

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 15, 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
American Society of Landscape Architects
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Charley's Taxi
Committee for Balanced Transportation
Eye of the Pacific
Honolulu Community Action Program
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Interagency Coordination Councils Organization
Land Use Research Foundation
League of Women Voters
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #26 Wahiawa
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
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
Wendie McAllaster
Alan Suwa
Dale Evans
Frank Genadio
Patricia Blum
Vai Leatiota
HongLong Li
CC Curry
Gladys Quinto
Jacqueline Parnell
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Janet Inamine
Mike Peters
Donald Nitta
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Thomas Maus
Karen Awana
Robert Kent, Ben Acohido
Mike Golojuch
Pamela Young
Gil Riviere
Richard Kane
Randy Ching
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

American Planning Association
E Noa Corporation
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996

Bob McGraw
Tom Dinell
Scott Snider
Michael Costa

Members Absent (Reps) - continued:

Hawaii Transportation Association	Gareth Sakakida
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association	Laura Kodama (Chair)
National Federation of the Blind	Brandon Young
NB #01 Hawaii Kai	Don Huff
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights	Russell Fukuhara
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl	Al Canopin, Jr. (Chair)
NB #13 Downtown	Burton White
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Larry Baird
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	David Aki
NB #30 Kaneohe	Wendell Lum
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Randall Hiu
Waianae Coast Transportation Concerns Group	Dick Boddy

Guests Present:

Darci Evans	Hawaii Highway Users Association
Alan R. Gano	Leeward Infrastructure Coalition
Dan Neyer	NB #26 Wahiawa
Shannon Wood	The Koolau News

OMPO Staff Present:

Gordon Lum (Executive Director) and Shevaun Low

Handouts:

1. *Draft ORTP 2030*
2. *ORTP 2030: Draft List of Modifications to Projects*
3. *ORTP 2030 Comment Sheet: Proposed Project Modifications*
4. *ORTP 2030 Questionnaire: Attitudes Toward Transportation Projects – Results of CAC Responses*
5. *ORTP 2030: Gauging Public Reaction to Proposed Transportation Solutions*
6. *FYs 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3*

Chair Joe Magaldi called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. A. January 18, 2006 Meeting Minutes

CC Curry moved and Pat Blum seconded that the January 18, 2006 meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

1.B. February 15, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Patricia Blum moved and CC Curry seconded that the February 15, 2006 meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP)

Relevant Handout: Draft ORTP 2030

2.A. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan: Report on the ORTP 2030 Island-wide Community Meeting

Gordon Lum asked members to recall that, to allow all interested CAC members to attend the island-wide community meeting, a CAC task force was created AND a CAC meeting was scheduled in conjunction with the island-wide meeting. There was a quorum present at the ORTP island-wide community meeting held at the Hawaii Convention Center on February 15, 2006. Because of this, there was no need to have a task force of the CAC investigate the meeting. He thanked all CAC member organizations who attended the community meeting and to all of those who volunteered to be on the task force.

Mr. Lum said that there were over 100 community members present at the island-wide meeting. He noted that a summary of the comments made at the meeting could be found in the February 15, 2006 CAC minutes.

2.B. Summary of Results from the “ORTP Questionnaire: Attitudes Toward Transportation Projects” and the Second of Two Home Telephone Surveys

Relevant Handouts:

- *ORTP 2030 Questionnaire: Attitudes Toward Transportation Projects – Results of CAC Responses*
- *ORTP 2030: Gauging Public Reaction to Proposed Transportation Solutions (Executive Summary)*

Referring to the handouts, Shevaun Low highlighted the following:

- Widespread agreement that traffic congestion “is a serious problem” on Oahu, especially in the urban corridor from Kahala to Pearl City; and in Leeward Oahu, where over 90% of residents believe that traffic in Ewa/Leeward “is a serious problem”.
- Regarding road widening projects, the top priorities of Oahu residents are: (1) widening the H-1 in the urban corridor, between Kahala and Pearl City; and (2) widening Farrington Highway from Waipahu to Makaha.
- Regarding both High-Occupancy Toll lanes and Pearl Harbor Corridor projects, residents support construction of both facilities. However, the public is not willing to pay increased taxes to fund construction.
- Of the six secondary routes, the public left no doubt that the most beneficial would be a second access road to the Waianae Coast.

