

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Honolulu Hale, Room 301
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Attendance

Member organization	Present?	Represented by	Absent?
AARP			X
American Planning Association	X	John Valera	
American Society of Civil Engineers			X
Beautiful Honolulu Foundation			X
Castle and Cook Homes Hawaii			X
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride	X	Rose Pou	
Committee for Balanced Transportation	X	Joseph Magaldi	
E Noa Corporation	X	Tom Dinell	
Gentry Homes, Ltd.			X
Hawaii Association of the Blind			X
Hawaii Bicycling League	X	Daniel Alexander	
Hawaii Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996	X	Wayne Kaululaau	
Hui Kupuna VIP			X
Hunt Companies	X	Kathleen Iriarte	
Institute of Transportation Engineers			X
Kaaawa Community Association	X	Andrea Anixt	
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii			X
League of Women Voters	X	Marcial Linville	
Mestizo Association	X	Arvid Youngquist	
NB#01 Hawaii Kai	X	Herb Schreiner	
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	X	Linda Starr	
NB#03 Waialae-Kahala	X	Les Fukuda	
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu	X	Ben Narita Barbra Armentrout	
NB#07 Manoa			X
NB#08 McCully-Moilili			X
NB#09 Waikiki			X
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	X	Charles Carole	
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kakaako	X	William J. Ammons	
NB#13 Downtown			X
NB#14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Hts.			X
NB#15 Kalihi Palama			X

Member organization	Present?	Represented by	Absent?
NB#18 - Aliamanu - Salt Lake			X
NB#21 Pearl City	X	Larry Veray	
NB#22 Waipahu			X
NB#23 Ewa	X	Rodney Boucher	
NB#24 Waianae Coast			X
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu			X
NB#26 Wahiawa			X
NB#29 Kahaluu	X	Ken LeVasseur	
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	X	Frank Genadio	
NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	X	Steven Melendrez	
NB#36 Nanakuli-Mailii			X
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	X	Ed Korybski	
Pacific Resource Partnership	X	Paul Migliorato	
Palehua Townhouses	X	Michael Golojuch	
Waikiki Resident's Association	X	Daisy Murai	

Guests	George Stewart (individual) Mike Murphy, DTS
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OahuMPO staff present	Brian Gibson, Chris Clark, Mike Galizio, Amy Ford-Wagner
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Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

Chair Joseph Magaldi called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 20, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the January 20, 2016 CAC meeting were approved with no corrections or objections.

2. HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL BILLS 8 AND 84

Daniel Alexander presented background information on the City’s Complete Streets ordinance, passed in 2012. The Complete Streets policy promotes the use of tools and policies – such as the Complete Streets checklist – to promote a way of thinking about where opportunities lie for mobility and safety improvements for all users.

Mr. Alexander then discussed City Council Bill 84, which requires that any Complete Streets project be detailed in the annual budget; if a Complete Streets project is not in the annual budget, then no moneys can be expended for it. The problem with Bill 84 is that planners and engineers may not know about opportunities for Complete Streets improvements until they really begin the design; and often, the budget for a specific project is developed before much design has occurred. So Bill 84 “closes the door”

to taking every opportunity to think about Complete Streets. For example, street rehabilitation is by far our greatest transportation spending line item (over \$110M in the past year); and in the budget for street rehabilitation, there is little detail about actual projects – street names aren't even mentioned.

A second bill before the Council, Bill 8, would require that the Complete Streets checklist be brought before Council, and Council would have the opportunity to approve or reject the checklist (and thus, the project). It could also lead to delay on projects since a 45-day period is required for Council to review in addition to the transaction time for City departments to prepare materials for Council.

Mr. Alexander mentioned that City Charter amendment 8, approved by 72% voters in 2006, says that "It shall be one of the priorities of the Department of Transportation Services to make Honolulu a bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly city." Combined, this charter amendment and the Complete Streets policy make clear that the public wishes to take every opportunity to build roadways for all users; there's concern that these two bills would impede that work.

Mr. Alexander noted that Hawaii Bicycling League, AARP, and other organizations have formed a Complete Streets Coalition to reach out to City Council members to work with Councilmembers to address Complete Streets work, strengthen the public process, and give council more notice and more involvement in these projects.

Mr. Alexander presented a revised resolution to CAC members to consider. After some preliminary discussion, Arvid Youngquist moved that the revised resolution be considered in the discussion, and the motion was seconded.

