

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 18, 2006, 4:00 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room
Honolulu Hale, Room 301
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Committee for Balanced Transportation
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
American Society of Civil Engineers
Committee for Balanced Transportation
E Noa Corporation
Eye of the Pacific
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Land Use Research Foundation
League of Women Voters
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #13 Downtown
NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #30 Kaneohe
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Pacific Resource Partnership
Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter
Waikiki Residents Association

Joe Magaldi, Chair
Charles Carole, Vice Chair
Joy Wasai
Frank Genadio
Tom Dinell
Patricia Blum
Michael Costa
HongLong Li
Gladys Quinto
Jacqueline Parnell
Sheridan Spangler
Lester Fukuda
Joe Otto
Burton White
Donald Nitta
David Lemon
Karen Awana
Wendell Lum
Pamela Young
Gil Riviere
Richard Kane
Marilyn Gates
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

American Planning Association
American Society of Landscape Architects
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Charley's Taxi
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Transportation Association
Honolulu Community Action Program
Interagency Coordination Councils Organization
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association

Bob McGraw
Wendie McAllaster
Alan Suwa
Dale Evans
Scott Snider
Gareth Sakakida
Robert Naniole
CC Curry
Laura Kodama (Chair)

Members Absent (Reps) - continued:

National Federation of the Blind	Brandon Young
NB #01 Hawaii Kai	Don Huff
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili	Janet Inamine
NB #09 Waikiki	Robert Finley
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl	Al Canopin, Jr. (Chair)
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Larry Baird
NB #22 Waipahu	Craig Richter
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	David Aki
NB #26 Wahiawa	Robert Kent
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale	Mike Golojuch
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Randall Hiu
Waianae Coast Transportation Concerns Group	Dick Boddy

Guests Present:

Louise Horio	Hawaii Association of the Blind
James Horio	HAB
Norman Ota	HAB
Lela M. Hubbard	Hui of Bus and HandiVan Users
Antya Miller	NB #27 North Shore
Virginia Kline	Statewide Independent Living Council
Ben Gorospe	State Department of Transportation
Glenn Oamilda	Self

OMPO Staff Present:

Gordon Lum, Pamela Toyooka, and Shevaun Low

Handouts:

1. *Memorandum dated January 6, 2006 - Update of the ORTP to 2030*
2. *Draft Financially Constrained ORTP 2030 Project List*

Chair Joe Magaldi called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of the November 16, 2005 Meeting Minutes

David Lemon moved and Marilyn Gates seconded that the November 16, 2005 meeting minutes be approved as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan

[Handouts: Memorandum dated January 6, 2006 - Update of the ORTP to 2030; Public Review Draft of the Financially Constrained ORTP 2030]

Presentation of the Draft Financially Constrained ORTP 2030

Dick Kaku, Project Director of Kaku Associates (KA) for the ORTP 2030 Update gave a presentation on the draft financially constrained ORTP 2030.

[Note: Unless otherwise specified, questions were answered by Mr. Kaku and Gordon Lum]

Discussion Highlights:

- In response to a question from Jackie Parnell: The 2030 revenue forecast does not include additional increases of the general excise tax beyond that which was passed by the City Council in 2005.
- In response to a question from Tom Dinell: Of the \$2.6 billion cost estimate for rail, the portion funded with federal dollars was estimated at approximately \$500 million.
- In response to a series of questions from Honglong Li: About \$600 million is estimated for rail operations and maintenance (O&M). The O&M costs were estimated to begin after the year 2010 and would increase over time as the system expands.
- In response to a comment from Wendell Lum who stated that he does not support intelligent transportation system (ITS), specifically traffic light synchronization projects: About \$150 million is the cost estimate used for ITS projects over the duration of the plan. ITS includes other projects, in addition to traffic light synchronization, like incident management and real-time traveler information.
- In response to a series of questions from Mr. Dinell: The draft ORTP will be presented for public review on February 15, 2006, at the island-wide community meeting. Cost estimates will be included in the draft plan.
- In response to a question from Charles Carole: The proposed rail rapid transit project being proposed for inclusion in the ORTP 2030 will not preclude the findings resulting from the City's Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Study Alternatives Analysis that is currently underway.
- In response to a question from Pamela Young: Based on a survey of CAC members taken prior to the ORTP contract award, the CAC preferred that the public involvement portion of the ORTP update be concentrated in the early stages, rather than in the final stages leading to endorsement. Because of this, resources are not available to hold a second public meeting to present the draft plan.
- In response to a question from Frank Genadio: The estimated costs of all the projects included in the ORTP 2030 are likely to be different from similar projects which were included in the 2025 ORTP. The cost estimates reflect the most current information available and are in Year 2005 dollars.
- In response to a series of comments from Glenn Oamilda: The development of the ORTP 2030 is based upon the State and City growth policies as well as their forecasts for employment and population growth on Oahu.
- In response to a question from Sheridan Spangler: The draft ORTP 2030 will be presented on February 15, 2006. The distribution of the draft plan as well as the length of the public comment is based on the community outreach program, as deemed by CAC input garnered early in the development of the ORTP 2030.
- Karen Awana commented that the location for the public meeting should be in the Ewa area, rather than at the Hawaii Convention Center, since most of the projects being proposed for inclusion in the ORTP 2030 are located in Ewa.

