

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 14, 2021
Virtual Meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Name	Agency	Voting Rights	Present
Ken Tatsuguchi (Chair)	HDOT	Yes	X
Masatomo Murata	HDOT	Yes	X
Ryan Tam (Vice Chair)	HART	Yes	X
Adele Balderston	HART	Yes	X
Eileen Mark	DTS	Yes	X
Virginia Sosh	DTS	Yes	X
Noelle Cole	DPP	Yes	X
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), Charles Izumoto (Sen. Moriwaki’s office), Cody Brooks (RTO Insider), Chris Clark (DTS), Yoko Tomita (DTS)

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

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair 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 FEBRUARY 5TH 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 Ryan Tam and seconded by Joseph Roos to approve the minutes as presented. Voting proceeded with a roll call vote. The results of the voting are noted in the table below. There were no further discussions, or objections and the minutes were approved as presented.

Member	Roll Call Vote
Ken Tatsuguchi	Aye
Masatomo Murata	Aye
Adele Balderston	Aye
Ryan Tam	Aye
Noelle Cole	Aye
Andy Yamaguchi	Aye
Virginia Sosh	Aye
Joseph Roos	Aye
Ruby Edwards	Aye

IV. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Au provided an update on the Overall Work Program FY 2022, noting that it will be presented to the Policy Board on May 25, 2021. For the 2045 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, OahuMPO received responses from our partner agencies to all comments and questions collected during the public and intergovernmental review period and Phase 3 Community Meetings.

The Policy Board met on April 27, 2021 and received presentations on the 2045 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Projects FFYs 2021-2025, the Mahoe Street Reclassification request, and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Funding Proposal.

The CAC met on May 5, 2021 and received a presentation on the FY 2022 Overall Work Program (OWP), and recommended the Policy Board approve the final draft FY 2022 OWP to include continued funding for the Makaha Beach Farrington Highway Realignment Feasibility Study and remove funding for the Ala Moana Transit Alternatives Analysis.

General discussion ensued on the CAC's recommended action regarding the OWP FY2022.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2324

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to conduct.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Final Draft Overall Work Program FY2022

Planning Program Manager Nicki Smith stated that changes were made to the OWP draft after the February meeting of the TAC and before the document was released in mid-March for public and intergovernmental review. These changes included the removal of two new proposals.

OahuMPO made these changes to ensure that the OWP would be fiscally constrained per its obligation limitation.

Ms. Smith shared the table from the Executive Summary in the OWP, provided details on the funds available from prior OWPs, which is noted on page 13 of the FY 2022 Draft OWP, and summarized the work elements in Task 1, 2, 3, and 4.

She reviewed the amendments being made to existing work elements including the proposed cancellation of the Makaha Beach Park Farrington Highway Realignment Feasibility Study, noted that funds would be transferred between existing work elements, and that these changes are independent of the new funding request for FY 2022.

Ms. Smith noted that OahuMPO received 45 total comments, 17 from members of the public and 27 from state and local government agencies during the public and intergovernmental review period, noting that all public comments pertained to the cancellation of the Makaha Beach Park Farrington Highway Realignment Feasibility Study.

There was a discussion regarding the Department of Transportation's response to the Makaha Beach Park Farrington Highway Realignment Feasibility Study. TAC Chair Tatsuguchi clarified that HDOT's response was that the Makaha Beach Realignment Feasibility study is being tabled until construction funding is available. There was a discussion regarding significant changes in the coastal highway protection assessment, funding levels, and whether it there was a projected timeline on the changes of funding. Chair Tatsuguchi explained that there was not a set timeline and erosion projects with higher priority must also be taken into consideration. He also mentioned that HDOT has been working with the congressional delegation to secure funds to support resiliency.

Chair Tatsuguchi expressed concerns that the TAC has not been receiving the additional information on the expenditures and status of work completed for the work elements, which had been previously requested, indicating that this information would be helpful to the TAC when reviewing the OWP. OahuMPO staff agreed that moving forward that information would be provided to the TAC.

There were no further discussions or questions, and a motion was made by Masatomo Murata and seconded by Ryan Tam to recommend that the Policy Board endorse the final draft Overall Work Program FY 2022.

The Chair proceeded with a roll call vote. Eileen Mark indicated she had joined the meeting via phone since the Executive Director’s Report portion of the agenda but had been experiencing technical problems. The Chair included her in the roll call vote.

Member	Roll Call Vote
Ken Tatsuguchi	No
Masatomo Murata	Aye
Adele Balderston	Aye
Ryan Tam	Aye
Noelle Cole	Aye
Andy Yamaguchi	Aye
Eileen Mark	Aye
Virginia Sosh	Aye
Joseph Roos	No response
Ruby Edwards	Aye

B. Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Funding

Chair Tatsuguchi explained that Oahu received a \$6.1 million sub-allocation of funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act. The TAC took action at the April meeting on this item, but the language in the action did not accurately specify the way the funding would be used.

There were no further discussions or questions. A motion was made by Ryan Tam and seconded by Masatomo Murata to approve the use of the \$6,155,308.00 sub-allocation of the CRSSA Oahu Sub-Allocation funds for Hawaii Department of Transportation’s (HDOT) Oahu District maintenance personnel direct labor costs with the understanding that after the HDOT is reimbursed, the reimbursement funds will then be dedicated for the construction of a left-turn from the Pearl Highlands Rail Station on Kamehameha Highway to Kuala Street.

The Chair proceeded with a roll call vote.

Member	Roll Call Vote
Ken Tatsuguchi	Aye
Masatomo Murata	Aye
Ryan Tam	Aye
Adele Balderston	Aye
Andy Yamaguchi	Aye
Noelle Cole	Aye
Eileen Mark	Aye
Virginia Sosh	Aye

Joseph Roos	No response
Ruby Edwards	Aye

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

There were no comments.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

OahuMPO staff announced that the next TAC meeting would be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 9:00AM.

Chair Tatsuguchi requested OahuMPO provide the TAC draft minutes to the Policy Board prior to the Policy Board Meeting to ensure the Policy Board understands the concerns and the contingencies of the actions of the TAC. Chair Tatsuguchi indicated that the inclusion of the TAC draft minutes in the Policy Board's handouts mailing the day before the Policy Board's meeting is sufficient. Ruby Edwards suggested that to streamline the process for the Policy Board, the TAC add notations indicating conditions of their recommendation on actions taken by the TAC. She added that it is the responsibility of the TAC to identify what annotated comments should be incorporated as part of the TAC's recommendations to the Policy Board.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tatsuguchi adjourned the meeting at 10:16 am.

The meeting's presentation may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2325