

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Friday, April 8, 2011, 10:00 a.m.  
Department of Transportation 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

**Members Present:**

Ed Sniffen, Chair	DOT	Kathy Sokugawa	DPP
Mark Au, Vice Chair	DTS	Steve Young (alternate)	DPP
Mary Lou Kobayashi	DBEDT-OP	Eric Stoetzer (alternate)	DTS
Dean Nakagawa	DOT		

**Members Absent:** Eugene Tian (DBEDT), Steve Wong (FAA, ex officio), Elizabeth Fischer (FHWA, ex officio), (vacant, FTA, ex officio), Gareth Sakakida (HTA, ex officio), A. Ricardo Archilla (UH, ex officio)

**Guests Present:**

Trevor Ozawa    Councilmember Chang                      Mark Scheibe            Parsons Brinckerhoff

**OahuMPO Staff Present:** Brian Gibson, Lori Arakaki, Randolph Sykes, and Marian Ching

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chair Ed Sniffen. A quorum was present. Everyone introduced themselves.

**I. CORRECTION TO THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

Brian Gibson explained that Steve Young had, in fact, attended the September 8, 2010 meeting for the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) in place of Randolph Hara. So, the minutes need to be corrected to show this.

*Dean Nakagawa moved and Kathy Sokugawa seconded that the minutes of September 8, 2010 be corrected to show that Steve Young had attended the meeting for DPP, rather than Randolph Hara. The motion was unanimously carried.*

**II. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 24, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

*Vice Chair Mark Au moved and Mr. Nakagawa seconded that the November 24, 2010 meeting minutes be approved as circulated. The motion was unanimously carried.*

**III. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE REGARDING ORTP 2035**

*Handout(s): Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2035 Final Review Draft*

Randolph Sykes gave a presentation on the draft ORTP 2035.

### Discussion

Trevor Ozawa asked what the factors were in calculating the time savings in the first map on the presentation slides. Mr. Sykes responded that they were the widening of Farrington Highway, the introduction of rail, and the build-out of roadways in the Kapolei area.

Vice Chair Au asked why the travel times map shows Makaha having a 30-60 minute travel time savings and Waianae showing something else. Mr. Sykes responded that that is where the Farrington Highway improvements are. Mark Scheibe, of the Parsons Brinckerhoff team of consultants for the ORTP 2035, responded that, actually, the biggest improvement of the Farrington improvement project is on the southern end, not for the entire length of Farrington Highway. The time savings could be 58 minutes for Makaha compared to 62 minutes for Waianae, which would result in different colors on the travel time savings map.

Vice Chair Au asked what significant change was made in ORTP 2035 in comparison to the ORTP 2030. Mr. Sykes responded that the ORTP 2030 made assumptions on the percentage of funding, which were not achieved. The ORTP 2035 takes a fresh look at it.

Vice Chair Au asked if System Preservation is Operations and Maintenance. Mr. Sykes responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Nakagawa asked if the percentage of funding by category is a recommendation of the plan. Mr. Sykes responded in the affirmative. Mr. Nakagawa questioned whether it needs to be fulfilled. Mr. Sykes responded that where the rubber meets the road is the TIP level.

Ms. Sokugawa stated that Table 9 (Anticipated Revenue Sources) shows \$1.9 billion in developer funding, but that there are no dollar amounts assigned to each project. Mr. Sykes responded that both the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) and Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) are responsible for some projects in the Ewa area and their funding was included in the developer category. Ms. Sokugawa asked if this included the Ewa Highway impact fees. Mr. Sykes responded in the affirmative, adding that he was not sure if it was the most recent amount estimated by the consultants conducting the study. Ms. Sokugawa asked if these were known amounts. Mr. Sykes responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Ozawa asked how much the rail factored into the ORTP. Mr. Sykes responded that it's a factor in the plan. In the ORTP 2030, the costs and revenue were expressed in 2005 dollars. In the ORTP 2035, year-of-expenditure dollars were used. Mr. Scheibe stated that rail was in the ORTP 2030 plan and is a baseline project in the ORTP 2035 plan.

