

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 18, 2007, 3:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room
Honolulu Hale, Room 301
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
American Planning Association
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Charley's Taxi
Committee for Balanced Transportation
E Noa Corporation
Eye of the Pacific
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Highway Users Alliance

Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Interagency COORDINATION Councils
Land Use Research Foundation
League of Women Voters
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #23 Ewa
NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #27 North Shore
NB #30 Kaneohe
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

Charles Carole, Chair
John Valera
Dean Minakami
Dale Evans
Frank Genadio
Tom Dinell
Patricia Blum
Scott Snider
Darcianne Evans
Lawson Teshima
Michael Costa
CC Curry
Gladys Quinto
Jacqueline Parnell
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Robert Finley
Lorene Godfrey
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
R. Scott Belford
David Brown
David Aki
Antya Miller
Wendell Lum
Michael Golojuch
Pamela Young
Gil Riviere
Richard Kane
Randy Ching
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

Committee for Balanced Transportation
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Society of Landscape Architects

Joe Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair
Joy Nishida
Chris Dacus

Hawaii Transportation Association	Gareth Sakakida
Honolulu Community Action Program	Vai Leatiota
Institute of Transportation Engineers	Paul Won
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association	Gladys Quinto
NB #01 Hawaii Kai	Elizabeth Reilly
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB #08 McCully-Moilili	Ron Lockwood
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl	Jay Fidell
NB #13 Downtown	Burton White
NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights	Donald Nitta
NB #22 Waipahu	Thomas Maus
NB #26 Wahiawa	Robert Kent
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Randall Hiu
Waianae Coast Transportation Concerns Group	Dick Boddy

Guests Present:

Phil Lee	Fil-Am Courier
Ben Gorospe	Hawaii Department of Transportation
Rida Cabanilla-Arakawa	Hawaii State Legislature - District 42
Tom Berg	Representative Rida Cabanilla-Arakawa
Ron Gilligan	RF Gilligan Realty
C.S. Papacostas	University of Hawaii/HLTAP

OMPO Staff Present:

Gordon Lum and Marian Yasuda

Chair Charles Carole called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of the June 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Cruz Vina, Jr. moved and Michael Golojuch seconded that the June 20, 2007 meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

2. “Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) to Construct Highways”

Chair Carole introduced Representative Rida T.R. Cabanilla-Arakawa, Hawaii State Legislator for District #42 and Tom Berg, office manager for Representative Cabanilla-Arakawa.

Representative Cabanilla-Arakawa gave general information regarding PPP and how these partnerships might be utilized in the construction of highways in Hawaii. House Bill number 70 is a bill that has passed through the House and is currently before the Senate Transportation Committee. This bill would allow the private sector to collect toll fees for any existing, enhanced, upgraded, or new facility. She also discussed the benefits of constructing a tunnel under Pearl Harbor using this mechanism.

Chair Carole introduced Tom Dinell, the representative for E Noa Corporation. Mr. Dinell gave a presentation of another aspect of PPP and the role that the OahuMPO might play in developing such partnerships.

CC Curry moved and Jacqueline Parnell seconded that the CAC address a letter to the Policy Committee reminding them of Federal guidelines that are in place regarding Public-Private Partnerships.

Discussion:

In response to a question by Rich Kane about whether or not the CAC has ever made motions to support a specific bill: Gordon Lum explained the CAC bylaws specify that before the CAC can testify before the Legislature or City Council, it must be approved by the Policy Committee or Executive Committee. The rationale for this is that the CAC is advisory to the Policy Committee.

Ms. Parnell moved and Antya Miller seconded that the August 15 agenda also include a motion that the CAC make a request of the Policy Committee to urge the Senate Transportation Committee to hold a hearing for House Bill number 70. This motion passed with one abstention.

Chair Carole expressed his desire to have this discussion regarding the two motions on the floor deferred to the August 15 agenda. The CAC unanimously agreed.

