

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 8, 2013, 1:30 p.m.
Department of Transportation Fifth Floor Conference Room
869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Ken Tatsuguchi, Chair	DOT	Kathy Sokugawa	DPP
Brian Suzuki, Vice Chair	DTS	Eileen Mark	DTS
Eugene Tian	DBEDT	Gordon Wong, ex officio	FAA
Dean Nakagawa	DOT	Elizabeth Fischer, ex officio	FHWA
Randolph Hara	DPP	A. Ricardo Archilla, ex officio	UH

Members Absent:

Rodney Funakoshi (DBEDT-OP), FTA, ex officio (vacant), Gareth Sakakida (HTA, ex officio)

Guests Present: Patrick Tom (DOT), Joseph Magaldi, Jr. (Committee for Balanced Transportation, CAC), Linda Starr (Neighborhood Board #02, CAC), Donald Gentzler & Pane Meatoga, Jr. (Operating Engineers, Local Union 3)

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson, Lori Arakaki, and Pamela Toyooka

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chair Ken Tatsuguchi. A quorum was present. Everyone introduced themselves.

I. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Dean Nakagawa moved and Dr. Eugene Tian seconded that the November 27, 2012 meeting minutes be approved as circulated. The motion was unanimously carried.

II. ELECT NEW VICE CHAIR

Mr. Gibson explained that Mark Au, recently elected Vice Chair, was no longer one of Department of Transportation Services' (DTS) TAC representatives. So, a new Vice Chair needs to be elected to fill the vacant seat.

Mr. Nakagawa nominated Brian Suzuki for office of Vice Chair and Randolph Hara seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mr. Suzuki was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

Mr. Nakagawa requested that a letter be sent to Mark Au, acknowledging his work on TAC as a member and as a Chair. Mr. Nakagawa commended Mr. Au for his work as TAC Chair. Mr. Gibson stated that he could compose a letter for TAC.

III. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) REVISIONS

[Handout: Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2011-2014 TIP Draft Revision #20 (Amendment)]

Lori Arakaki noted that it has been an entire year since the last major TIP revision. Ms. Arakaki gave a presentation on the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP Draft Revision #20. She noted that the first draft of Revision #20 was financially unconstrained. The Revision adds five new projects and deletes six projects. As of a few weeks ago, the funding changed for Project OC2 – Alapai Transportation Management Center. With these changes, the TIP is financially constrained. Ms. Arakaki went over the Intergovernmental Review comments and the technical analyses – including the project criteria, project evaluations, Congestion Management Process, and Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis.

Elizabeth Fischer asked that TAC members be provided a link to OahuMPO’s webpage with any draft TIP revision for public transparency and disclosure.

Ms. Fischer noted that the term “ready-to-go” does not only refer to obligation of funds, but to a project being ready to begin.

Vice Chair Suzuki moved and Mr. Hara seconded that TAC recommend approval of FFYs 2011-2014 TIP Revision #20. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. DRAFT OVERALL WORK PROGRAM (OWP) FOR FYS 2014-2015

[Handout: Initial Review Draft OWP Fiscal Years (FYs) 2014-2015]

[Kathy Sokugawa arrived at 2:08 p.m.]

Mr. Gibson gave a presentation on the Initial Review Draft OWP FYs 2014-2015, requesting TAC comments before the draft goes out to the public for their review and comment.

Regarding the proposed Central Oahu Transportation Study (work element (WE) 202.02), Chair Tatsuguchi asked how it compared to the sustainable plan the City did. Mr. Gibson stated that the proposed study is a result of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2035. There was no study for Central Mauka Road; the Policy Committee requested a study. In response to Chair Tatsuguchi, Mr. Gibson stated that a project working group would determine the scope. Chair Tatsuguchi asked whose project this would be. Mr. Gibson responded that it would be all the participating agencies’ project, but OahuMPO would manage it. The study would determine the project’s feasibility; if it’s not feasible, it would identify alternatives.

Regarding the Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordination project (WE 301.18), Mr. Gibson stated that it would now include the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Staff has been updating the Transportation Enhancement program to include TAP requirements. Chair Tatsuguchi stated that the Department of Transportation (DOT) is working on determining a TAP coordinator.

Regarding the Freight Study (WE 201.03), Ms. Fischer stated that a freight plan is required in Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). In response to Dr. Archilla, Mr.

