

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
February 11, 2022  
Virtual Meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams

**Members Present:**

Name	Agency	Voting Rights	Present
Ken Tatsuguchi	HDOT	Yes	X
Masatomo Murata (Vice Chair)	HDOT	Yes	X
Ryan Tam (Chair)	HART	Yes	X
Vacant	HART	Yes	
Yoko Tomita	DTS	Yes	X
Dina Wong	DPP	Yes	X
Andy Yamaguchi	DPP	Yes	X
Joseph Roos	DBEDT	Yes	X
Ruby Edwards	OPSD	Yes	X
Kimberly Evans	FAA	No	X
Ted Matley	FTA	No	
Kyle Oyasato	DFM	No	
Gareth Sakakida	HTA	No	
Tim Trang	DDC	No	
Amy Ford-Wagner	FHWA	No	X

**Guests Present:** Greg Tsugawa (DTS), Patrick Tom (HDOT), Kiana Otsuka (Hawaii State Energy Office), Jill Tanabe (HDOT), Kathleen Rooney (Ulupono Initiative), Aaron Setogawa (State OPSD), Chris Clark (DTS)

**OahuMPO Staff Present:** Nicki Smith, Samantha Lara, Joel Vincent, Nicole Cernohorsky, Tori Trevino, Zakari Mumuni, Veronica Schack, Mark Garrity, Lily Zheng

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tam called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Chair Tam took roll call by reading out the list of attendees in the meeting as noted in the Teams program.

### **III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 14TH MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Tam requested members review the minutes which were emailed in advance of the meeting. The chair asked if any members objected to or wished to abstain from approving the minutes. There were no discussions, objections or abstentions, and the Chair approved the minutes as distributed.

### **IV. REPORTS**

#### **A. Executive Director**

Director Garrity noted that the Public Participation Plan public review period closed on January 14<sup>th</sup> and a presentation will be made to Policy Board in the first quarter 2022.

The Overall Work Program (OWP) FY2022 Revision #2 was released for public review on January 19, 2022, and the deadline for comments is today, 2/11/2022.

Director Garrity summarized the revisions made to the recently approved FFY 2022-2025 TIP and noted that Revision #3, an amendment, is being presented to OahuMPO committees in February and to the TAC in today's meeting.

Director Garrity shared that the Policy Board met on 1/25/2022 and elected Councilmember Cordero as the new Chair and Representative Henry Aquino as the Vice Chair. In the January meeting, OahuMPO staff presented the Highway Safety Targets. The Policy Board adopted Option D, the more aggressive target to reduce fatalities and serious injuries.

The CAC met on 2/2/2022 and received a presentation on TIP 2022-2025 Revision #3.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at:

[https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=3099](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3099)

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Update on Request for Information on Mid, Long Range and Illustrative ORTP 2045 Projects and Programs**

Executive Director Garrity shared that OahuMPO staff has followed up with agency partners regarding this request. The deadline for providing the information is the end of May.

### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Transportation Improvement Program FFYs 2022-2025 Revision #3**

Nicole Cernohorsky, Transportation Impact Analyst, provided a brief overview of the Transportation Improvement Program, noting how it's different from the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan. TIP Revisions are done regularly at least twice per year. Revisions can

be administrative modifications (minor changes) or amendments (major changes). Revisions #1 and #2 to the current TIP were both Administrative Modifications. Revision #3 is an Amendment.

Revision #3 amends 13 projects, 12 for the State of Hawaii and 1 for the City and County of Honolulu.

Ms. Cernohorsky reviewed the twelve project amendments for the State of Hawaii including three new projects, three projects to be carried over from the previous TIP 2019-2022, one project to be removed from the TIP and several existing projects with phasing and funding changes.

For each project, Ms. Cernohorsky noted changes to the total estimated project cost, the funding source and how it was evaluated for consistency with the ORTP 2045, if applicable.

The City and County of Honolulu amendments to the Honolulu Rail Transit Project includes the addition, transfer and deference of funds and a total increase of the estimated total project cost of \$3.06 billion.

Ms. Cernohorsky noted that the three new projects were scored based on ORTP 2045 goals and shared how the scores ranked in a list of all the scored TIP projects.

The Title VI/Environmental Justice analysis for Revision #3 found that 14% more funds per capita will be spent in T6/EJ areas, an equivalent of \$394 per capita.

Marian Yasuda with DTS asked about the changes to project # OC16, the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, and why American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are shown as being added, when they are actually replacing local share and not contributing to the overall increase in the project cost. General discussion ensued on how to increase the clarity and transparency of this funding change in the TIP document. Chris Clark from DTS added that this change is consistent with other New Starts projects and that ARPA funds were intended to replace local share lost during the pandemic.

Marian Yasuda made a motion to recommend that the Policy Board approve Revision #3 to the FFY 2022-2025 TIP with additional clarification for the OC16 amendment. Ruby Edwards seconded the motion. There were no further objections or abstentions, and the motion was approved.

## **B. Overall Work Program SFY2023 Public Review Draft**

Nicole Smith, Planning Program Manager, provided an informational briefing on the OWP FY2023 anticipated to be released for public & intergovernmental review in March. Ms. Smith reviewed the availability of funds and the total funding request of \$2,931,545. OahuMPO's operations budget of \$2,156,250 includes a 15% increase in member dues over prior years.

Ms. Smith noted that the OahuMPO is planning to program STBG Urbanized funds for surface transportation planning purposes per 23 U.S.C 133(b). Programming STGB urbanized funds

enables OahuMPO to fund all three eligible subrecipient study proposals. OahuMPO is also considering the opportunity to program STBG urbanized funds for workforce development.

Ms. Smith reviewed the OWP FY2023 draft by task, noting the three new subrecipient proposals and how they were evaluated by OahuMPO staff. In Task 1, Ms. Smith noted the recent addition of a \$30,000 budget to support the development of a Strategic Plan, which was a recommendation from the 2018 Certification Review.

The TAC discussed OahuMPO's intent to program STBG Urbanized funds, with the City indicating its support. Amy Ford-Wagner with FHWA is looking into how the decision to program STBG urbanized funds in the OWP should be agreed upon and documented.

**VII. INVITATION TO INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As this is Marian Yasuda's last TAC meeting before she retires, members thanked her for many years of service.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Tam adjourned the meeting at 10:21 am.

The meeting's presentation may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=3100](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3100)