- In response to a question from Jackie Parnell: The ORTP 2030 must be endorsed by the OMPO Policy Committee by April 2006 to meet federal requirements.
- In response to a series of questions from Ms. Spangler: In consultation with the CAC at the beginning of the development of the ORTP 2030, the community outreach program is weighted to the early stages of the plan development. The one-month comment period will begin on February 15, 2006 and end on March 15, 2006.
- Burton White commented that, while he is very happy with the public involvement process used for the development of the ORTP 2030, he felt some CAC members were concerned over the prospect of not having enough time to solicit comments from their organizations. He expressed his frustration with the requirements of the Sunshine Law and its impacts to neighborhood boards.
- In response to a series of questions from Mr. White: The Sunshine Law affects the neighborhood boards and the OMPO committees. OMPO hopes that those organizations that can provide their comments on the draft list of ORTP 2030 projects by March 15, 2006 do so. For those that cannot, they can submit their comments to the Policy Committee when they meet to act on the plan. Additionally, the Policy Committee will take testimony, written and oral, at their meetings; and the public can comment on proposed projects sooner, as the list of projects was distributed at today's meeting.
- Ms. Parnell commented that, as a planner, she agrees that the public involvement process used by OMPO is effective.
- Rich Kane commented that he prefers public involvement occurring at the beginning of the development of the plan rather than at the end. He stated that, because of this, he supports the resulting shorter comment period on the draft plan.

Identification of Task Force Members to Investigate the Island-Wide Community Meeting

Mr. Lum stated that, to allow for the possibility of having more than two CAC members, but less than a quorum, attending the upcoming ORTP island-wide community meeting, the CAC must identify members to serve on a task force of CAC members to investigate the island-wide community meeting (the Task Force was established at the November 16, 2005 CAC meeting). The task force will be responsible for observing the meeting, make comments reflecting their personal or organization's viewpoints when appropriate, and reporting back to the CAC.

[Note: Unless otherwise specified, questions were answered by Mr. G. Lum.]

Discussion Highlights:

- In response to a question from Frank Genadio: If there is a quorum at the island-wide community meeting, the Task Force will not be required.

Mr. Kane moved and Ms. Parnell seconded that the CAC appoint the following member organizations to the above-mentioned task force (members and alternatives):

- *LOTMA (Gladys Quinto)*
- *Committee for Balanced Transportation (Frank Genadio)*
- *E Noa Corporation (Tom Dinell)*
- *NB#2 (Sheridan Spangler)*

- *NB#5 (Joe Otto)*
- *NB #10 (Charles Carole)*
- *NB#30 (Wendell Lum)*
- *North Shore Chamber of Commerce (Gil Riviere)*
- *Pacific Resource Partnership (Rich Kane)*
- *Waikiki Residents Association (Daisy Murai)*

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. G. Lum added that CAC members will need to sign in twice at the island-wide community meeting, once at the general registration table outside the meeting room, and again inside at the CAC table, to determine if a quorum is present. If a quorum is present, a CAC meeting will be convened with the community meeting. The establishment of a task force and joint committee meeting with the community meeting is being repeated with the Policy Committee and Technical Advisory Committee. He noted that parking will be validated at the Hawaii Convention Center.

Request for Organization Viewpoints on ORTP 2030 at March 15, 2006 CAC Meeting

Shevaun Low said that, at the **March 15, 2006 CAC meeting**, member organizations will be asked for their opinions on the ORTP 2030 financially constrained plan project list. To prepare for this CAC meeting, please ensure that the relevant requirements are met with respect to your organizations' procedures in providing this information in a public forum.

Attitudes Toward Transportation Projects Survey

Ms. Low asked that CAC members fill out and return the **ORTP 2030 Questionnaire: Attitudes Toward Transportation Projects**. The questionnaire distributed to CAC members is very similar to the second of two home telephone surveys of the general public. Implementation of the home telephone survey began on January 16, 2006; results will be presented to the OMPO Policy Committee for their consideration in endorsing the ORTP 2030.

3.OMPO Meeting Highlights – Policy Committee & Technical Advisory Committee

3.a Policy Committee

Two Policy Committee meetings were held in the two months since the CAC last met in November 2005.

- At their meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2005, the Policy Committee acted to add the North Shore Chamber of Commerce to the CAC; identified members to a Task Force (whose purpose is to investigate the ORTP 2030 island-wide meeting); provided comments on the CMS ranked list of ORTP 2030 projects as well as the second of two ORTP 2030 home telephone surveys; and were briefed on the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project, Alternatives Considered at the Scoping Meetings.
- At their meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2006 (continued on January 13, 2006) the Policy Committee discussed the financially constrained list of transportation projects being

considered for inclusion in the ORTP 2030 and approved a list of projects to be distributed for public review and comment.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for:

- Wednesday, February 15, 2006, 5:00 p.m. at the Hawaii Convention Center, Rooms 319A and B, 1801 Kalakaua Boulevard, Honolulu. Note that this Policy Committee meeting, scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m., will coincide with the Island-wide Community Meeting.

3.b Technical Advisory Committee

Two Technical Advisory Committee meetings were held in the two months since the CAC last met in November 2005:

- At their meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2005, the TAC discussed the analysis of the congestion management system on proposed projects for the inclusion in the ORTP 2030. The TAC recommended a CMS-ranked list of projects for consideration by the OMPO Policy Committee.
- At their meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2005, the TAC discussed the draft financially-constrained list of projects for inclusion in the ORTP 2030. The TAC recommended that the OMPO Policy Committee include the list in the ORTP 2030 with a financial plan that considered revenues from the City, State, and Federal governments, available to Oahu over the next 25 years.

The next two TAC meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, January 19, 2006, 1:30 p.m. in the Prince Kuhio Federal building, Federal Highway Administration Conference Room 3-306, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu.
- Wednesday, February 15, 2006, 5:00 p.m. at the Hawaii Convention Center, Rooms 319A and B, 1801 Kalakaua Boulevard, Honolulu. Note that this TAC meeting, scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m., will coincide with the Island-wide Community Meeting.

4. Announcements

The next two CAC meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2006 and Wednesday, March 15, 2006.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.