

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
December 9, 2022
Virtual Meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Name	Agency	Voting Rights	Present
Vacant (Chair)	HART	Yes	
Masatomo Murata (Vice Chair)	HDOT	Yes	x
Ken Tatsuguchi	HDOT	Yes	x
Wai Yi Ng	HART	Yes	x
Yoko Tomita	DTS	Yes	x
Eileen Mark	DTS	Yes	x
Dina Wong	DPP	Yes	
Andy Yamaguchi	DPP	Yes	x
Joseph Roos	DBEDT	Yes	
Aaron Setogawa	OPSD	Yes	x
Kimberly Evans	FAA	No	x
Ted Matley	FTA	No	
Richard Yoneda	DFM	No	
Gareth Sakakida	HTA	No	x
Tim Trang	DDC	No	
Amy Ford-Wagner	FHWA	No	

Guests Present: Kiana Otsuka (HSEO), Vance Tsuda (HART), Pam Eaton (MMPO), Todd Boulanger (Biki), Rori Kirkpatrick (OCCSR)

OahuMPO Staff Present: Nicki Smith, Joel Vincent, Veronica Schack, Mark Garrity, Samantha Lara, Zakari Mumuni, Dallas Ige, Lily Zheng

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Murata called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

II. ROLL CALL

OahuMPO staff took roll call by reading out the list of attendees in the meeting as noted in the Teams program. Members confirmed their attendance verbally and indicated whether anyone else was present with them.

III. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 4TH MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Murata requested members review the minutes which were emailed in advance of the meeting. Vice Chair Murata asked if any members had edits to the minutes and none responded. Vice Chair Murata approved the minutes as distributed.

IV. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Director Garrity shared updates on the federal TMA Certification Review, consultant contracts for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, the National Household Travel Survey, the Strategic Plan, the 2023 Project Management Training Program, and Personnel and Training.

Director Garrity also reported on the business that was conducted at the December 7, 2022 meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at:

https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3082

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. New TAC Chair

OahuMPO staff stated that following the departure of the previous TAC Chair from HART, the committee would need to endorse a new HART rep to serve as Chair for the remainder of the term. Yoko Tomita made a motion and Andy Yamaguchi seconded to endorse Wai Yi Ng as the new TAC Chair. There were no objections or abstentions and the motion passed.

B. Orientation Refresher

Director Garrity provided an orientation refresher to the committee as required by the TAC By-laws. Director Garrity began with an overview of the OahuMPO and MPOs generally, the organization's history and its implementation partners, the City & County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (DTS), the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT), and Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART).

Director Garrity reviewed the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process and how public input is incorporated. Director Garrity covered the governance of the OahuMPO, highlighting the membership and duties of the Policy Board as the decision-making body.

Director Garrity described the federally required work products developed by the OahuMPO on an on-going basis: the Overall Work Program (OWP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP).

Director Garrity described the membership, roles and duties of OahuMPO's advisory committees and Policy Board, with an emphasis on the priorities and duties of the Technical Advisory Committee.

C. Overall Work Program FY2024-2025 Public Review Draft

Nicki Smith, Planning Program Manager, provided an overview of the public review draft of the OWP SFY2024-2025. Ms. Smith noted that OahuMPO is transitioning to a two-year work program following the 2022 TMA Certification Review. OahuMPO is planning to release the OWP for public review in January and present the final draft to the committees in April.

On the slide showing the Executive Summary financial table, Ms. Smith described the apportionment of FHWA and FTA funding to support OahuMPO planning activities. She pointed out that OahuMPO is planning to program previously unobligated PL funds that will be released in August 2023 through redistribution. In addition, approximately \$4.4 million will be proposed for OahuMPO operations over two years, and \$2.4 million will be proposed for subrecipient funding.

Ms. Smith described the planning activities included in each of the five tasks in the OWP. She noted which activities will be completed by OahuMPO staff and/or consultants, and which will be completed by a subrecipient.

D. Planning Needs Wish List Discussion

OahuMPO staff shared that as part of the redistribution of funds in August 2023, OahuMPO and MauiMPO will have the opportunity to program previously unobligated metropolitan transportation planning funds that had built up over several years due to obligation limitation. OahuMPO is planning to program in the OWP SFY2024-2025 about \$640,000 (\$512,000 federal) of the \$3 million balance of unobligated funds, but also encouraged the TAC to consider other opportunities to use these funds for regionally significant planning activities.

OahuMPO staff shared some key considerations the TAC should keep in mind about the use of these funds, including that there is not a risk of the funds lapsing in the next several years, that the funds would have to be expended in the OWP SFY 2024-2025 budget period, that there must be a strong justified need for the planning activities, and that responsible agencies would need to have the staff capacity in place to get started promptly. OahuMPO staff encouraged the committee not to let questions of who would do the study and where the local match would come from get in the way of coming up with great planning ideas.

OahuMPO shared a list of studies that were proposed in previous cycles of the OWP but never completed to prompt discussion. Todd Boulanger with Biki expressed support for a Micromobility Study that would update the 2014 study done by DPP and suggested an emergency ferry study for when coastal areas are cut off due to sea level rise.

Gareth Sakakida expressed support for the Waikiki Loading Zone Management Study. Yoko Tomita asked about the timeline for proposals and Kiana Otsuka indicated interest in the Congestion Pricing & Mobility Study.

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

None.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Garrity reminded the TAC that the next Policy Board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 20th at 10:30AM.

Vice Chair Murata announced that the Hawaii Statewide Transportation Plan is posted for public review and provided the link in the chat:

<https://jacobs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=e28c0631f49740038000571945c45d2c>

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ng adjourned the meeting at 9:58 am.

The meeting's presentation may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3083.