[Note: Unless otherwise specified, questions were answered by Representative Cabanilla-Arakawa.]

Discussion Highlights:

- In response to a question by Wendell Lum: House Bill number 70 is intended for those motorists who will not be served by the rail or who desire to continue driving their own vehicles.
- In response to a concern expressed by Mr. Kane regarding conflicts that can result from the motivation discrepancies between the private and public entities: The House Bill 70 will determine rights and responsibilities of each party in the agreement between the public and private sector. Mr. Dinell said the agreement would outline ownership and responsibilities. The important thing is to determine where the interests of the public entity and the private sector overlap, and build on those commonalities.
- In response to a question by Mr. W. Lum: The private entity entering into a PPP would be required to have a bond as insurance in the event of bankruptcy.
- In response to a question by Scott Snider: House Bill 70 is vehicle-specific. The bill is not tied to specific projects, but would enable PPP to occur.
- In response to a question by Frank Genadio: Public monies could possibly be used in PPP. The level of public support would be determined at the time that the agreement is made. Frequently, public monies are used in exchange for some benefit given to the public agency (e.g., free access to a facility by public vehicles).
- In response to a question by Dr. C.S. Papacostas: House Bill 70 does allow for the leasing of existing public facilities to the private sector for operations and management. Dr. Papacostas pointed out that PPP is not limited to highways and presented the H-Power plant as an example of a current PPP; he suggested that the legislation be extended to allow for all possibilities.

Chair Carole thanked Representative Cabanilla-Arakawa and Mr. Dinell for their presentations.

3. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights - Policy Committee & Technical Advisory Committee

3.A. Policy Committee

- The Policy Committee met on July 17, 2007. At that meeting, the Policy Committee:
 - Elected Senator Will Espero as Chair and Representative Nestor Garcia as Vice Chair;
 - Presented Certificates of Appreciation to 18 CAC member organizations to acknowledge their commitment and participation in the metropolitan planning process;
 - Approved the FYs 2008- 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and
 - Was briefed on the Puerto Rico and China's rapid transit systems.
- There is no future Policy Committee meeting scheduled at this time.

3.B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

- The TAC met on July 12, 2007. At that meeting, the TAC:
 - Elected Toru Hamayasu as Chair and Glenn Yasui as Vice Chair;
 - Voted to recommend the approval of the FYs 2008-2011 TIP; and
 - Received information regarding the schedule and socio-economic county forecasts for the 2035 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan update effort.
- There is no future TAC meeting scheduled at this time.

4. Announcements

Ms. Yasuda made several announcements:

4.A. Mailing List Update: The OahuMPO is conducting an annual update of the mailing list. Member organizations should mail, email, or fax the update form to the OahuMPO office no later than July 31, 2007.

4.B. FY 2008 Overall Work Program (OWP): The FY 2008 OWP was endorsed by the Policy Committee and approved by the Federal Highway Administration. The final document is available on the OahuMPO web site.

4.C. FY 2009 OWP Subcommittee Formation: Volunteers were solicited for a subcommittee to obtain early input on the FY 2009 OWP. It was anticipated that the CAC subcommittee would meet through August and present their recommendations to the full CAC at the September 19, 2007 meeting.

4.D. Presentation Topics Survey: Chair Carole has requested that the CAC membership be polled for presentation topics that are of interest to them for the FY 2008 CAC meetings. CAC members should mail, email, or fax them to the OahuMPO office by July 30, 2007.

Discussion:

In response to a question by Mr. Kane: Mr. G. Lum explained that the CAC's opportunity for early involvement with the FY 2009 OWP would be similar to the early involvement opportunity provided to the CAC on the development of the TIP. The CAC will be able to make recommendations for consideration by the agencies prior to the agency's submittal to the OahuMPO of their list of studies.

Mr. Kane suggested that the subcommittee be provided with a list of candidate studies that the City and State may be considering. Mr. G. Lum stated that the OahuMPO will make a request to the agencies to have that list available for the subcommittee to work with.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.