

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
June 12th, 2020  
Virtual Meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams

**Members Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Voting Rights</b>	<b>Present</b>
Ken Tatsuguchi (Chair)	HDOT	Yes	X
Masatomo Murata	HDOT	Yes	X
Jorge Felix (Vice Chair)	HART	Yes	X
Ben Treviño	HART	Yes	X
Marian Yasuda	DTS	Yes	X
Eric Stoetzer	DTS	Yes	
Dina Wong	DPP	Yes	X
Andy Yamaguchi	DPP	Yes	X
Joseph Roos	DBEDT	Yes	X
Ruby Edwards	OP	Yes	X
Kimberly Evans	FAA	Yes	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:** Councilmember Brandon Elefante, Dion Mesta, Rachel Roper, Patrick Tom, Richard Wollenbecker, Susan Uejo, Jie Bai, Olin Becker, Ed Manglallan

**OahuMPO Staff Present:** Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Zakari Mumuni, Nicki Smith, Tori Treviño, Joel Vincent, Samantha Lara, Kiana Otsuka, Nicole Cernohorsky

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ken Tatsuguchi called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 8TH MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Tatsuguchi requested members review the minutes which were emailed to the members in advance of the meeting. Ruby Edwards noted two typos on page 4, section VIII (Announcements). A motion was made by Ruby Edwards and seconded by Marian Yasuda to approve the minutes as corrected. The TAC proceeded with a roll call vote:

Member	Roll Call Vote
Ken Tatsuguchi	Aye
Masatomo Murata	Aye
Ben Treviño	Aye
Dina Wong	Aye
Ruby Edwards	Aye
Andy Yamaguchi	Aye
Jorge Felix	Aye
Marian Yasuda	Aye
Joseph Roos	Aye

There were no further discussions, abstentions, or objections and the minutes were approved as corrected.

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. Executive Director**

Director Au reported that the Overall Work Program (OWP) FY20 Revision #3 was posted to the OahuMPO website. This revision moves \$24,000 in funds between approved work elements. He also reported that OahuMPO staff is collecting feedback from the Technical Working Groups on the project and program prioritization process for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2045 and is tentatively scheduled to present the revised prioritization process to OahuMPO committees in July.

He noted that at its May 26th meeting the Policy Board endorsed the OWP FY21 which included the changes discussed at the TAC’s May meeting. He indicated that the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) did not meet in June and will not be meeting in July, so the next tentatively scheduled CAC meeting will be in August.

To a question regarding the request made at the May TAC meeting to ask the Attorney General’s (AG) opinion on whether partner dues may be carried forward from FY2020 to FY2021, Director Au indicated a response has not yet been received for the AG’s office.

The Executive Director’s Report can be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1902](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1902)

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to conduct.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Accelerated Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Policy**

OahuMPO’s Transportation Impact Analyst Nicole Cernohorsky noted that TAC members were sent the subject policy in advance of the TAC meeting. She explained the accelerated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment policy was written in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in anticipation that federal stimulus funds may be available later this year and that projects must be included in the TIP and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in order to be eligible for these stimulus funds.

Ms. Cernohorsky reviewed the normal TIP revision schedule which takes about 5 months from start to finish. She shared the accelerated TIP revision schedule, noting that all the steps remain the same but the difference is that each step will be shortened to about a week, reducing the revision process to about 2 months. Ms. Cernohorsky emphasized that this accelerated TIP amendment policy will only apply to projects proposed for the stimulus funds or federal redistribution funds. The current TIP policies and procedures remain in effect.

Hawaii Department of Transportation’s STIP Manager Pat Tom re-emphasized that the normal process is time consuming and that prioritizing the accelerated amendment process is key to being able to complete the accelerated amendment process within the eight-week period Ms. Cernohorsky had mentioned in her presentation.

Chair Tatsuguchi added that the intention of this accelerated TIP amendment policy is to get available federal funds on the street faster and assist in Hawaii’s economic recovery.

To the question whether there is a deadline for projects to be included in the amended TIP, Ms. Cernohorsky noted that would not be known until stimulus funds become available. Chair Tatsuguchi added that if or when Congress passes a stimulus package or if there is a redistribution of funds it will be disseminated to the partner agencies.

A motion was made by Jorge Felix and seconded by Joseph Roos to recommend that the Policy Board approve the Accelerated TIP Amendment Policy.

Member	Roll Call Vote
Ken Tatsuguchi	Aye
Masatomo Murata	Aye
Ben Treviño	Aye
Dina Wong	Aye
Ruby Edwards	Aye
Andy Yamaguchi	Aye
Jorge Felix	Aye
Marian Yasuda	Aye
Joseph Roos	Aye

There were no further discussions, abstentions, or objections and the motion passed.

**B. Congestion Pricing Study Tour Presentation**

Councilmember Brandon Elefante and Marian Yasuda of the Department of Transportation Services presented an overview on congestion pricing and the lessons learned from the Congestion Pricing Tour they participated in during September 2019. Councilmember Elefante noted that representatives from seven cities throughout the U.S. participated in this tour.

Councilmember Elefante and Marian Yasuda discussed the top ten lessons learned on the tour, how London and Stockholm handled fee exemptions differently, the importance of alternative transportation modes to a successful congestion pricing program, and the impact on vehicle volume during the restricted hours.

Amy Ford-Wagner of Federal Highway Administration noted that although the focus should not be on revenue generation, such revenue can be used for the local match required on federal funded projects.

There was discussion about the possible impact of congestion pricing on telecommuting and land use, whether parking reform was implemented with congestion pricing, what the impact and benefits of congestion pricing were on freight, and how implementation of congestion pricing can affect equity issues.

It was mentioned that an amendment to the FY2021 Overall Work Program is expected to be presented to the OahuMPO committees in the fall and will include a study on congestion pricing. The Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) is currently working with OahuMPO on the development of the study which is based on a proposal submitted by the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**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 FHWA is providing a Highway Information Seminar virtual training in September and posted a link in the meeting chat box. Here is the link:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/his.cfm>

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Tatsuguchi adjourned the meeting at 10:22 am.

The meeting's presentation may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1903](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1903)