

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 17, 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
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
E Noa Corporation
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Hui Kupuna VIP
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association
Mestizo Association
NB #07 Manoa
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #14 Liliha
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 #29 Kahaluu
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Pacific Resource Partnership
Tax Foundation of Hawaii
Waikiki Residents Association

Michael Golojuch, Chair
Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair
Laura Kodama
Ronald Pike
Tom Dinell
Daniel Alexander
Michael Costa
Louise Horio
Robert Nehmad
Debbie Luning
Arvid Youngquist
Tom Heinrich
Ron Lockwood
Robert Finley
Chad Atkins
Lorene Godfrey
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
David O'Neal
John Gollner
Bob Smith
Dick Poirier
David Henkin
Alan Suwa
Bob Schieve
Paul Migliorato
Randall Hiu
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

AARP
American Planning Association Hawaii
American Society of Civil Engineers
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living
Land Use Research Foundation
League of Women Voters
NB #01 Hawaii Kai

Mary Protheroe
John Valera
Tiffany Hamada
Charlene Ota
David Arakawa
Marcia Linville
Greg Knudsen

NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala	Lester Fukuda
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights	Bert Narita
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	Charles Carole
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako	Sean Newcamp
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl	Sylvia Young
NB #13 Downtown	Tom Smyth
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village	Joseph Francher
NB #30 Kaneohe	Glenn Ida
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili	James K. Manaku, Sr.

Guests Present:

Kevin Killeen	Citizen
Ty Fukumitsu	Department of Transportation Services
KaiNani Kraut	DTS
Michael A. Murphy	DTS
Wayne Y. Yoshioka	DTS
Rose Pou	Hui Kupuna VIP
Philmund Lee	Office of Councilmember Berg

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson and Marian Yasuda

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

1. Update on the Joint Traffic Management Center Project

Chair Golojuch introduced three Department of Transportation Services (DTS) presenters: Ty Fukumitsu, Chief of Traffic Signal and Technology Division, KaiNani Kraut, Deputy Director, and Wayne Y. Yoshioka, Director.

Director Yoshioka provided the perspective of DTS regarding the Joint Traffic Management Center (JTMC). The project aligns with the current trend of incorporating and respecting all modes of travel, encouraging a complete streets philosophy, and a shifting focus away from building roads and capacity.

Mr. Fukumitsu explained that the JTMC will upgrade the existing traffic control center, integrate incident response, incorporate active traffic management, and possibly integrate the JTMC with the Emergency Operations center. Having the City and State transportation agencies, Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) dispatch, Honolulu Police Department dispatch, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in one building will increase efficiency and decrease response time.

The construction of the JTMC parking structure and the transit center (phase 1) are currently underway. Phasing the project, and developing the JTMC later, will allow TheBus to operate without interruption during the construction of the JTMC (phase 2). Phase 1 completion is estimated for December 2011. Determining the requirements and planning the facility design is currently underway for Phase 2. Actual design should begin in January 2012, with the JTMC being operational in 2015.