Ms. Low stated that the full set of home telephone survey results should be available for download from the OMPO website by the end of the week.

2.C. Overview of Next Steps

Relevant Handouts:

- *ORTP 2030: Draft List of Modifications to Projects*
- *ORTP 2030 Comment Sheet: Proposed Project Modifications*

Mr. Lum summarized projects that have been modified as a result of public comments, CAC input, and the results from the home telephone survey. Mr. Lum provided an overview of the changes made to the Draft ORTP 2030 as a result of comments received and home telephone survey results. He highlighted the following changes:

- Project 39,282 (Makakilo Drive Second Access): This project has been moved from the Long-Range time frame (2016-2030) to the Mid-Range time period (2006-2015).
- Project 34,289 (Central Mauka Road): Right-of-way for this project will be included in the ORTP; construction will be moved to the Illustrative list.
- Projects 357 & 509 (Waianae Second Access): Project 357 will be deleted as the alignment proposed was to be parallel to Farrington Highway; Project 509 will be added such that second access to Waianae will be across the Waianae Mountains.
- Three projects were added to increase the capacity along H-1:
 - Project 503: Interstate Route H-1, Widening, Ward Avenue to Punahou Street (widen the existing Interstate Route H-1 by one lane in the east-bound direction, from Ward Avenue to Punahou Street)
 - Project 504: Interstate Route H-1, Widening, Vineyard Boulevard to Middle Street (widen the Interstate Route H-1 by one lane in the west-bound direction, from Vineyard Boulevard to Middle Street)
 - Project 505: Interstate Route H-1, Widening, Waiiau Interchange to Waiawa Interchange (widen Interstate Route H-1 in the west-bound direction by one lane from the Waiiau Interchange to the Waiawa Interchange).

Noting the Friday, March 31, 2006 deadline for comments on the Modifications to Projects List, Mr. G. Lum stated that the Policy Committee was expected to take action on the ORTP 2030 at its meeting on April 4, 2006. This updates the previous announcement that action would be taken at the March 23, 2006 Policy Committee meeting.

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

Discussion Highlights:

- In response to a question from Darci Evans: The rail transit project included in the Draft ORTP 2030 identifies a transit corridor and will not specify an alignment.

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

Member organizations were asked for their opinions on the Draft ORTP 2030 and proposed project modifications. Comments were limited to one-minute in length and are summarized below. *[Notes: (1) Comments “recorded” using a lap top computer were modified slightly to be more readable; (2) if an organization gave a project number, the “Project Title” from the Draft ORTP 2030 is identified in parentheses; and (3) personal comments that were given by a member representing an organization follow the organization viewpoints.]*

American Society of Civil Engineers

- No comment.

American Society of Landscape Architects

- No comment.

Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii

- Supports any projects that help with the H-1 corridor.
- Opposes moving project #131,154 (Interstate Route H-1, Widening, Waiawa Interchange to Halawa Interchange) to the long-range plan time period.

Charley’s Taxi

- Supports the following:
 - A study of impacts to the 95% of the population who will not use transit as well as the impacts to tourism, military and, construction industries.
 - Toll roads, one of which is identified as an illustrative project.
- Questions the ridership projections and funding split between transit & highways.

Committee for Balanced Transportation

- Supports the following:
 - #39,282 (Makakilo Drive, Second Access, Makakilo Drive to North-South Road/Interstate Route H-1 Interchange) move from long-range plan to mid-range plan.
 - Baseline Project S74 (North South Road, Kapolei Parkway to Vicinity of Interstate Route H-1) with a full clover leaf interchange.
 - #509 (Waianae Second Access, Farrington Highway to Kunia Road) should be moved up to mid-range from long-range time period.
 - #431B,440 (Rail Transit, Kapolei to Manoa).
 - #453 (TheBus Service Expansion, Islandwide) should move the \$101.6 million in the long-range plan to the mid-range plan.

Eye of the Pacific

- No comment.

Honolulu Community Action Program

- No comment.

Institute of Transportation Engineers

- Stated that the rail project is known as the “high-capacity transit” project.

Interagency Coordination Councils Organization

- Supports the following:
 - Ferry
 - Ewa corridor for monorail
 - Ewa community bus feeder system
 - Handi Van & paratransit in compliance with existing federal laws
 - Bikeways
 - Pedestrians
- Opposes the release of money set aside by the 2005 Legislature to study a Pearl Harbor tunnel.

