

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 8, 2026

Virtual Meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams with in-person option at the OahuMPO office
707 Richards St., Suite 200
Honolulu, HI 96813

Members Present:

Name	Agency	Voting Rights	Present
Ken Tatsuguchi (Chair)	HDOT	Yes	x
Masatomo Murata	HDOT	Yes	x
Jonathan Vuylsteke (Vice Chair)	HART	Yes	x
Michael O'Keefe	HART	Yes	x
Ian Crittenden	DTS	Yes	x
Eileen Mark	DTS	Yes	
Min Bu	DPP	Yes	x
Dina Wong	DPP	Yes	x
Oscar Carvalho Valencia	DBEDT	Yes	x
Aaron Setogawa	OPSD	Yes	x
Kimberly Evans	FAA	No	
Mary Nguyen	FTA	No	
Richard Yoneda	DFM	No	
Tina Yamaki	HTA	No	
Tim Trang	DDC	No	
Paul La Farga	FHWA	No	

Guests Present: Greg Tsugawa (DTS), Katie Rooney (Ulupono Initiative), Max Kalhammer (DTS)

OahuMPO Staff Present: Chelsea Dau, Dallas Ige, Maile Greenhill, Joel Vincent, Nicole Smith, Alan Tong, Mark Garrity, Tori Treviño, Emily Cristobal

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

Chair Tatsuguchi called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

I. INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL

OahuMPO staff took roll call by reading out the list of attendees in the meeting as

noted in Microsoft Teams. Members confirmed their attendance verbally and indicated whether anyone else was present with them. Guests and OahuMPO staff also confirmed their attendance verbally.

II. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Tatsuguchi requested members review the minutes which were emailed in advance of the meeting. Chair Tatsuguchi asked if any members had edits to the minutes, and none were requested. Aaron Setogawa made a motion to approve the January 9, 2026 minutes as distributed. This was seconded by Dina Wong, and the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Garrity provided updates on the status of federal funding and approvals, the TIP FFYs 2025-2028 Revision 6, public outreach activities, professional development and training and the business conducted at the Policy Board meeting on April 27, 2026. The CAC meeting scheduled for May 6, 2026 was canceled.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at:

https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3690

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Unified Planning Work Program FY2026-2027 Revision 1

Nicole Smith, Planning Program Manager, reviewed funding eligibility for metropolitan planning and stated that OahuMPO is navigating a transition to having multiple cost objectives rather than one. OahuMPO previously billed all expenses to one "cost objective" but going forward will bill expenses to multiple cost objectives or programs. The document formerly known as the Overall Work Program will be known as the Unified Planning Work Program that programs only those activities that are eligible for metropolitan transportation planning funds.

Ms. Smith then explained what indirect costs are, how they factor into Revision 1, and how OahuMPO plans to allocate indirect costs amongst the various programs. She stated that each program will pay a share of indirect costs

based on amount of staff labor allocated to it.

Ms. Smith then reviewed the other changes in Revision 1, including the work elements that were removed from the UPWP because they are part of indirect costs, the work elements that were removed because they are beyond the scope of metropolitan planning, and the work elements that were replaced by new planning studies.

The new work elements include the purchase of data for the travel demand model, the Dillingham Blvd Complete Streets Plan, the Urban Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Study and the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail Connection Study.

Ms. Smith also reviewed a slide of additional minor adjustments to scope and budget proposed in Revision 1.

Chair Tatsuguchi asked how OahuMPO determines which work elements should remain in the UPWP and which work elements should be excluded. OahuMPO staff clarified that this determination is largely driven by the funding source. Chair Tatsuguchi also requested that OahuMPO coordinate with the budget and fiscal team regarding these changes.

Ms. Smith reviewed tables 10 and 11 from Revision 1 showing the proposed budget summary by cost category and work element and table 11 showing the proposed budget by task.

Ms. Smith stated that Revision 1 was out for public and intergovernmental review from April 15 – April 29, 2026. The Federal Highway Administration Hawaii Division office submitted twenty-five comments on a variety of topics.

Chair Tatsuguchi asked Amy Ford-Wagner with FHWA to weigh in on Revision 1 since her office provided many comments. Ms. Ford-Wagner clarified that the UPWP should document PL-eligible planning activities no matter the funding source. She expressed appreciation for OahuMPO's work to standardize and organize the UPWP, and stated that FHWA is in support of the changes proposed in Revision 1.

Dina Wong made a motion and Ian Crittenden seconded to recommend Policy Board approval of the Unified Planning Work Program FY2026-2027 Revision 1.

