

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 3:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room 301, Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
Committee for Balanced Transportation
AARP
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
E Noa Corporation
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Hui Kupuna VIP
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Land Use Research Foundation
League of Women Voters
Mestizo Association
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #07 Manoa
NB #08 McCully-Moilili
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako
NB #13 Downtown
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #23 Ewa
NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village
NB #30 Kaneohe
Pacific Resource Partnership
Tax Foundation of Hawaii
Waikiki Residents Association

Michael Golojuch, Chair
Joseph Magaldi, Vice Chair
Mary Protheroe
Ronald Pike
Tom Dinell
Daniel Alexander
Charlene Ota
Michael Costa
Louise Horio
Robert Nehmad
Shannon Alivado
Marcia Linville
Arvid Youngquist
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Tom Heinrich
Ron Lockwood
Robert Finley
Charles Carole
Sean Newcamp
Tom Smyth
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
David O'Neal
Celeste Lacuesta
Bob Smith
Dick Poirier
Joseph Francher
Glenn Ida
Josh Magno
Randall Hiu
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

American Planning Association Hawaii
American Society of Civil Engineers
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii

John Valera
Tiffany Hamada
Laura Kodama

Eye of the Pacific	Twila Lai
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association	Laura Kodama
NB #01 Hawaii Kai	Greg Knudsen
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl	Sylvia Young
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Lorene Godfrey
NB #29 Kahaluu	Ken LeVasseur
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	Alan Suwa
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Antya Miller

Guests Present:

Vincent Brown	Citizen
Larry Johnson	Committee for a Fair ADA Ride
Philmund Lee	Councilmember Tom Berg
Michael Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Tammy Lee	Hawaii Department of Transportation
Rose Pou	Hui Kupuna VIP
Robert Whitaker	NB #7 Manoa
Brian Fitzgerald	The Limtiaco Company
Ruth Limtiaco	The Limtiaco Company

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson, Randolph Sykes, and Marian Yasuda

Chair Michael Golojuch called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

With no objections, agenda items were taken out of order.

1. Approval of the January 19 and February 24, 2011 Meeting Minutes

- **January 19, 2011**
Hearing no corrections, Chair Golojuch accepted the minutes as circulated.
- **February 24, 2011**
Robert Whitaker expressed his objection to the draft minutes of the February 24 meeting. He felt the minutes are lacking detail and should at least include a link to the materials that were presented.

Hearing no corrections, Chair Golojuch accepted the minutes as circulated.

2. Nimitz Highway and Ala Moana Boulevard Makeover

Chair Golojuch introduced Ruth Limtiaco, The Limtiaco Company, who introduced the Nimitz Highway and Ala Moana Boulevard Makeover project. This beautification project will place overhead utility lines underground and rid this section of Nimitz Highway of utility poles. Ms. Limtiaco introduced Brad Fujino and Maria Riviera, Goodfellow Brothers, to provide details of the schedule and scope of the project.

The project begins in Waikiki, progressing toward the west; all work will be done during evening hours. Completion of this project is anticipated by March of 2012.

Discussion Highlights:

[Unless noted otherwise, questions were answered by Mr. Fujino.]

- In response to a question by Randolph Sykes: Coordination between the City's contractor for the Waikiki sewer project and Goodfellow Brothers is ongoing and continuing.
- In response to a question by Joseph Francher: The median fronting the Ala Moana Shopping Center, which has been dug up as part of the sewer project, will not be landscaped until after this beautification project progresses to that area.
- In response to a question by Tom Smyth: The potential issues created by a construction project on King Street, that is scheduled to coincide with the beautification project in the same area of Nimitz Highway, will be addressed through discussions with that project's manager.
- In response to a question by Brian Gibson: The initial project design does not call for moving the light fixtures off of the sidewalk, yet it does meet all requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- In response to a question by Cruz Vina, Jr: One major objective is to have as much of the work from Kalakaua Avenue to Piikoi Street done prior to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference. Goodfellow is coordinating with the State on this issue.
- In response to a question by Lester Fukuda: Manholes being put in for the project are larger and have additional capacity for expansion
- In response to a question by Arvid Youngquist: The scope of this project does not go further west than Fort Street.

3. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2035

Chair Golojuch introduced Randolph Sykes, OahuMPO. Mr. Sykes presented information about the process of selecting projects proposed for inclusion in the final plan. As a result of the input received during the public outreach effort, as well as direction from the Policy Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee, 56 percent of the available funding has been allocated to system preservation, safety, and operations and maintenance projects. Transit, high-technology, and mobility management projects make up 32 percent of the project budget. Congestion-relief projects make up the remaining 12 percent of the funding budget.

The draft Plan will go before the Technical Advisory Committee at their meeting scheduled for April 8, 2011 for their recommendation. It will then go before the Policy Committee for adoption at their meeting scheduled for April 11, 2011.

Discussion Highlights:

[Unless noted otherwise, questions were answered by Mr. Sykes.]

- In response to a question by Mr. Youngquist: The errata sheet is stapled in the back of the booklet and contains the corrected financial information for the project listing.

- In response to a question by Mr. Fukuda: The project managers for this and other State plans being produced simultaneously with the ORTP 2035 are coordinating schedules, sharing information, and participating in each others' processes. The final ORTP 2035 will be incorporated into the Statewide Land Transportation Plan in its entirety.
- In response to a question by Marcia Linville: TheBoat project remains in the baseline for the ORTP 2035. There are ongoing efforts to revive the project.
- In response to a question by Mr. Smyth: Strategies to facilitate the movement of goods and services may be further addressed by a freight study that will inform ORTP 2040 update.
- In response to a question by Tom Heinrich: The final draft, which will incorporate adjustments as a result of this review period, will be made available for download on our website at the earliest opportunity.
- In response to a question by Celeste Lacuesta: Haseko is being asked to provide draft and dockside facilities to facilitate TheBoat service. The travel times stated in the ORTP do factor in growth of housing, population, and employment. The travel times for Ewa to Downtown are greater than current travel times, but show as a decrease in comparison to 2035 without the proposed projects being completed.
- Dick Poirier commented that there are no congestion-relief projects for Central Oahu. He stated that the travel time decreases shown for Central Oahu do not correlate to the lack of Central Oahu projects proposed for inclusion in the plan.
- In response to a question by Mr. Youngquist: Mr. Gibson stated that the current plan expires in April of 2011. Should this draft plan not be adopted by April of 2011, we would not be compliant with Federal regulations.
- In response to a question by Mr. Francher: The Central Mauka Road was removed from the plan due to analysis that showed the project would not achieve the results that were anticipated. The public outreach conducted for the development of the draft Plan was represented to the OahuMPO as being statistically valid.

Mr. Youngquist moved and Louise Horio seconded that the CAC recommend the draft ORTP 2035 for adoption by the Policy Committee.

Discussion:

- In response to a question by Linda Starr: Project cost increases could be due to right-of-way acquisition costs as well as energy costs.
- Tom Dinell suggested that the CAC should not endorse the draft that will be revised without having the opportunity to see the final draft.
- Mary Protheroe commented that valid issues have been raised that have not received an appropriate response; she would not recommend endorsement without having the issues addressed.
- Ms. Linville suggested that congestion could be mitigated with planned-event responses and the implementation of timers for drivers as well as for pedestrians.

Mr. Youngquist restated the motion as: *Subject to refinement, the CAC will submit this draft Plan to the Policy Committee for action.*

Mr. Smyth clarified that if this motion fails to pass, the draft Plan still goes to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Dinell moved and Ms. Linville seconded that the current motion be tabled.

A roll call vote was conducted on the second motion. The motion failed to pass with 14 for, 14 against, and one abstention.

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Bert Narita suggested that the Chair should withdraw his vote as the representative of his organization and use it as the Chair in the event that a tie-breaker is needed.

Mr. Dinell suggested that a split vote would misrepresent the will of the CAC and it would be inappropriate to move this issue forward.

4. CAC Issues Investigation Committee (CAC-IIC)

This item was deferred due to the late hour.

5. Announcements

Marian Yasuda announced that the Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Committee Room 205 in Honolulu Hale. The Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Hawaii Department of Transportation 5th floor conference room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.