

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 12, 2007, 2:30 p.m.
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Multi-Purpose Room 310 & 313
830 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Toru Hamayasu, Chair	DTS	Randolph Hara	DPP
Dr. Pearl Imada Iboshi	DBEDT	Raymond Sakai (alternate)	DPP
Glenn Soma	DOT	James Burke	DTS
Ronald Tsuzuki (alternate)	DOT		

Members Absent: Abe Mitsuda (DBEDT-OP), Steve Wong (FAA, ex officio), Elizabeth Fischer (FHWA, ex officio), Gareth Sakakida (HTA, ex officio), Karl Kim (UH, ex officio)

Guests Present:

Dr. Yang-Seon Kim	DBEDT	Mark Au	DTS
Dr. Khem Sharma	DBEDT	Charles Carole	Neighborhood Board #10 (CAC)
Patrick Tom	DOT	Richard Kane	Pacific Resource Partnership (CAC)

OahuMPO Staff Present: Gordon Lum, Lori Arakaki, and Pamela Toyooka

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Vice Chair Toru Hamayasu. A quorum was present.

I. ELECTION OF FY 2008 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Chair

Ronald Tsuzuki nominated Toru Hamayasu for the office of Chair for FY 2008; Glenn Soma seconded the nomination. Raymond Sakai moved and Dr. Pearl Imada Iboshi seconded that the nominations be closed. A vote was taken. Mr. Hamayasu was unanimously elected Chair. Mr. Hamayasu assumed the position of Chair.

Vice Chair

Mr. Tsuzuki nominated Glenn Yasui for the office of Vice Chair for FY 2008; Mr. Soma seconded the nomination. James Burke moved and Mr. Soma seconded that the nominations be closed. A vote was taken. Mr. Yasui was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

II. MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2007 MEETING

Mr. Tsuzuki moved and Mr. Burke seconded that the minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting be approved. There being no objections, the minutes were unanimously approved as circulated.

III. RECOMMENDATION TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON FYs 2008-2011 TIP

Handout: Draft FYs 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Lori Arakaki, TIP Project Manager, gave a presentation of the draft *FYs 2008-2011 TIP* (“TIP”) – how the *TIP* is Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) compliant; a summary of the financial plan; the revisions made to the *TIP* revision procedures; the results of the technical analyses performed; and a summary of the intergovernmental review comments received. The technical analysis included discussion on the Hawaii Department of Transportation (DOT) and City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) internal prioritization criteria, detailed *TIP* project evaluations, consistency with the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, consistency with the Oahu Regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture, Congestion Management Process analysis, and Title VI/Environmental Justice analysis.

Ms. Arakaki stated that the *TIP* is now financially constrained. The DOT agreed to find savings elsewhere in the Statewide *TIP*, thereby increasing the estimated funds available for Oahu.

Ms. Arakaki noted that, one of the major things the OahuMPO concentrated on in updating the *TIP* was to ensure that the *TIP* is SAFETEA-LU compliant. The OahuMPO accomplished this by increasing the *TIP* time period from three years to four years; including a financial plan; and using visualization techniques. The information provided for each project was increased by creating individual project information sheets for each project. Project location maps were included on each project information sheet, and interactive maps were posted on the OahuMPO website. The *TIP* revision procedures were modified in order to use terminology consistent with the federal regulations and to clarify the procedures.

Mr. Tsuzuki moved and Mr. Burke seconded that the TAC recommend that the Policy Committee approve the FYs 2008-2011 TIP. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. DISCUSSION OF 2035 ORTP UPDATE EFFORT

IV.A. 2035 Socio-Economic Forecasts

Handout: DBEDT Long-Range Economic and Population Projections (2035 Series)

Gordon Lum stated that the 2035 Socio-Economic Forecast is an important component to the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), as well as being of interest to other entities that are doing long-range planning. The OahuMPO has asked the Department of Business, Economic

Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) to keep TAC informed of their progress with regards to the 2035 forecast.

Dr. Imada Iboshi, head of the DBEDT Research & Economic Analysis Division, stated that DBEDT is in the process of updating their forecasts. Dr. Imada Iboshi introduced Dr. Khem Sharma and Dr. Yang-Seon Kim, of the Economic Research Branch. Dr. Sharma gave a presentation on the DBEDT Long-Range Economic and Population Projections (2035 Series). DBEDT's long-range model forecasts population, employment, and income in Hawaii. It provides a 30-year projection of population, personal income, jobs, and visitor arrivals. Dr. Sharma indicated that DBEDT's draft projections for the Year 2035 should be completed by September 30, 2007 for review by the counties, and that the final report should be available by December 31, 2007. Dr. Sharma asked the TAC to make comments or suggestions, or ask questions, so that DBEDT may tailor these forecasts to the various agencies' needs and activities.

Comments/Questions/Answers

Dr. Imada Iboshi stated that DBEDT has contacted Steve Young, at the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), and other counties to discuss how DBEDT can make sure that the data they produce helps the counties do their allocations, what kinds of data they need, etc. Mr. Young provided DBEDT with DPP's suggestions.

In response to Chair Hamayasu, Dr. Imada Iboshi stated that DBEDT felt that switching from State-level to County-level analysis made it more robust, especially on the population side.

In response to Chair Hamayasu, Dr. Imada Iboshi stated that Dr. Sharma is anticipating that the new population forecast may come out a little lower, but not significantly lower. The updated economic census data will be input into the model.

Chair Hamayasu stated that agencies need to be aware of DBEDT changes and how often they make changes; that directly impacts agencies who use the DBEDT forecasts. Dr. Imada Iboshi stated that, every five years, when DBEDT revises its model, it revises all of the data to the most recent, current data that it receives. So, it would just depend on what came in at that point.

Mr. Lum stated that the 2035 schedule dovetails nicely with the OahuMPO's efforts to update the ORTP to 2035.

In response to Mr. Soma, Dr. Sharma stated that the forecast would provide a baseline projection as well as projections under alternative high and low assumptions on major exogenous variables. In response to Mr. Tsuzuki, Dr. Imada Iboshi stated that each county has the option to use either the high, the low, or the baseline projection.

IV.A. Schedule

Mr. Lum went over the schedule for the update of the ORTP to 2035. Mr. Lum stated that, in order to complete the next update of the ORTP to 2035 by January or April 2011, the process

needs to start now. The first part of the process is the update of the Oahu county forecasts by DBEDT. This data will then go to DPP, in order to generate the forecasts by traffic analysis zones needed to run the travel forecasting models. Kathy Sokugawa and Mr. Young, of DPP, have estimated that, within six to eight months of receiving the DBEDT data, the estimates should be available. During the months of September and October 2008, TAC will be asked to review and comment on the DPP forecast for Oahu. Mr. Lum noted that the City and State must share equally in the cost of the \$1 million consultant contract for this effort. It is anticipated that a request for qualifications will be released for the ORTP 2035 consultant contract in July 2008; therefore, funds need to be received by that time.

There being no other business, Mr. Soma moved and Mr. Tsuzuki seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.