Logistics and details involved in the design of the JTMC are numerous. Each participating agencies' needs must be considered and accommodated in the design phase. DTS is using the Austin, Texas Traffic Management Center as a successful model on which the JTMC design may be based.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Vice Chair Joseph Magaldi: Funding for the JTMC comes from a combination of Federal and local funds. Currently, the State is not contributing toward the funding, but their participation is welcomed.
- In response to a question by Brian Gibson: Dispatchers from each agency will continue to operate with one phone number (911), from which calls get routed to the appropriate agency, within the JTMC.
- In response to a question by Tom Dinell: 911 call-takers will be located in the center and will distribute the calls accordingly; additionally, they will also be able to add emphasis to an issue that is particularly urgent by simply being physically located in the same facility.
- In response to a question by David Henkin: Director Yoshioka responded that staffing of the JTMC for 24/7 operations will not be as difficult as it may seem. Overlapping services between different agencies can be consolidated, achieving efficiencies.
- In response to a question by Robert Finley: The JTMC will be a secured, government building. There is potential for expansion of the facility to accommodate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), currently in the basement of the Fasi Municipal Building.
- In response to a question by Cruz Vina, Jr.: The potential merging of HFD and EMS is being considered in the design of the JTMC. It is not likely that the merge will eliminate any positions from either agency, but being one department will simplify operations.
- In response to a question by Daisy Murai: Currently, the Department of Emergency Management is connected to the City traffic management through fiber optic cables. Federal transportation funds cannot be used to incorporate an EOC; but, if other funding becomes available, the EOC can potentially be incorporated into the JTMC.
- In response to a question by Kevin Killeen: The City's Bicycle Master Plan Update includes a multi-use path all the way from the Young Street bikeway to the State Capitol. This connectivity project is a top priority for the City.
- Kevin Killeen said, "There is a small curb cut by the Police Station. I thought the Young Street bikeway was supposed to connect with the [Frank Fasi] Municipal Center through Alapai before you even go through the Police parking lot. King Street is one way so it is effectively a dead end for the Young Street bikeway unless you put in another curb cut in that can accommodate more than just pedestrians. It chokes off the bikeway. It is only four feet wide."
 - In response, Mr. Yoshioka said, "Kevin, there is a multi-use path right here. It is not four feet wide. We are working on getting a multi-use path through Thomas Square which will enable you to get onto Hotel Street without diverting up to Beretania Street. As you come down Hotel Street, you will connect to the multi-use path, through the Alapai, cross the street to the widened pathway going through the Civic Center. This corridor is being enhanced as part of the Bike

Master Plan Update identifying this as a top-priority connectivity project.”

- Mr. Killeen responded, “right now it is only a little curb cut.”
- Mr. Yoshioka responded, “Kevin, we are under construction right now. You can’t even get through there right now. It is going to look really great. Give us a chance. ”
- Mr. Killeen responded, “It isn’t under construction; it’s a four-foot curb cut.
- Mr. Yoshioka responded, “No, it’s not. It is going to be a lot wider than that.”
- In response to a question by Mike Costa: Director Yoshioka explained that the parking structure is not a transit park-and-ride, but is parking only for agency staff. The funding used for the structure dictates who may park in there.

2. Approval of the July 20, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were accepted as circulated.

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

Ms. Yasuda tallied the input from member organizations regarding their top five priority studies or projects recommended for the FY 2013 OWP. The results were:

1. Roadway Surface Conditions Assessment and Repair Plan/Schedule
2. Neighborhood Mobility Review
3. Central Oahu Follow-Up
4. Incident Response / Traffic Control
5. Freight Study

Vice Chair Magaldi moved and Arvid Youngquist seconded that the prioritized list be approved and transmitted to the Policy Committee for their consideration.

Discussion Highlights:

- Robert Nehmad suggested a modification to add “pending calculation verification” to ensure accuracy. Vice Chair Magaldi agreed to the modification.
- Tom Heinrich suggested that it might not be important to provide only the top five projects. He suggested providing the complete listing in its prioritized order.
- Mr. Henkin suggested that the Policy Committee might benefit from seeing the entire spreadsheet.
- Mr. Youngquist emphasized the need to provide the five prioritized projects.

The modified motion passed (15 aye, 9 nay).

4. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that the Policy Committee had not met since the last CAC meeting. Their next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the State Capitol Room 325. At that meeting, they would likely:

- Take action on Revision #7 to FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program;
- Consider CAC membership for Neighborhood Board #15;

- Hear an update on the Leeward Bikeway Project;
- Hear a presentation of the FY 2013 Planning Priorities from the CAC and OahuMPO staff; and
- Hear the CAC Highlights.

The Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, August 12, 2011. At that meeting they:

- Heard a status report by PTV-NuStats on the Household Interview Travel Survey Project.

The next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2011 in the Department of Transportation fifth floor conference room. At that meeting, they would likely:

- Elect a Vice Chair for the remainder of FY 2012;
- Make a recommendation on Revision #7 to FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program;
- Discuss the Household Interview Travel Survey; and
- Hear a presentation on the CAC and OahuMPO Staff Planning Priorities for FY 2013 OWP.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Announcements

Mr. Heinrich announced a reminder about the November 7-13 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference and its impacts on transportation.

Mr. Youngquist offered congratulations to Mr. Heinrich on his appointment to the Neighborhood Commission as Executive Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.