

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 20, 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
American Planning Association Hawaii
American Society of Civil Engineers
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
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
League of Women Voters
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association
Mestizo Association
NB #01 Hawaii Kai
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili
NB #13 Downtown
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #23 Ewa
NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village
Pacific Resource Partnership
Waikiki Residents Association

Michael Golojuch, Chair
Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair
Mary Protheroe
John Valera
Tiffany Hamada
Laura Kodama
Ronald Pike
Tom Dinell
Daniel Alexander
Charlene Ota
Michael Costa
Rose Pou
Hong Long Li
Marcia Linville
Debbie Luning
Arvid Youngquist
Greg Knudsen
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Ron Lockwood
Tom Smyth
Lorene Godfrey
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
David O'Neal
John Gollner
Bob Smith
Dick Poirier
Joseph Francher
Paul Migliorato
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

Land Use Research Foundation
NB #07 Manoa
NB #09 Waikiki

David Arakawa
Tom Heinrich
Jeff Merz

NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	Charles Carole
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako	Sean Newcamp
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl	Sylvia Young
NB #14 Liliha	Chad Atkins
NB #29 Kahaluu	Elwin Spray
NB #30 Kaneohe	Glenn Ida
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	Alan Suwa
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili	James K. Manaku, Sr.
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Antya Miller
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Lowell Kalapa

Guests Present:

Michael Browne	Citizen
Kevin Killeen	Citizen
Pamela Young	Citizen
Michael A. Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Constante Domingo	Neighborhood Board #18

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson and Marian Yasuda

Chair Michael Golojuch called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

1. Approval of the June 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as circulated.

2. OahuMPO Response to Central Oahu Neighborhood Boards' Presentation

Chair Golojuch introduced Brian Gibson. Mr. Gibson provided a response to the ORTP 2035 presentation provided to the CAC at the June 15 meeting by Dick Poirier on behalf of some Central Oahu neighborhood boards. Because many issues raised in the presentation were related to the outputs from the traffic model, Mr. Gibson provided a basic explanation of travel models.

In response to some direct questions in Mr. Poirier's presentation, Mr. Gibson explained that travel times for central Oahu are predicted to be better with the ORTP 2035, because of an increase in central Oahu residents traveling to Ewa/Kapolei, transit projects (specifically rapid transit) taking cars off of the H-1 and improving flow, and H-1 and Kamehameha Highway improvement projects adding to the improved flow.

Mr. Gibson also explained that the OahuMPO will not second guess the input that is received from its public outreach efforts. He also explained that, with the ORTP 2035, no increase in travel times are predicted. Holding those travel times as they are now, with the predicted increase of population and jobs, justifies the amount of resources distributed to the Ewa/Kapolei community.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Tom Smyth: The current models are calibrated to the a.m. peak period. The next model will be calibrated both to the a.m. and the p.m. peak periods to try and capture Oahu's 24-hour economy and those who do not have the standard 9 to 5 workday.
- In response to a question by Linda Starr: The model does include a tourist component and identifies trips by trip purposes. The OahuMPO is currently conducting a travel demand survey, which will be used to update the model.
- In response to a question by Tom Dinell: The forecasts provided by the Office of Planning are accepted and utilized by the State and the City. Those assumptions are used in all planning efforts. No contingency plans are done for inaccurate predications, but the ORTP is updated every five years to accommodate changes in forecasts.
- In response to a question by Marcia Linville: Specific event models are not done for the ORTP; the ORTP tries to consider the average circumstances.
- In response to a question by Dick Poirier: The model used for the ORTP 2035 is a radical improvement over the model used for previous efforts.
- In response to a question by Joseph Francher: The current model is the best tool available to us at this time.

3. CAC Subcommittee report on the FY 2013 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Chair Golojuch introduced Lester Fukuda.

Mr. Fukuda presented the CAC Subcommittee report on the FY 2013 Overall Work Program.

Discussion Highlights:

- Greg Knudsen commented that a more extensive listing that is prioritized should not dilute the emphasis, but will serve as a working list. He suggested accepting the report as presented.
- In response to a question by Daniel Alexander: Mr. Fukuda explained that the CAC may accept the report, reject the report, or amend the report.

Ms. Starr moved and Mr. Francher seconded that the CAC accept the subcommittee report as presented and request that Mr. Gibson forward that report to the Policy Committee.

Discussion:

- John Gollner stated that the Neighborhood Mobility Review should be included in the prioritized list.
- Arvid Youngquist suggested that the Audible Traffic Signal project should be included in the top five priorities.
- Ms. Linville suggested that each CAC member organization provide their top five priorities at the August meeting in order to develop a concise prioritized listing.

Lorene Godfrey moved and Ms. Linville seconded that the motion on the floor be postponed until August meeting to allow the CAC more time to consider the report.

The motion passed with two opposed (Youngquist and Starr).

The CAC will provide their top five projects and studies to the OahuMPO before or at the August meeting and take action at that meeting.

Chair Golojuch turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Magaldi for the remainder of the meeting.

4. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that the Policy Committee met Tuesday, July 5, 2011. At that meeting, they:

- Elected Representative Marilyn Lee as Chair and Councilmember Breene Harimoto as Vice Chair;
- Approved Revisions #5 and #6 to FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program;
- Approved a change to the previous motion regarding the FY 2012 Overall Work Program Revision #1;
- Heard a presentation of Federal Certification Review Results for OahuMPO by Elizabeth Fischer, FHWA;
- Heard the presentation of “ORTP 2035: The Deconstruction & Marginalization of Central Oahu’s Regional Transportation Needs” by Neighborhood Board #25 Chair Dick Poirier; and
- Heard the CAC Highlights.

The Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, July 1, 2011. At that meeting they:

- Elected Mark Au as Chair and Edwin Sniffen as Vice Chair for FY 2012;
- Recommended approval of Revision #6 to the FFY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program; and
- Heard the results of the ORTP 2035 Scenario Analyses.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Announcements

There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.