

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
February 14th, 2020  
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> |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Ken Tatsuguchi (Chair)   | HDOT          | Yes                  | X              |
| Pradip Pant              | HDOT          | Yes                  |                |
| Jorge Felix (Vice Chair) | HART          | Yes                  | X              |
| Ben Treviño              | HART          | Yes                  |                |
| Marian Yasuda            | DTS           | Yes                  | X              |
| Eileen Mark              | DTS           | Yes                  | X              |
| Dina Wong                | DPP           | Yes                  |                |
| Andy Yamaguchi           | DPP           | 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                   | X              |

**Guests Present:**

**OahuMPO Staff Present:** Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Zakari Mumuni, Taylor Ellis, Nicki Smith, Nicole Cernohorsky, Tori Treviño, and Samantha Lara

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ken Tatsuguchi called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 10TH MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Tatsuguchi requested members review the minutes which were mailed to the members in advance of the meeting. Vice Chair Jorge Felix noted a typo in the third paragraph of VI. A. The

acronym NEEPA should be NEPA for National Environmental Protection Act. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. There were no other corrections, reservations, or abstentions and the minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **IV. REPORTS**

##### **A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Executive Director Au reported that OahuMPO staff recently met with partner agencies to discuss objectives and strategies of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan. The working group for the Farrington Highway Makaha Beach Realignment Feasibility Study met to discuss the draft of the existing conditions report. OahuMPO also met with partner agencies to discuss transit modeling updates to the travel demand forecasting model.

Executive Director Au also provided a summary of the items discussed and the actions taken at the Policy Board's and the CAC's January meetings. He noted that the Policy Board has elected State Senator Breene Harimoto as its new Chair and Council Member Brandon Elefante as its new Vice Chair and the CAC re-elected Joseph Magaldi as its Chair and Dick Poirier as Vice Chair.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1844](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1844)

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

There was no old business to conduct.

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

##### **A. Overall Work Program (OWP) FY2021 Public Review Draft**

OahuMPO's Planning Program Manager Nicki Smith presented on the Public Review draft of the Overall Work Program FY2021 which was mailed to TAC members in advance of the meeting. She shared the proposed schedule for the development of the OWP over the next few months, noting that the final draft will be presented to OahuMPO committees in May 2020 and is expected to be sent to FHWA/FTA in June. Her presentation focused on sections and work elements that are new or differ substantially from prior work programs.

Ms. Smith discussed expected funding sources for the OWP; the proposed activities and studies; the total available funding, including funds that OahuMPO plans to de-obligate in March 2020; noted that the *Oahu Planning Issues* paragraph in the Executive Summary is still in development and that this OWP includes programming for which the local match exceeds the annual dues amount. She discussed what projects were being budgeted in each of the four Task categories, provided a breakdown of their costs, and noted that formal written responses from partner agencies are pending for the *Candidate Project Evaluation and Selection* section.

There was discussion on the focus of various work currently being done on the North Shore Corridor and Leeward coast areas by HDOT and DNLR. The TAC also discussed OahuMPO's

intention to seek additional funding from member agencies outside of the normal dues amount and a suggestion was made that OahuMPO consider staffing cutbacks and other cost savings to free up funds for the TDFM data purchase.

The presentation may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1843](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1843)

**B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2019-2022 Revision #10**

OahuMPO's Transportation Impact Analyst Nicole Cernohorsky provided background on the Transportation Improvement Program and a list of projects that will be built over the TIP's four-year period. Ms. Cernohorsky noted that Revision #10 is an amendment that makes major changes to five projects. Two of the projects are FHWA-funded State of Hawaii projects and three are FHWA and FTA-funded City and County of Honolulu projects. She also summarized each project, noting its funding category, revision details and any difference in total project cost.

Ms. Cernohorsky reported one comment was received from the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services during the public and intergovernmental review period. She noted the Title VI & Environmental Justice Analysis revealed the revised TIP will result in a 4% higher investment in Title VI/Environmental Justice(TVI/EJ) block groups compared to non- TVI/EJ block groups.

There was discussion on whether there was any change in the cost of OC13 and what lane changes would occur in OS82.

A motion was made by Marian Yasuda and seconded by Andy Yamaguchi to recommend that the Policy Board approve the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #10, as presented. There were no further discussions, abstentions, or opposition and the motion passed as presented.

The presentation may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1854](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1854)

**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**

Amy Ford-Wagner announced that the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Annual Conference is being held on Oahu in June, and that FHWA will have a booth at the event.

Jorge Felix noted that the April meeting of the TAC is currently schedule for Good Friday. OahuMPO staff plans to reschedule.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Tatsuguchi adjourned the meeting at 9:57 am.