Gibson stated that the goal of this project is to get an idea of where cargo is going after it leaves the harbors. Ms. Fischer stated that this should be coordinated with the other agencies. Mr. Gibson stated that he did not know what data is already being collected. Chair Tatsuguchi stated that DOT would like to be involved. Vice Chair Suzuki stated that DTS' role would depend on the detail and comprehensiveness of the study. Ms. Fischer stated that Department of Facility Maintenance should possibly be involved, but maybe not DTS. In response to Chair Tatsuguchi, Mr. Gibson stated that the study would be done in-house at OahuMPO using staff time. Mr. Gibson stated that he could add a project detail working group to the scope of the study.

In response to Chair Tatsuguchi, Mr. Gibson stated that OahuMPO would manage the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) Traffic and Parking Study (WE 203.02); the project working group would include UHM and the City. Dr. Archilla stated that UHM currently has lots of shuttles; the residents are surely not happy about this. Dr. Archilla agreed that UHM should coordinate this with the City. Mr. Gibson stated that Steve Meder from UHM is looking into providing the staff support and local match for this study. Ms. Sokugawa stated that the City Council had told UHM that they need to address parking; DPP is onboard with this study. Mr. Hara stated that the UHM study should address the traffic conditions in the Plan Review Use permit.

In response to Chair Tatsuguchi, Mr. Gibson stated that the PM Peak Period Tow Away Zone Time Modification on Urban Arterials project (WE 203.03) came from DTS. Vice Chair Suzuki stated that tow away ends at 5:30 p.m., but the public is complaining that it should last until 6:00 p.m. Chair Tatsuguchi agreed that the p.m. peak period is lasting longer.

Mr. Gibson stated that the School Bus Service (WE 203.04) is a CAC-proposed project. However, there is no staff time or local match to do this work element, so it is not included in the draft OWP.

Mr. Hara stated that Steve Young looked at the ORTP (WE 301.16); there is no land use work task and no mention of consistency with City plans. Mr. Gibson stated that Travel Demand Forecasting Model (WE 301.15) should address Mr. Young's concerns regarding the land use work tasks. Mr. Gibson asked Mr. Hara to take that back to Mr. Young and ask him if that would be adequate. Mr. Gibson stated that he could add language regarding consistency to City plans.

Chair Tatsuguchi asked what the objective of the OahuMPO Data Program (WE 301.19) is. Mr. Gibson responded that MAP-21 requires performance-based transportation planning. Mr. Gibson stated that he was not sure if the current data collected would satisfy the new performance measures that OahuMPO will develop. Mr. Gibson stated that, every year, Goro Sulijoadikusumo, DOT Highways Division Planning Branch, gives OahuMPO a CD with traffic data. Chair Tatsuguchi stated that the specific data from Mr. Sulijoadikusumo is for analysis, not just for the MPO. Chair Tatsuguchi stated that there are a lot of projects that come from programs; the programs should be reporting the data, not the MPO. Mr. Gibson stated that OahuMPO will setup its data program in FY 2014 and go with it in FY 2015. An additional staff person would be hired at OahuMPO for this purpose.

With regard to the OahuMPO Data Program, Linda Starr stated that the data program is setup to fail with only one staff to setup and grow the technology. One staff person cannot be expected to do this 24 hours a day. Maintenance and security would suffer as a result of cyber attacks. Mr. Gibson responded that he would add to the description a data program reassessment.

Dr. Archilla asked why the Alternative Vehicle-Miles-Travelled Data Collection proposal was not included in the draft. Mr. Gibson responded that DOT did not support the proposal.

Chair Tatsuguchi asked what would be presented to the Policy Committee at their February 22 meeting. Mr. Gibson stated that the Policy Committee would be presented with the draft as it is. Then it would go to the public. Mr. Gibson requested that TAC members send any comments on the OWP to him by February 22.

Chair Tatsuguchi stated that financial constraint is an issue, since DOT's match comes from his program. In the past, the match requested from the State was \$125,000; the requested match for this OWP (\$175,000) increased by \$50,000.

V. TRANSIT OPERATORS

Mr. Gibson stated that MAP-21 requires that the transit operator – the director of rapid or mass transportation – be included on the Policy Committee. Two bills were introduced at this year's Legislative session to amend Hawaii Revised Statute 279E-3 to include Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART). He questioned whether HART should also be on TAC.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS (Announcements Only)

Mr. Gibson stated that the ORTP listening sessions are fairly well attended and good information is being received. He will bring the results back to TAC and the Policy Committee.

There being no other business, Mr. Nakagawa moved and Vice Chair Suzuki seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.