B. Overall Work Program and Budget FY2026-2027

Ms. Smith introduced OahuMPO new budget document, noting that it documents how expenditures in various cost categories including staff time, consultant support, direct and indirect costs are allocated to each program or

project over a biennial period. She emphasized that with a couple exceptions, the OWPB consists of work elements that were previously approved by the Policy Board as part of the original OWP FY2026-2027. All six work elements in the OWPB are federally funded through various channels and many of them are formally programmed in the TIP or through a discretionary grant process.

Ms. Smith stated that the biennial period of the OWPB and the UPWP would align and that they would be developed on a similar timeline every other year. The OWPB determines the estimated staff time budgets and indirect cost share for each work element, including the UPWP, and must be finalized at approximately the same time. She also stated that public review will not be required for the OWPB, and that OWPB revisions will be classified in the same way as the UPWP.

Ms. Smith reviewed the six programs in the OWPB FY2026-2027 with emphasis on the additions of the Traffic Signals Strategy Plan, Community Engagement and Education, and the proposed Transit Pass Pilot Program. Ms. Smith shared a pie chart of anticipated expenditures by program, and a table showing expenditures by Program and Category.

Chair Tatsuguchi asked for clarification on the financial tables for both UPWP FY2026-2027 Revision 1 and the OWPB FY2026-2027.

Amy Ford-Wagner asked whether the UPWP FY2026-2027 and the OWPB FY2026-2027 will cover the same two-year time frame. Ms. Smith confirmed that the two documents cover the same period.

Ms. Ford-Wagner with FHWA expressed uncertainty about whether the Traffic Signals Strategy Plan belongs in the TIP or the UPWP, and asked that OahuMPO send her an updated scope. She also stated the FHWA is investigating whether the transit pass program expense is an eligible fringe benefit.

Masatomo Murata asked whether the six programs in the OWPB means there will be six separate obligations of federal funds. Ms. Smith clarified that the two discretionary grants will be administered directly with the FHWA Hawaii Division Office, and Ms. Ford-Wagner confirmed.

TAC members made an initial motion but then discussion ensued on how to best handle the uncertainty around the Traffic Signal Strategy Plan and the transit fringe benefit program. Director Garrity provided some clarification on whether the Traffic Signal Strategy Plan scope is more planning or implementation.

Ian Crittenden made a motion that the TAC recommend Policy Board approval of the OWPB FY2026-2027 with an annotation regarding uncertainty around the Traffic Signal Strategy Plan and the transit fringe benefits. Dina Wong seconded. There were no abstentions or objections and the motion passed.

Chair Tatsuguchi suggested that the Policy Board be informed of the TAC's discussion, and preserve the option for them to add back the Traffic Signal Strategy Plan if it can be excluded from the UPWP. Director Garrity confirmed that the Policy Board will be informed of this discussion, and OahuMPO will endeavor to resolve these questions prior to the Policy Board meeting.

C. Transportation Improvement Program FFYs 2025-2028 Revision 7 Amendment

Transportation Planner Maile Greenhill stated that Revision 7 was an Amendment making major changes to the TIP through the removal of four projects, modifications to three existing projects and the addition of nine new projects from the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP).

Ms. Greenhill shared the fiscal constraint table demonstrating that there is sufficient expected revenue sources to cover anticipated costs. She went through each project revision and provided a brief explanation for why a change was being made.

Ms. Greenhill showed the results of the Minority and Low-Income Population Analysis, noting that the TIP as of Revision 7 would invest \$1,814 more per capita in Minority and Low-Income Block Groups. She showed how the new TIP projects were evaluated based on the goals and objectives of the ORTP 2050, noting that the highest scoring projects were now the Bicycle Program and Pedestrian Program.

Ms. Greenhill shared the dates of the public and intergovernmental review period, and the comments received. As this was an information only agenda item, there was no motion by the TAC.

D. O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Final Report

Dallas Ige, Senior Transportation Planner, reviewed the requirements of the long-range plan and the tasks and schedule for the work completed between 2023 and 2026.

He reviewed the sixty-three public and agency comments reviewed during the public comment period in January 2026. For feedback submitted by CAC members, Ulupono Initiative, DPP, DTS and HDOT, Dallas described the comments in detail and how OahuMPO and agency partners responded to

them.

He stated that staff refined the final ORTP 2050 in response to comments received. Finally, he provided a link to the ORTP 2050 on the OahuMPO website, including the final report and appendices, an interactive map, project list, and funding distributions.

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

None.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tatsuguchi adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am. The meeting presentation may be viewed at: https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3689