and OahuMPOs first in-house managed planning study, the Central Oahu Transportation Study (COTS), has been completed.

Director Au reported that the Policy Board met on November 26, 2019 and voted to create a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to establish a process to evaluate the OahuMPO Executive Director, was also given a presentation by OahuMPO staff on the Central Oahu Transportation Study (COTS), and voted to accept the COTS as evidence that the work was carried out. The Policy Board Chair, Brandon Elefante and the TAC Chair, Marian Yasuda gave a presentation discussing Congestion Pricing. The Policy Board also met on December 16, 2019 and the PIG presented their report.

Director Au reported that the CAC met on November 20, 2019, held their meeting at the Kalihi-Palama Bus Facility, discussed and voted on four FY2021 OWP proposed studies, received a presentation about TheBus operations and capabilities, and took a tour of TheBus facility.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1811

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to conduct.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. OWP Work Element Presentation: Ala Wai Canal Alternatives Analysis

Meredith Soniat of DTS gave background on the Ala Wai Alternatives Analysis - Ala Pono. She explained the projects primary purpose, relevant projects and programs, as well as the existing and expanded walk and bike shed. Ms. Soniat presented the existing crossings over the Ala Wai Canal, statistics of the number of people who walk, bike, and drive across the Canal, as well as the demographics of the people living in and traveling to the area.

Ms. Soniat presented the different proposed alternatives, gave a summary of the various community and agency engagement programs held to solicit community feedback, and explained that during those public outreach events, the highest scoring alternative was to build a new bridge connecting Waikiki to University Avenue. Ms. Soniat presented the bridge type evaluation, the implementation process, and the next steps for the project.

There was a discussion on the effects of sea level rise on this project. Ms. Soniat explained that the bridge design includes a combination of ramps and stairs leading up to the bridge which would prevent it from being affected by sea level rise. Amy Ford-Wagner of FHWA asked about the types of funding the project would receive, noted that in the various phases of a project no options may be eliminated until the NEPA process is completed, and indicated she will meet with the FHWA individuals that Ms. Soniat has been in communication with on this project. There was a discussion regarding parking concerns in Moiliili and whether this project would address those issues.

Kiana Otsuka thanked DTS for allowing OahuMPO to sit on their Technical Advisory Committee and commended DTS for a great job with their public outreach, especially in engaging the public about their preferred bridge design.

A motion was made by Ken Tatsuguchi and seconded by Ruby Edwards to recommend the Policy Board accept as evidence that the work was carried out by the Department of Transportation Services. There were no objections, discussions, or abstentions and the motion was passed unanimously.

The presentation may be viewed at: http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1813

B. Overall Work Program (OWP) FY2020 Revision #1

Nicole Smith, OahuMPO's Planning Program Manager provided background on the Overall Work Program including the funding sources and the revision process. Ms. Smith noted that the OWP FY2020 Revision #1 was reviewed with the Directors of HDOT, DTS, and HART, who approved the additional dues since it was within what they had budgeted, before it was sent out for intergovernmental and public review from December 4 to December 18, 2019. There was one comment received from a state agency and no public comments.

There was discussion on possible actions that could be taken to ensure accounting errors such as this would not happen again. The discussion and suggestions included revising policies and procedures to include a section detailing the treatment of member dues that are encumbered but

unexpended, considering having a separate account to house unencumbered funds, and requesting assistance from SPIRE, OahuMPO's accounting consultant.

A question was raised regarding the ORTP schedule and whether it has been delayed due to the absence of a Senior Transportation Planner. Kiana Otsuka, Transportation Planner, for OahuMPO explained that OahuMPO is still on schedule to meet the ORTP deadline and indicated she would provide an updated schedule to the TAC.

A motion was made by Ruby Edwards and seconded by Joseph Roos to recommend the Policy Board approve Revision #1 to the OWP FY2020 as presented. A comment was made expressing concern and noting that such accounting errors should not have occurred. There were no further comments, objections, reservations, or abstentions and the motion was passed.

The presentation may be viewed at: http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1814

C. Elect New Chair and Vice Chair for 2020-2021

According to the TAC Bylaws, the term of the Chair and Vice-Chair is two years, or until a successor is appointed. Based on the rotating basis, the next Chair is to be a State representative and the next Vice Chair to be a representative from the City or HART. Chair Yasuda explained the tasks and duties of the TAC Chair and Vice Chair. Ken Tatsuguchi, of HDOT was nominated as TAC Chair. There were no other nominations. There were no further comments, objections, reservations, or abstentions and Mr. Tatsuguchi was unanimously voted to be the new TAC Chair.

Jorge Felix, of HART was nominated as TAC Vice Chair. No other members were nominated. There were no other nominations. There were no further comments, objections, reservations, or abstentions and Mr. Felix was unanimously voted to be the new TAC Vice Chair.

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

There were no announcements.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Yasuda adjourned the meeting at 10:04 am.