

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 10th, 2020
Virtual Meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Name	Agency	Voting Rights	Present
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
Eileen Mark	DTS	Yes	X
Eric Stoetzer	DTS	Yes	
Dina Wong	DPP	Yes	
Andy Yamaguchi	DPP	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: Rachel Roper (HDOT), Patrick Tom (HDOT)

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

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ken Tatsuguchi called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

II. ROLL CALL

Chair Tatsuguchi took roll call by reading out the list of attendees in the meeting as noted in the Teams program.

III. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 12TH MEETING MINUTES

Chair Tatsuguchi requested members review the minutes which were emailed to the members in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by Joseph Roos and seconded by Marian Yasuda to approve the minutes as presented. The TAC proceeded with a roll call vote:

Member	Roll Call Vote
Ken Tatsuguchi	Aye
Masatomo Murata	Aye
Ben Treviño	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 presented.

IV. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Alvin Au reported that OahuMPO received a letter dated June 26 from the FHWA and FTA notifying OahuMPO of their approval of the Overall Work Program FY21.

He noted that OahuMPO staff collected feedback on the ORTP 2045 project and program prioritization process from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and that staff recommendations for points assigned to each evaluation criteria were based on this feedback and will be presented at this meeting.

The Policy Board met on June 30, 2020, was presented with and approved the Accelerated Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Policy.

The CAC did not meet in July. The committee is tentatively planning to meet in August.

The Executive Director’s Report can be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1923

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to conduct.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2019-2022 Revision #13 Presentation

Nicole Cernohorsky, Transportation Impact Analyst, began with an overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Cernohorsky noted that the TIP is a four-year program, not a plan, and the projects included in it must be built.

Ms. Cernohorsky stated that Revision #13 is an amendment, because major changes are being made to the program. Amendments require re-demonstration of fiscal constraint, Title VI analysis, and public and intergovernmental review. Revision #13 includes seven project amendments, six for the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) and one for the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services.

Ms. Cernohorsky reviewed each project, noted the funding category, the changes being made in the revision, and the difference in total project cost. Three of the amendments add new projects to the TIP.

Ms. Cernohorsky shared that OahuMPO received several responses to the public and intergovernmental review. Most responses indicated no comments. The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency did note that the color choices on the Title VI/EJ map are not discernible to individuals with color blindness, so OahuMPO has revised that map.

She described the Title VI/Environmental Justice (T6/EJ) analysis which found no significant difference in spending between T6/EJ block groups and non-T6/EJ block groups.

A motion was made by Andy Yamaguchi and seconded by Jorge Felix to recommend that the Policy Board approve the FFYs2019-2022 TIP Revision #13.

Member	Roll Call Vote
Ken Tatsuguchi	Aye
Masatomo Murata	Aye
Ben Treviño	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. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045 Objectives and Project & Program Prioritization Process

Kiana Otsuka, Transportation Planner, introduced herself to the TAC. Ms. Otsuka began with an overview of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) for the benefit of the newer members of the TAC. Ms. Otsuka then reviewed the ORTP schedule, noting the major tasks planned in the summer and fall of 2020 and in the first quarter of 2021.

Ms. Otsuka reviewed the seven goals of the ORTP and the objectives associated with each goal. The objectives were written based on the ORTP vision, goals, and phase one of public engagement.

Eileen Mark of DTS joined the meeting.

Ms. Otsuka defined a prioritization process as a quantitative method to compare projects and programs. She noted the reason for having a prioritization process and that it is one piece of information in the decision-making process. The prioritization process for the ORTP and the TIP have 14 evaluation criteria that align with each of the goals.

Ms. Otsuka explained the process whereby OahuMPO staff gathered feedback from the public, the ORTP working group, the TAC, the CAC and HDOT on the numbers of points to assign to each evaluation criteria. OahuMPO analyzed this feedback to develop an OahuMPO staff recommendation.

Ms. Otsuka reviewed the major tasks for the ORTP scheduled for July until the ORTP deadline in April 2021. Ben Treviño of HART asked for clarification on how the OahuMPO staff point recommendations were determined. Ms. Otsuka responded that generally, the staff recommendations reflect the median score. However, two significant exceptions were safety and maintenance. HDOT Highway Planning had indicated maintenance is an important factor in the funding and recommended an increase in the assigned points. Because safety has consistently been the biggest priority for all the feedback groups, OahuMPO felt that it should be equivalent to the maintenance score. There was discussion on why OahuMPO sought input on factors that are already recognized as being important.

Chair Tatsuguchi requested OahuMPO remove the “-P” from *HDOT HWY-P* in the column heading on the *Prioritization Process Points* table because the information is representative of their entire division. To Chair Tatsuguchi’s question regarding COVID-19’s impact on funding, Amy Ford-Wagner of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) responded that FHWA is watching the stimulus in Congress, indicated there has been discussion only on the cash flow issues regarding the decrease of fuel tax revenues which funds the Highway Trust Fund, and that an influx of general funds into the Highway Trust Fund is expected in order to maintain its established obligated funding level. She added that FHWA Administrator Ralph Rizzo gave the Maui Policy Board an update addressing the federal funding question and can ask him to do that presentation for the OahuMPO TAC.

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tatsuguchi adjourned the meeting at 9:59 am.

The meeting's presentation may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1924