

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, January 26, 2007, 2:00 p.m.
Department of Transportation Fifth Floor Conference Room
869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Toru Hamayasu, Chair	DTS	Kathy Sokugawa	DPP
Eugene X. Tian	DBEDT	James Burke	DTS
Abe Mitsuda	DBEDT-OP	Clarissa Upingco (ex-officio, alternate)	FAA
Ron Tsuzuki (alternate)	DOT-HWY	Elizabeth Fischer (ex-officio)	FHWA
Dean Nakagawa	DOT-STP	Gareth Sakakida (ex-officio)	HTA
Ray Sakai (alternate)	DPP		

Member(s) Absent: Karl Kim (UH)

Guests Present:

Patrick Tom	DOT-HWY	Joe Otto	Neighborhood Board #5 (CAC)
Scot Urada	DOT	Charles Carole	NB #10 (CAC)
Mark Au	DTS	Rich Kane	Pacific Resource Partnership (CAC)
		Daniel Godly	Senator Chun Oakland

Staff Present: Gordon Lum, Lauren Brennan, Lori Arakaki, and Pamela Toyooka.

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chair Toru Hamayasu. A quorum was present.

I. MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2006 MEETING

Ron Tsuzuki pointed out that the Agencies for the Chair and Vice Chair were reversed in the list of attendees.

The minutes of the October 13, 2006 meeting were approved as corrected.

II. RECOMMENDATION TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENT #10 TO THE OAHU TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FYS 2006, 2007, AND 2008

Handout(s): Project Evaluation for New Project

Gordon Lum introduced Lori Arakaki to brief the members on Amendment #10 to the FYs 2006-2008 TIP.

Elizabeth Fischer arrived.

Ms. Arakaki said that the primary reason for Amendment #10 is financial constraint. Projects in Amendment #10 were being deferred out of the time period covered by the TIP in order to fiscally constrain the document. Draft Amendment #9, an administrative amendment, includes increased funding for some projects, the deferral of projects that were not obligated in FY 2006, and the deferral of projects from FY 2007 to FY 2008.

The amendment process includes technical evaluations, such as project consistency with the *Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2030*, project consistency with the Oahu Regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture, Congestion Management Process analysis, Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis, and individual project evaluations. The evaluation process showed that the project proposed to be added by the amendment was consistent with the *ORTP 2030*, and was not an ITS nor congestion-relief project. The results of the environmental justice analyses for equity, safety, population policy, and public outreach showed no significant change from the FYs 2006-2008 TIP analysis.

During the course of the evaluation, it was determined that there were no established criteria to evaluate human services transportation programs. Ms. Arakaki reviewed the newly-developed criteria and the results of the evaluation.

Ms. Arakaki then reviewed the substantive comments submitted through the Intergovernmental Review process, as well as the responses to those comments that were provided by Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT).

Kathy Sokugawa arrived.

Mr. Tsuzuki moved and Dean Nakagawa seconded that TAC recommend that the Policy Committee approve Amendment #10 to the FYs 2006-2008 TIP. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Lum said that several departments have not provided their new work elements and/or updated their sections of the FY 2008 Overall Work Program (OWP). He added that a draft will be circulated to the agencies for a final review before it goes out for public review. He asked the members to encourage their departments to submit the updates to OahuMPO no later than February 9, 2007.

Ms. Fischer announced that the annual Intermodal Planning Group (IPG) meeting would be held the first week in April in connection with the triennial MPO certification review and the planning finding of the HDOT.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.