*Mr. Nakagawa moved and Vice Chair Au seconded that the TAC recommend that the Policy Committee approve the draft ORTP 2035. The motion was unanimously carried.*

## **VI. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE REGARDING REVISION #2 TO THE FFYS 2011-2014 TIP**

*Handout(s): FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Draft Revision #2 (Amendment)*

Lori Arakaki gave a presentation on the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP Draft Revision #2 – including the Intergovernmental Review and Technical Analyses (Congestion Management Process and Title VI and Environmental Justice). The TIP remains financially constrained.

Ms. Sokugawa asked if the shuttle service in Waianae for Project OC16 (Local Shuttle Service) would shuttle people to the Waianae Transit Center. Vice Chair Au stated that he was not sure, but that it probably would.

*[Mary Lou Kobayashi arrived at 10:40 a.m.]*

*Vice Chair Au moved and Ms. Sokugawa seconded that the TAC recommend that the Policy Committee approve the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP Draft Revision #2. The motion was unanimously carried.*

## **V. DISCUSS IDEAS FOR ANNUAL TIP-STIP PROCESS**

Chair Sniffen stated that enhancing the Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HDOT) public involvement process and letting the public know annually what has changed, in terms of projects, would add to the transparency of the process. Vice Chair Au asked if this would correspond with the TIP/Statewide TIP (STIP) cycle. Chair Sniffen stated that HDOT will continue to work with OahuMPO's TIP schedule. Vice Chair Au stated that the City has few projects compared to HDOT, but the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) will work with OahuMPO and HDOT.

## **VI. DISCUSS DRAFT FY 2012 OWP**

*Handout(s): Draft FY 2012 Overall Work Program (OWP)*

Mr. Gibson gave a presentation on the draft FY 2012 OWP.

### Discussion

For the Neighborhood Mobility Review study, Vice Chair Au asked if the HDOT Complete Streets work would overlap. Chair Sniffen replied that there is some overlap. All policies from Complete Streets would be provided to OahuMPO.

Related to the Emergency Evacuation Plan study, Mary Lou Kobayashi stated that Hilo and the County of Hawaii have signs up notifying the public that they are entering or leaving a tsunami zone.

Regarding the review, re-evaluation, and/or re-validation of the Ewa Connectivity Study as it relates to the ORTP Implementation Activities, Chair Sniffen stated that HCDA should be included in discussions.

Regarding the Environmental Review Group (ERG) as it relates to the ORTP Implementation Activities, Chair Sniffen stated that, when HDOT evaluates projects, he didn't know how they would justify a project as environmentally sound. Mr. Gibson stated that the role of the ERG would need to be determined.

Ms. Sokugawa asked if this would mean, for example, that the ERG would evaluate the rail project regarding archeological findings. Details are not often available, and deadlines are short. Maybe the ERG could evaluate projects as part of the TIP evaluation criteria. Mr. Gibson replied that the ERG would be an advisory group to the Policy Committee. If there are no evaluations, they would report "no evaluations" to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Ozawa asked whether ERG decisions would trigger the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements such as environmental impact statements (EIS). Mr. Gibson responded that the OahuMPO does broad level planning. Ms. Sokugawa noted that people often demand specifics – for example, an EIS – even though it is broad. Mr. Gibson responded that, then, the advice from the ERG to the Policy Committee would be that they cannot give advice.

Regarding the Neighborhood Mobility Review study, Ms. Sokugawa asked what the expected product will be. Mr. Gibson replied that it would be a planning document. For example, at a specific intersection, the study may find that the curb ramps should be reconstructed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) specifications.

*[Mr. Nakagawa left at 11:25 p.m.]*

Ms. Sokugawa stated that DPP is already doing most of that work with many neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) plans. They already have information on where work needs to be done. DPP needs help to plan and implement them, and determine how they can be worked into the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget. She stated that they already have enough plans.

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS (Announcements Only)**

Ms. Sokugawa announced that DPP is starting the Kalihi and Downtown neighborhood TOD plans.

Eric Stoetzer announced that James Burke will be resigning from DTS effective next week.

*There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.*