

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Monday, March 13, 2006, 10:00 a.m.  
Department of Transportation Fifth Floor Conference Room  
869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

**Members Present:**

Toru Hamayasu, Chair	DTS	Randolph Hara	DPP
Glenn Yasui, Vice Chair	DOT	James Burke	DTS
Dick Poirier	DBEDT-OP	Elizabeth Fischer (ex-officio)	FHWA
Dean Nakagawa	DOT	Gareth Sakakida (ex-officio)	HTA
Kathy Sokugawa	DPP		

**Members Absent:** Pearl Imada-Iboshi, DBEDT; Steven Wong (ex-officio), FAA; A. Ricardo Archilla (ex-officio), UH

**Guests Present:**

Brennon Morioka	DOT	Wendell Lum	NB #30 (CAC)
Scot Urada	DOT	Rich Kane	Pacific Resources Partnership (CAC)
Pat Tom	DOT-HWY	Margaret Honbo	Kahealani Resident
Ron Tsuzuki	DOT-HWY	Kyle Nakamoto	Kahealani Resident
Charles Carole	NB #10 (CAC)	Richard Nakamoto	Kahealani Resident

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

*The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chair Toru Hamayasu. A quorum was present.*

**I. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2006 MEETING**

*Dick Poirier moved and James Burke seconded that the minutes of the January 19, 2006 meeting be approved as circulated. The minutes were unanimously approved.*

**II. FYS 2006-2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)  
AMENDMENT #3**

Project Manager, Laureen Brennan, gave a PowerPoint presentation describing the changes included in FYs 2006-2008 TIP Amendment #3 and the results of the Environmental Justice/Title VI, CMS, project evaluation, and consistency with the ORTP analyses done by OMPO.

*Mr. Poirier moved and Vice Chair Glenn Yasui seconded that TAC recommend Policy Committee approval of FYs 2006-2008 TIP Amendment #3.*

Kathy Sokagawa asked if the projects being deleted in this amendment would be added back to the TIP at a later date. Mr. Yasui said that some of the projects were being deferred to years outside of the current TIP time period.

Ms. Sokugawa asked if the reasons for the deletions could be included in future amendments. After getting agreement from Vice Chair Yasui and Chair Hamayasu, Mr. G. Lum agreed that the reasons for the deletion of projects could be documented and provided with future amendments.

Kyle Nakamoto, Richard Nakamoto, and Wendell Lum testified against the deletion of Project C08 – Kapunahala Stream Flood Control Project. They also objected to the transfer of the funds, earmarked by Congress for this project, to Project S74 – Castle Hills Access Road Drainage Improvements.

Chair Hamayasu stated that the City's project was still proceeding. However, he expressed a concern that federal funds for the City's Kapunahala Stream project might not be utilized in the programmed year, and may subsequently lapse if not used in time. Since the State's project S74 was ready-to-go, the money would be used by the State; and additional money would be requested from Congress to complete the City's portion of the project.

Mr. W. Lum asked what the timeframe for the City's project was. Chair Hamayasu said he would need to get that information from the Department of Design and Construction (DCC).

Department of Transportation (DOT) Deputy Director Brennon Morioka added that the City was working on their project, but still needed to go through the NEPA process. The State project was ready-to-go. DOT had met with the 10 affected homeowners. They would like to federalize the project in order to give more assistance to the homeowners.

*A vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **III. OAHU REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN (ORTP)**

#### **Task Force Report on the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan Island-Wide Meeting**

*Handout: Revised OMPO Report to the TAC on the ORTP Island-wide Meeting*

Gordon Lum distributed the OMPO Report to the TAC on the ORTP Island-wide meeting. He identified the TAC Task Force members as James Burke, Dean Nakagawa, Dick Poirier, and Glenn Yasui.

Mr. Burke said that he attended the first part of the meeting and agreed with the written report.

Mr. W. Lum asked, in oral testimony, that the ORTP be modified to include a transit center in Kaneohe.

Mr. Poirier said that the Task Force's report should include the testimony of the Mililani Neighborhood Board asking for the Paiwa Street project to be moved from the Illustrative List to

the ORTP Project List. Mr. G. Lum indicated that the TAC minutes for this meeting (March 13, 2006) would document this concern.

Mr. Yasui agreed with the written report. Mr. Nakagawa also agreed, adding that he thought the attendance was good, and that many of those attending were well informed about the projects and the plan.

Mr. G. Lum responded to Mr. W. Lum's testimony, saying that, based on comments from the public and technical review, the descriptions of some of the projects would be modified. A line item for transit centers "at various locations" would be added to the 2016 to 2030 time period. Mr. G. Lum noted that the Paiwa Street project, which is in the Illustrative List, had a major environmental hurdle to overcome since it involved the taking of park land and Federal 4(f) considerations. Vice Chair Yasui and Elizabeth Fischer also emphasized the seriousness of this hurdle.

Mr. G. Lum noted that the modifications to the projects would be on the OMPO website later in the week.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. G. Lum announced that the Policy Committee would meet at 2:00 p.m. on March 23, 2006 at the City Council Committee Room. FYs 2006-2008 TIP Amendments #2 and #3, a CAC request for membership, and the 2030 ORTP status would be on the agenda. The Policy Committee would meet again on April 4, 2006 at 9:15 a.m. at the same site to consider endorsement of the 2030 ORTP. If they do not reach a decision, a continuation meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2006.

Vice Chair Yasui moved and Mr. Burke seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.