

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, June 3, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Department of Transportation Fifth Floor Conference Room
869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Ken Tatsuguchi, Chair	DOT	Eileen Mark	DTS
Brian Suzuki, Vice Chair	DTS	Gordon Wong, ex officio	FAA
Rodney Funakoshi	DBEDT-OP	Elizabeth Fischer, ex officio	FHWA
Norren Kato	DOT	Gareth Sakakida, ex officio	HTA
Randolph Hara	DPP	A. Ricardo Archilla, ex officio	UH
Kathy Sokugawa	DPP		

Members Absent: Eugene Tian (DBEDT), FTA, ex officio (vacant)

Guests Present: Marlene Young (DOT), Virginia Bisho (DTS), Rachyl Smith (FHWA), Elizabeth Scanlon (HART), Lynne Gutierrez (NB #18), Crysttal Atkins (UHM), Kanani Iaea (vRide), Joel Freedman (Parsons Brinckerhoff), Heather Fujioka (PB)

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Chair Ken Tatsuguchi. A quorum was present. Everyone introduced themselves.

I. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chair Brian Suzuki moved and Kathy Sokugawa seconded that the February 8, 2013 meeting minutes be approved as circulated. The motion was unanimously carried.

II. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM FOR FYS 2014-2015

[Handout: Final Draft FYs 2014-2015 Overall Work Program (OWP)]

[Eileen Mark arrived at 10:20 a.m.]

Brian Gibson gave a presentation on the Final Draft FYs 2014-2015 OWP, including the intergovernmental review comments. Regarding work element (WE) 203.02-15 (University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) Travel Demand Management Study), Mr. Gibson stated that UHM had wanted to use in-kind services for the local match; however, the auditor recommended not using in-kind services until OahuMPO could develop a policy on the use of in-kind services as match. Crysttal Atkins, from UHM, stated that the head of planning at her office spoke with the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) Director George Atta. He indicated that he supports the project in principle, but does not have the funds needed for the local match. Mr. Gibson stated that the proposed study would be removed from the draft OWP until a local match can be found.

Ms. Sokugawa asked if WE 202.04-15 (Farrington Highway Realignment Feasibility Study) has an effect on the Makaha Bridge replacement project. Regarding WE 202.04-15, Vice Chair Suzuki stated that Department of Transportation Services (DTS) should not be included as a participant in the study. The City was not consulted on the Makaha Beach Park issue. This matter is under State jurisdiction. In the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), it is shown as a State project. In response to Mr. Gibson, Vice Chair Suzuki stated that the City does not want to be a participant in the study, but it will do reviews. In reply to Ms. Sokugawa, Chair Tatsuguchi stated that WE 202.04-15 and the Makaha Bridge replacement project are two separate issues; the Makaha Bridge project is a preservation issue. Ms. Sokugawa stated that the WE 202.04 in the draft OWP seems to be stopping the bridge replacement. Elizabeth Fischer stated that the bridge replacement project is in the procurement process; it's a significant safety issue.

In response to Ms. Sokugawa, Mr. Gibson stated that it is his goal that the WE 202.02-14 (Central Oahu Transportation Study) be finished prior to the development of the WE 301.16-14/15 (Oahu Regional Transportation Plan), so that the recommendation could be included in the ORTP.

Chair Tatsuguchi asked if the Policy Committee added WE 203.05-14 (Complete Streets Implementation Study) and WE 202.04-15, since TAC had not seen those projects in the initial review draft. Mr. Gibson responded that the Policy Committee had added those projects after the initial review draft, so that they could go through the public review process. Chair Tatsuguchi responded that there was concern that DOT did not get to comment on WE 202.04-15, especially since it is located on DOT's corridor. Ms. Fischer noted that WE 202.04-15 will look at the "big picture;" it is essentially a research document.

Chair Tatsuguchi noted that DOT is not sure if the State has all the funds available for the local match shown in the presentation. In response to Chair Tatsuguchi, Mr. Gibson stated that he provided the breakout of the costs by work elements in a letter to the DOT Director.

Ms. Sokugawa asked if the hours shown for DPP were in-kind contributions, not cash contributions. Mr. Gibson confirmed this.

Mr. Gibson stated that the table shown in the presentation may overstate the funds for FY 2015, since a Maui MPO is not accounted for in the table.

