

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 19, 2010, 3:00 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 312
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

OPEN SESSION

Members Present:

Senator Will Espero, Chair	Representative Karen Awana
Councilmember Gary Okino, Vice Chair	Senator Carol Fukunaga
Councilmember Romy Cachola	DOT Acting Director Jiro Sumada
Councilmember Nestor Garcia	DTS Director Wayne Yoshioka

Member(s) Absent: Councilmembers Todd Apo and Rod Tam; Representatives Marilyn Lee and Joseph Souki; and Senator J. Kalani English

Guests Present:

Patrick Tom (DOT)	Dave Arakawa (Land Use Research Foundation, CAC)
Christine Absher (Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride, CAC)	Michael Golojuch (NB #34, CAC)

OahuMPO Staff Present: Lori Arakaki, Marian Yasuda, Lynne Kong

Chair Will Espero called the Open Session of the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Chair Espero stated that the agenda items would be taken out of order. The Executive Session to hear the findings and recommendation of the Investigative Committee for the Selection of the OahuMPO Executive Director would occur last. There were no objections.

II. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2010 MEETING

Councilmember Romy Cachola moved and Vice Chair Gary Okino seconded that the Open Session and Executive Session minutes for the January 25, 2010 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was unanimously carried.

III. REVISION # 19 TO THE FFYS 2008, 2009, 2010, AND 2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

[Representative Karen Awana arrived at 3:10 p.m.]

Acting Executive Director Lori Arakaki gave a presentation on FFYs 2008-2011 TIP Revision #19. The presentation included the technical analyses (including the Congestion Management Process, project evaluations, and Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis), public and intergovernmental review comments, and TAC recommendation. She explained that this

revision is basically to program a new project using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds – namely, the Kamokila Boulevard Restoration Project (C40). This revision also identifies an additional ARRA backup project, should there be a delay in other ARRA-funded projects. Also, the bids on other ARRA project have found slight savings, since those bids have been coming in low. However, because what is becoming available in ARRA funds is not enough to fund project C40, part of the funds from four other projects in the TIP will be used to fund project C40. With all these changes, the TIP still remains financially constrained.

Questions and Answers

In response to Councilmember Nestor Garcia's question regarding the status of the project C14 (Waipio Point Access Road Improvements), Department of Transportation Services Director Wayne Yoshioka stated that the bid for this project came in low. Director Yoshioka added that none of the projects in this revision are affected, since, with the current economic climate, all the bids came in low. So, these low bids freed up monies that could be used for project C14.

In response to Representative Awana regarding the status of C13, particularly the traffic signals in Waianae, Director Yoshioka stated that, similarly, bids came in low for a different phase of this project; thereby freeing up monies that could be used for project C14. The Waianae Coast phase of this project is proceeding as planned.

Councilmember Garcia moved and Senator Carol Fukunaga seconded that FFYs 2008-2011 TIP Revision #19 be approved. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

CAC Chair Dave Arakawa gave the highlights of the last CAC meeting.

V. OTHER BUSINESS (ANNOUNCEMENTS ONLY)

There was no other business.

The Open Session of the meeting ended at 3:25 p.m. The meeting room was cleared in preparation for the Executive Session of the meeting.