Discussion of the revised resolution centered on several points:

- Several neighborhood board representatives expressed concern about being able to vote on the revised resolution before their respective boards had an opportunity to review the revised resolution. CAC members determined that the ability to vote affirmatively, "with reservations," would allow them to support the concept of Complete Streets while expressing reservations about the precise wording of the resolution.
- Concern was raised about spending money on bicycle lanes in neighborhoods that really need sidewalks. Vice Chair Dinell clarified that the Complete Streets concept encompasses all modes and should be appropriate to the context; the priority should be on improving crosswalks and sidewalks in some neighborhoods, or reducing speeding issues, for example. Mike Golojuch added that where new roads are built on the Leeward side, bike lanes are appropriate.
- Barbra Armentrout of Neighborhood Board 5 said that, after discussions with Councilmember Ozawa, she understands where Councilmembers are coming from – they want to have input before the projects are finished to avoid mistakes; she gave an example of signs in her neighborhood being posted in the wrong places. Her understanding is that Bill 8 is meant to address those issues. Mr. Alexander is not sure that Bill 8 is going to get to what CAC members really want. The Complete Streets Coalition would prefer to see City departments go out to the community and confirm that the solution is really what they need, with a set number of meetings, information online, and a set comment period, for example.
- Vice Chair Dinell mentioned that both bills have passed their second reading in committee; if they advance, they would be before the full council for final reading by March 16. He was concerned that CAC action would be irrelevant if delayed until the next CAC meeting. Vice Chair Dinell believes both the bill sponsors and city leaders are open to bills that emphasize a better public process. Asked for his recommendation, Vice Chair Dinell recommended passing the resolution to affirm the CAC position in favor of Complete Streets and more robust public

participation process. Les Fukuda noted that CAC action or inaction doesn't prevent any individual from submitting testimony.

- Based on discussion of the specific wording of the resolution, the CAC suggested to strike the words "unanimous," "wholeheartedly," and the phrase "Honolulu rather than impede it, as Bill 84 CD1 [15] and Bill 8 [2016] would do" in paragraph 7. The resulting paragraph would read: "Be it resolved that, by an affirmative vote of this committee, the CAC supports effective public involvement in the implementation of Complete Streets, provided that the required process further the systematic implementation of Complete Streets in Honolulu."

With the updated language in place, Mr. Youngquist moved to end debate and move to a vote; Vice Chair Dinell seconded. Based on a roll-call vote, the motion passed with 15 "Aye," 7 "Aye with reservations," and 1 abstention.

3. CAC Member Polling Results

Chair Magaldi noted that polling results supported meeting at the same time (3rd Wednesday of the month) and same location as the previous year.

FOR DISCUSSION:

1. DRAFT OAHU REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN 2040

Chris Clark presented a PowerPoint briefing on the public review draft for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2040. (The presentation can be viewed on the OahuMPO website's CAC Meeting Presentations page at <http://www.oahumpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/ORTP-2040-presentation.pdf>.) The public review draft will be out for public comment in March. The ORTP is OahuMPO's core document and presents a long-term vision for projects and programs that will be part of the transportation system on Oahu. For example, projects that are part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) come from the ORTP; plans and studies in the Overall Work Program (OWP) are done in support of the ORTP. The requirements for how the ORTP is completed come from the Comprehensive Agreement and the Code of Federal Regulations. It has a 20-year planning horizon and is updated every five years. It must be fiscally constrained, meaning that funding has to be identified for projects shown in the Plan. The Policy Board is the decision-making body that approves the ORTP. In addition, the federal deadline under the corrective actions means that the ORTP must be approved by April 2016 so the plan has been on a compressed deadline.

In response to questions on the "transit ridership" slide, Mr. Clark clarified that the transit numbers go down slightly in the "Build" scenario because the "Build" scenario includes more roadway expansion projects, making travel by car attractive. Build and no-build scenarios include the funded rail alignment since there is existing and committed funding. Future extensions of the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Project (beyond the funded alignment) are included only as illustrative (unfunded) projects and are not included in the modeling forecasts.

CAC members are asked to review the ORTP 2040 and get comments to Ms. Ford-Wagner by Friday, March 4, so that the full CAC can review comments as a group with the goal of making a formal recommendation to the Policy Board regarding the draft ORTP.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 pm.

Written by: Amy Ford-Wagner
Reviewed by: Brian Gibson, Chris Clark, Mike Galizio