Vice Chair Suzuki moved and Mr. Funakoshi seconded that TAC recommend that the Policy Committee approve the draft FYs 2014-2015 OWP with the following modifications:

- *Remove DTS' hours from WE 202.04-15; and*
- *Strike the last sentence in the second paragraph under "Complete Streets Implementation & Pedestrian Nodes and Corridors" on page 12 of the Final Draft FYs 2014-2015 OWP;*

As well as the following changes mentioned in the presentation:

- *Add clarifying language regarding performance-based planning to relevant work elements*
- *Add clarifying language referencing specific Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requirements to the WE 202.02-14 and WE 202.04-15*
- *Add clarifying language to the WE 201.02-14 (OahuMPO Participation Plan Evaluation) identifying all stakeholder groups*
- *Include a breakdown of local match by jurisdiction in the Funding Summary*
- *For WE 202.03-14 (Transportation Revenue Forecasting & Alternative Revenue Exploration):*
 - *Task 6 – revise to read “Estimate the average impact of existing policies on households”*
 - *Task 8 – include implementation issues for proposed alternative revenue policies*
- *For WE 301.16-14/15, revise first Objective to read: “...to insuring that it reflects transportation and land use priorities.”*

The motion was unanimously carried.

III. INITIAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION GOALS & OBJECTIVES

[Handout: CAC Comments on Draft Regional Goals & Objectives]

Mr. Gibson stated that the CAC had reviewed and commented on the draft Regional Goals & Objectives. They suggested the following changes:

- Change “*maintain*” to “*improve*” throughout the document
- For Proposed Regional Goals “*Natural Environment*”:
 - Add “, including sea level rise” at the end of the phrase “*Adapt the surface transportation network to consider climate change*” under Proposed Regional Objectives;
 - Add “; *Hawaii State Planning Act*” after “*NEW*” under Source of Objectives.
- For Proposed Regional Goals “*Infrastructure Condition*”:
 - Change “*in*” to “*to*” under Proposed Regional Goals and Proposed Regional Objectives.

Vice Chair Suzuki stated that “*maintain*” should be left in, since system preservation is an important part of MAP-21.

Vice Chair Suzuki moved and Mr. Funakoshi seconded that “maintain” remain in the document and “and improve” be added after that.

Chair Tatsuguchi stated that the objective should not just consider sea level rise with regard to climate change. Following discussion, the members agreed with Ms. Sokugawa's suggested wording for the Proposed Regional Objective; "*Adapt the surface transportation network to consider climate change*" should be changed to "*Adapt the surface transportation network to reflect all elements of climate change impacts*".

Vice Chair Suzuki and Mr. Funakoshi agreed to a friendly amendment to their motion to also change to the wording of a Proposed Regional Objective as suggested by Ms. Sokugawa above. The vote to amend the motion was unanimously carried.

A vote was taken on the amended motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. ADDING HART STAFF TO THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Gibson stated that the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 279E was amended to include the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) Executive Director on the Policy Committee. He suggested that the Comprehensive Agreement be amended to include HART staff on TAC.

In response to Chair Tatsuguchi, Elizabeth Scanlon, from HART, stated that HART wants to be a part of TAC. Ms. Fischer stated that the Federal Highway Administration's and Federal Transit Administration's perspective is that it is a good idea.

Chair Tatsuguchi asked if HART members are added to TAC now, can the TAC membership later be modified. Mr. Gibson responded in the affirmative.

Ms. Sokugawa asked for advantages and disadvantages of having HART on TAC. Mr. Funakoshi responded that HART could contribute to the local match. Chair Tatsuguchi stated that HART can come up with projects and provide the local match.

Randolph Hara asked if there would be one or two HART representatives on TAC. Mr. Gibson stated that there are currently two representatives per agency. In response to Chair Tatsuguchi, Pamela Toyooka stated that the TAC quorum requirement is currently a minimum of five members present, with a minimum of two City members and two State members present. She added that, if one or two HART member(s) were added, then the ratio would be five or six City members, respectively, to four State members

Ms. Sokugawa moved and Mr. Funakoshi seconded that TAC recommend to the Policy Committee that HART staff be added to TAC, without specifying the number of representatives to be added. The motion was unanimously carried.

V. HOUSEHOLD INTERVIEW TRAVEL SURVEY & TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL RESULTS

Joel Freedman, Parsons Brinckerhoff, gave a presentation on Household Interview Travel Survey and Travel Demand Model results. He went over the project schedule, the household interview travel survey approach and data, the visitor survey approach and data, and the models built from the data.

VI. FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW RESULTS

[Handout: Joint Certification Review of the Oahu Area Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Final Report (May 2013)]

Mr. Gibson gave a presentation on the Federal Certification Review results. He stated that there were one commendation, one corrective action, and seven recommendations. OahuMPO has 90 days to develop an action plan to address the corrective action and recommendations. The action plan will be presented to TAC at their July meeting. Ms. Fischer stated that OahuMPO is already undertaking or has plans to undertake most of the recommendations.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS (Announcements Only)

Mr. Gibson stated that the new OahuMPO website went live on June 1.

There being no other business, Ms. Sokugawa moved and Mr. Funakoshi seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.