

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 13, 2023
Virtual Meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

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

Guests Present: Kiana Otsuka (HSEO), Kathleen Rooney (Ulupono), Maria de Mesa (DTS), Daniel Alexander (DTS), Max Kalhammer (DTS), Richard Duran (FHWA), Marisa Ideta (DTS)

OahuMPO Staff Present: Nicki Smith, Joel Vincent, Mark Garrity, Samantha Lara, Zakari Mumuni, Dallas Ige, Danelle Miyahara, Chelsea Dau

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ng called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 DECEMBER 9TH MEETING MINUTES

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

IV. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Director Garrity shared updates on the federal TMA Certification Review, the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, the new OahuMPO logo and website, the 2023 Project Management Training Program, and Personnel and Training.

Director Garrity reported on the business conducted in the December 20, 2022 meeting of the Policy Board and noted that the CAC did not meet in January.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at:

https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2951

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Overall Work Program Work Element Presentation: Ala Moana Transit Plaza Alternatives Analysis

Chris Clark, Chief Planner with the Department of Transportation Services reviewed the work element objectives, project location and scope of work. The scope of work included multi-modal transportation analysis, market demand assessment, definition of program of facilities for the mobility hub, and screening and evaluation of alternatives. The screening and evaluation resulted in two locally preferred alternatives (LPA) for an integrated mobility and mixed-use development, one with parking and one without. The scope also included a rough order of magnitude cost estimates for each LPA, an analysis of potential environmental issues, a preliminary infrastructure investigation and public and stakeholder engagement.

Amy Ford-Wagner recommended coordinating with the FTA on how this alternatives analysis would be brought into the NEPA process. She also asked about the opportunities to develop this site regardless of Ala Moana not being included in the current rail project. Mr. Clark responded that there are opportunities to use the site as an important bus hub, and that one of the first elements DTS would move forward with would be to install charging infrastructure on parcel C, which the City currently owns.

Andy Yamaguchi asked about the incorporation of Uber/Lyft pick up/drop off areas. Mr. Clark responded that with rail stations as well as with the site in question, kiss & ride locations would meet this need.

Kiana Otsuka asked about the process to select one of the LPAs and Mr. Clark responded that the selection would be made together with Brookfield Properties, the Ala Moana owner/developer providing the funding for the development.

Andy Yamaguchi made a motion and Dina Wong seconded to recommend that the Policy Board accept the report as evidence that the work was carried out and direct OahuMPO staff to incorporate study findings into the metropolitan transportation planning process. Chair Ng asked if there were any objections or abstentions and hearing no response, stated that the motion passed.

B. Department of Transportation Services Transit Asset Management (TAM) Targets

Marisa Ideta with the Department of Transportation Services provided a definition of TAM performance measures. For revenue vehicles and service vehicles, the performance measure is the percentage of vehicles that have met or exceeded their useful life benchmark, and for facilities, the percentage rated below 3 on the condition scale. Ms. Ideta noted that in general, higher values are reflective of worse asset condition/performance, and lower values reflect better asset condition/performance. Ms. Ideta then shared DTS' TAM Performance Targets for FY2023 alongside the FY2022 target and the FY2022 Performance.

Ms. Otsuka asked whether the TAM targets include electric buses and paratransit vehicles and Ms. Ideta said that they do.

Ms. Ford-Wagner asked why the FY2023 targets appear to show that a greater percentage of service automobiles will be allowed to exceed their useful life, and Ms. Ideta stated that this is because DTS adjusted the useful life benchmarks as part of the TAM Plan Update.

Kathleen Rooney asked whether these TAM targets would apply to leased as well as owned vehicles and DTS staff responded that they do.

Ms. Otsuka asked why the target for articulated buses is lower for FY2023 and Ms. Ideta responded that this factors in planned delivery and retirement of the older vehicles.

Dina Wong made a motion and Ken Tatsuguchi seconded to recommend that the Policy Board accept DTS' TAM targets as presented. Hearing no objections or abstentions, the Chair stated that the motion passed.

C. 2019-2023 Highway Safety Performance Targets

OahuMPO's Sr. Transportation Planner Zakari Mumuni reviewed the performance measures that are federally required and those that aren't federally required. He noted the three target setting options and provided the methodology for calculating each. On the Oahu High Safety Trends Slide, Mr. Mumuni showed the five year average for each performance measure, next to the trendlines for the past five years and the three target options.

Mr. Mumuni summarized how the targets would be used in the transportation planning process, including funding safety plans, describing safety performance in the ORTP and describing in the TIP the anticipated effects of its projects toward achieving safety targets.

Mr. Mumuni states that the OahuMPO staff recommended Option C, the Vision Zero Option, which is aspirational and provides a path to zero deaths and serious injuries by 2045.

For the non-federally required targets for speed-related serious injuries, fatalities and hospitalization, and senior pedestrian fatalities and hospitalizations, OahuMPO recommended targets of 40%, 20% and 20% reductions, respectively, by 2045.

Andy Yamaguchi made a motion and Dina Wong seconded to recommend that the Policy Board adopt Option C for the federally required targets and adopt the proposed targets for the non-federally required targets. Chair Ng asked if there were any objections or abstentions and hearing none, the motion passed.

D. Regional Planning Needs Discussion – Part 2

OahuMPO Executive Director reminded the TAC about the discussion started in the December meeting regarding the balance of unobligated planning funds and the opportunity to program and obligate these funds in the FY2024-2025 OWP cycle for eligible planning activities.

Since that December meeting, OahuMPO received two additional proposals from DTS for the Active Transportation Monitoring Program Phase IV and the Short-Range Transit Improvement Program. Mr. Garrity summarized both planning activities.

Mr. Garrity stated that OahuMPO will seek to fund its OWP FY2024-2025 using a combination of the August PL redistribution and STBG urbanized funds flexed to planning. OahuMPO recognizes that the unobligated balance of planning funds is available to MauiMPO as well and wants to provide them an opportunity to program some of the funds. Mr. Garrity reviewed the upcoming steps in the development of the OWP SFY2024-2025

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

None.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amy Ford-Wagner announced that the FHWA Hawaii Division Office is hiring a Planner and plans to hire an Environmental Specialist in the next few weeks.

Dina Wong announced that DPP has also revamped its website recently and invited TAC members to take a look: <https://www.honolulu.gov/dpp>

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=2835.