

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, January 22, 2010, 1:30 p.m.
Department of Transportation 5th Floor Conference Room
869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Mark Au, Chair	DTS	Steve Young (alternate)	DPP
Ken Tatsuguchi (alternate)	DOT	Eric Stoetzer (alternate)	DTS
Eugene Tian (alternate)	DBEDT	Elizabeth Fischer (ex officio)	FHWA
Dean Nakagawa (alternate)	DOT	Gareth Sakakida (ex officio)	HTA
Kathy Sokugawa	DPP	A. Ricardo Archilla (ex officio)	UH

Members Absent: Abe Mitsuda (DBEDT-OP), Steve Wong (FAA, ex officio), (vacant, FTA, ex officio)

Guests Present:

Patrick Tom	DOT	Charles Carole	NB #10 (CAC)
Jill Yamanouchi	DOT	Jon Tamayori	OmniTrak Group, Inc.

OahuMPO Staff Present: Lori Arakaki, Randolph Sykes, Lynne Kong, and Pamela Toyooka

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chair Mark Au. A quorum was present.

I. OCTOBER 16, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Eric Stoetzer moved and Eugene Tian seconded that the minutes of October 16, 2009 be approved as circulated. The motion was unanimously carried.

II. RECOMMENDATION TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON REVISION #18 TO THE FFYS 2008, 2009, 2010, AND 2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Handout(s): FFYs 2008-2011 TIP Draft Revision #18 – Amendment

Chair Au gave a brief summary of Revision #18 to the FFYs 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Acting Executive Director Lori Arakaki gave a presentation on Revision #18. Ms. Arakaki went over the financial plan, intergovernmental review, and technical analyses (including the Congestion Management Process, project evaluations, and Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis).

Mr. Stoetzer moved and Kathy Sokugawa seconded that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommend that the Policy Committee approve Revision #18 to the FFYs 2008-2011 TIP. The motion was unanimously carried.

III. APPROVAL OF REVISED RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE OAHUMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Handout(s): Ramseyered version of the draft revision to the Rules of Procedure of the OahuMPO TAC

Chair Au went over some recent history with regard to the previous changes made to the TAC Rules of Procedure. Acting Executive Director Arakaki gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the TAC Rules of Procedure.

[Dr. A. Ricardo Archilla arrived at 1:49 p.m.]

Mr. Stoetzer moved and Ken Tatsuguchi seconded that the Rules of Procedure of the OahuMPO TAC be approved as revised. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. OAHU REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2035

IV.A. Approval of Assumptions for the Level of Funding to be Dedicated to Operations, Maintenance, and System Preservation in the ORTP 2035

Randolph Sykes gave a presentation on the assumption for allocation of funding for operations, maintenance, and system preservation (O&MSP) in the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2035. Mr. Sykes requested that the TAC: 1) adopt a strategy for reducing the backlog in the ORTP 2035 consistent with that used in the ORTP 2030; and 2) allocate approximately 50% of available funding for Oahu to O&MSP initiatives.

Discussion and Questions & Answers

- In response to Ms. Sokugawa, Mr. Sykes stated that the reason for asking the TAC to adopt this strategy is to keep the message in the public eye.
- In response to Elizabeth Fischer, Mr. Sykes stated that the OahuMPO and the ORTP consultant, Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB), are in the process of working with Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of Transportation Services (DTS) on developing a strategy and timeframe.
- Ms. Sokugawa stated that, if we don't have a strategy for reducing the backlog, then, five years from now, we may be in the same situation we are in now. Ms. Sokugawa asked if one of the reasons is the shortfall of local matching funds. Mr. Sykes responded that, in addition to the local shortfall, there have been a number of unanticipated special projects that have reduced the amount available for O&MSP.
- Mr. Tatsuguchi stated that part of the problem is that DOT does not receive the \$350 million in funds, as shown in the slides. Therefore, the backlog will remain. So, the priority for Highways has been to maintain what it has.

- Mr. Sykes stated that the reason for disclosure of the backlog is transparency and education of the public. Ms. Sokugawa stated that we shouldn't give the public false hope.
- Mr. Sykes stated that 50% of the funds would go to O&MSP. Ms. Sokugawa stated that she has no problem with 50% going to O&MSP.

Mr. Tatsuguchi moved and Mr. Stoetzer seconded that the TAC: 1) adopt a strategy for reducing the backlog in the ORTP 2035 consistent with that used in the ORTP 2030; and 2) agree that approximately 50% of the available funding for Oahu be allocated for O&MSP initiatives. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV.B. Presentation on Planning Issues Identified During the Initial Stage of Public Outreach for the ORTP 2035

Mr. Sykes gave a presentation on the initial public outreach findings for the ORTP 2035.

Discussion and Questions & Answers

- Steve Young asked if the sample demographics was compared with the global demographics, and if the results were adjusted for gender disparity. Jon Tamayori of OmniTrak Group, ORTP 2035 subconsultant, responded that they did not adjust for gender disparity. He added that they were confident that they got a good sample of the population.
- Mr. Young stated that the disproportionate female responses may have skewed the results, since they may have chosen "Unsafe Behavior" as their primary concern. Mr. Tamayori responded that that might be a possibility; however, he noted that many of the Unsafe Behavior responses came from a particular area – Central Oahu-Mililani.
- In response to Ms. Sokugawa, Mr. Sykes stated, once PB has incorporated all the comments on the stage one public outreach, it will be posted on the Web site and will be distributed to the TAC.
- In response to Ms. Fischer, Mr. Sykes stated that the ORTP will tie in the Strategic Highway Safety Program (SHSP) recommendations in the next round of public outreach.
- Mr. Tatsuguchi asked how the question was posed regarding the potential funding sources. Mr. Sykes responded that the participants were given a choice of 10 different ways to raise funds.
- Chair Au asked if the TAC would be able to make adjustments to the survey, as the TAC has technical expertise that they can provide. Mr. Sykes stated that TAC comments will be integrated; he noted that stakeholder and focus group interviews and the PB staff were also used to hone down the survey questions.
- Chair Au asked why the North Shore and Windward areas were lumped together. Mr. Tamayori responded that, since North Shore is sparsely populated, there were not enough people in the sample to warrant their own demographic group in the findings. In the next survey, there will be a larger sample taken; they will break out the results into smaller areas.
- In response to Dr. Archilla, Mr. Tamayori stated that the response rate was 30% and gave various reasons for why some of the people called did not respond to the survey.

- Ms. Fischer stated that there is a bias if people with only cell phones and no land line were not include in the survey. Mr. Tamayori responded that the cell phone-only population tends to be skewed to the younger demographic, so they adjusted for a younger demographic on land lines.
- Chair Au requested that TAC be given copies of the survey, so that they may provide input. Mr. Sykes responded that he would provide the survey to TAC as soon as the final was received from PB; after distribution, he requested TAC feedback be sent as soon as possible.

V. OTHER BUSINESS (Announcements Only)

Chair Au announced that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, January 25.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.