Land Use Research Foundation

- No comment.

League of Women Voters

- Opposes rail transit because of the effect it will have on affordable housing, among other reasons.
- Supports the following:
 - Bikeways
 - Increasing bus system

Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association

- Supports the following:
 - Any project in Central Oahu and Ewa Plain
 - Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
 - Bikeways

NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki

- Opposes the following:
 - Inclusion of rail transit in ORTP
 - Rail
 - Ferry
- Supports the following:
 - Bus
 - Transportation Systems Management (TSM) & TDM

NB #03 Waialae-Kahala

- Supports the following:
 - Bikeways, because of University traffic, in a sense of reducing traffic and increasing safety
 - H-1 improvements
 - Improvements to Kalanianaʻole Highway
- Wants to see rising costs of construction included in cost estimates.

NB #08 McCully-Moilili

- No comment.

NB #09 Waikiki

- No comment.

NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus

- No comment.

NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights

- No comment.

NB #21 Pearl City

- No comment.

NB #22 Waipahu

- Supports the following:
 - Bike lanes
 - Anything that helps H-1

NB #24 Waianae Coast

- Supports the following:
 - Project 18 (Bike Plan Hawaii)
 - Project 134,143 (Interstate Route H-1, Zipper Lane (PM), Keehi Interchange to Kunia Interchange); would like to see use in AM hours and for the project to start earlier.
 - Project 453 (TheBus Service, Expansion, Islandwide)
 - Project 447 (Waianae, Transit Center)
 - Project 60, 61 (Farrington Highway, Safety Improvements, Makaha Valley Road to Aliinui Drive)
 - Project 509 (Waianae Second Access, Farrington Highway to Kunia Road)
- Opposes 357 (Waianae Mauka Road, Second Access, Waianae to Kapolei)
- Needs more information about Project 65 (Farrington Highway Widening, Hakimo Road to Kalaeloa Boulevard); specifically, has questions regarding property acquisition as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is on one side of the roadway, and historic preservation is on the other.

NB #26 Wahiawa

- Noted that, while comments are subject to Board action on March 29, supports the following:
 - Project 445 (Wahiawa, Transit Center, California Avenue)
 - Project 352 (Wahiawa, Second Access, Whitmore Avenue to Meheula Parkway) would like to see the project moved to mid-range time frame.
 - Project 6 (Ferry, Interisland Express Commuter)
 - Project 18 (Bike Plan Hawaii – Oahu)
 - Project proposals submitted by NB #25 at Feb. 15 meeting

NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale

- Supports the following:
 - Modifications made to 39,282 (Makakilo Drive, Second Access, Makakilo Drive to North-South Road, Interstate Route H-1 Interchange)
 - Infrastructure improvements in Ewa
 - Project 18 (Bike Plan Hawaii – Oahu)
 - Project 72 (Fort Barrette Road, Widening, Farrington Highway to Franklin D. Roosevelt Avenue)
 - Project 101,115,155 (Interstate Route H-1, New Interchange, Kapolei Interchange)
 - Project 109,110 (Interstate Route H-1, New On- and Off-Ramps, Makakilo Interchange)
 - Project 134,143 (Interstate Route H-1, Zipper Lane (PM), Keehi Interchange to Kunia Interchange)
 - Project 265 (Kapolei Parkway, Extension and Widening, Kamokila Boulevard to Papipi Road)
 - Project 266 (Kapolei Parkway, Extension and Widening, Aliinui Drive to Kalaeloa Boulevard)
 - Project 307 (North/South Road, Widening & Extension, Interstate Route H-1 to Franklin D. Roosevelt Avenue)
 - Project 6 (Ferry, Intra-Island Express Commuter, Ocean Pointe Marina to Honolulu Harbor)
 - Project 431B,440 (Rail Transit, Kapolei to Manoa)
 - Project 62,67 (Farrington Highway, Widening, Fort Barrette Road to west of Fort Weaver Road)
 - Project 130 (Interstate Route H-1, HOV Lanes, Waiawa Interchange to Makakilo Interchange)
 - Project 502(Kalaeloa East West Spine Road, New Roadway, Kalaeloa Boulevard to Geiger Road) & 506 (Keoneula Boulevard Extension) replacing 187,188 (Kalaeloa, Roadway Improvements, Vicinity of Barbers Point Naval Air Station)
 - Project 287 (Makakilo Mauka Frontage Road, New Roadway, Kalaeloa Boulevard to Makakilo Drive)
 - Project 357 (Waianae Mauka Road, Second Access, Waianae to Kapolei)
 - Project 509 (Waianae Second Access, Farrington Highway to Kunia Road)
- Opposes Project 271,272,273 (Kunia Road Widening and Interchange Improvements, Wilikina Drive to Farrington Highway) if does not include adding 3rd lane town-bound.

NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley

- Supports Central Mauka Road.

North Shore Chamber of Commerce

- Supports the following:
 - Project 242 (Kamehameha Highway, Safety Improvements, Haleiwa to Kahaluu); needs to include turn lanes; Turtle Bay improvements will impact.
 - Project 333 (Rockfall Protection, Various Locations)
 - Project 18 (Bike Plan Hawaii – Oahu)
- Disappointed that, in amendments to ORTP, improvements to Laniakea not included.

Pacific Resource Partnership

- Supports the following:
 - Light rail
 - Project 603 (System Preservation)

Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter

- Supports Project 18 (Bike Plan Hawaii – Oahu)

Waikiki Residents Association

- Opposes rail in Waikiki; expressed concerns about rail going through Waikiki because of limited access to and from Waikiki and the affects on quality of life.
- Supports consideration of bikeways in Waikiki.

Public Comments

- Charles Carole
 - Opposes rail system because of construction costs:
 - Concerned that the cost of the rail system was given to consultant before December 2005, and feels that the cost estimate in ORTP is not a good estimate.
 - Concerned with noise, etc.
 - Opposes the Draft ORTP financial plan because it is unbalanced.
- Janet Inamine
 - Opposes the elevated rail system in the University/Kapiolani to UH because:
 - Obstruction of view planes, installation of large support structures (concrete bases) along University, Ave.; and the possible disruption of the tranquility of the community by an elevated system
 - Enrollment at the UH West Oahu campus could increase to 7,600 students; therefore, the enrollment at UH-Manoa campus could decrease. So, do we really need the transit system to UH-Manoa?
- Rich Kane
 - Would like to see complete widening of Salt Lake Blvd.
 - Mr. Lum noted that this project is in the ORTP 2030 Baseline.
- Dan Neyer
 - Supports the following:
 - Right-of-way preservation in pineapple lands for possible Waianae Access, Wahiawa 2nd Access
 - Central Mauka Road: Noted that the Wahiawa to Whitmore portion should be separate from the Wahiawa to Mililani portion because of its location through the military training area; and that the Wahiawa to Whitmore portion should be advanced to mid-range because Kunia Tunnel is moving to NAVCOM.
- Mike Peters
 - Expressed concern about rail because:
 - Possible negative impacts to rail in Waikiki;

- Suspect greater opposition to rail in Waikiki by residents because they were so negative against Bus Rapid Transit; and
- Suspect opposition to reductions in number of car lanes along Kuhio Avenue.
- Shannon Wood
 - Opposes the ORTP because:
 - It does not include impacts of oil supply decreasing.
 - It is not paying attention to Windward Oahu.

3. FYs 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #3

The public comment period ends today, March 15, 2006. The Policy Committee will be holding a meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2006 to act on TIP Amendment #3. Public testimony will be accepted.

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

4.A Policy Committee

One Policy Committee meeting was held in the two months since the January CAC meeting. Similar to the CAC meeting at the Hawaii Convention Center, there was also a quorum present of the Policy Committee. No action was taken by the Policy Committee.

The next two Policy Committee meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, March 23, 2006, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Committee Meeting Room, room 205, Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street, Honolulu. Agenda items may include: New CAC members; FYs 2006-2008 TIP Amendments #2 & 3; and an ORTP status report.
- Tuesday, April 4, 2006, 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. in the City Council Committee Meeting Room, room 205, Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street, Honolulu. Agenda items may include: Action on the ORTP 2030.

4.B Technical Advisory Committee

A Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held on Monday, March 13, 2006. The FYs 2006-2008 TIP Amendment #3 was discussed. TAC recommended that the Policy Committee endorse Amendment #3.

No future TAC meetings have been scheduled.

5. Announcements

5.A Upcoming CAC meetings

The next two CAC meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2006 and Wednesday, May 17, 2006.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.