

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 19, 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
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
E Noa Corporation
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
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association
NB #01 Hawaii Kai
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
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 #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #29 Kahaluu
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Waikiki Residents Association

Michael Golojuch, Chair
Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair
Mary Protheroe
John Valera
Tiffany Hamada
Ronald Pike
Tom Dinell
Charlene Ota
Michael Costa
Louise Horio
Robert Nehmad
Wynde Yamamoto
Marcia Linville
Debbie Luning
Greg Knudsen
Linda Starr
Bert Narita
Tom Heinrich
Ron Lockwood
Jeff Merz
Charles Carole
P. Nathan Minn
Dolores Mollring
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Dick Poirier
Ken LeVasseur
Bob Schieve
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Hawaii Bicycling League
Mestizo Association
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl
NB #14 Liliha

Laura Kodama
Daniel Alexander
Arvid Youngquist
Lester Fukuda
Sylvia Young
Chad Atkins

NB #15 Kalihi-Palama
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #23 Ewa
NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village
NB #30 Kaneohe
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili
Pacific Resource Partnership
Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Fetu Kolio
Constante Domingo
David O'Neal
John Gollner
Bob Smith
Joseph Francher
Glenn Ida
Alan Suwa
James K. Manaku, Sr.
Paul Migliorato
Randall Hiu

Guests Present:

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| Kevin Killeen | Citizen |
| Michael A. Murphy | Department of Transportation Services |
| Rose Pou | Hui Kupuna VIP |

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 Honolulu Rail Transit Project

Chair Golojuch introduced Scott Ishikawa of Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART). Mr. Ishikawa provided an overview of the plans for the train, its route, and the 21 stations. The train will operate between 4:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m. over the 20-mile route between East Kapolei and Ala Moana Center. The trains and stations will be accessible and fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The system will be elevated with station access being by elevators and escalators. Four of the stations will feature new bus transit centers; new park-and-ride centers will be located at four train stations. The complete route is expected to be fully operational by 2019.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Linda Starr: Elevating the train requires less land acquisition, less expense, less impact to traffic, and allows for greater reliability, safer operations, and a higher average speed. There are sub-power stations along the route that will move the train during a power outage.
- In response to a question by Bob Schieve: The highest tracks will be where the train needs to cross the H-1 Freeway, but the average height is 30 feet.
- In response to a question by Robert Nehmad: The trains will have both seats and areas to stand, but the layout of the cars has not yet been determined. The cars will be separated, not allowing for passenger movement in between cars; that will allow additional cars to be added at a later time.

- In response to a question by Charles Carole: Each car will accommodate approximately 80 seats.
- In response to a question by Marcia Linville: Waiawa Stream in Pearl City will be rebuilt as a mitigation effort for the station.
- In response to a question by Greg Knudsen: Sound mitigation for the system will incorporate parapet walls to deflect any sound upwards. The sound generated by the train is the equivalent of a City bus at a distance of 50 feet away.
- In response to a question by Daisy Murai: Methods to move a disabled train out of the way are being discussed. There may be pull-outs at different points in the route.
- In response to a question by Mike Costa: The train cars will be 80 feet long and can be considered a hybrid between heavy and light rail. As ridership increases, cars can be added. The stations will be able to accommodate up to 4 train cars joined together.
- In response to a question by Tom Dinell: Bicycles, luggage, surfboards, etc. will be allowed on the train; the hours that they will be allowed and the maximum numbers per car have yet to be determined. The HART Board of Directors will set those policies.
- In response to a question by Ms. Starr: Utilizing existing parking lots for park-and-ride facilities is being considered.
- In response to a question by Mr. Dinell: The Ala Moana station is being redesigned and will likely be 40 feet in height. Downtown stations will be about 30 feet high.
- In response to a question by Ron Pike: There will be attendants, particularly in the first few years, to assist users to learn how to navigate the train. There will be moving partitions that will keep people from falling into dangerous areas and allow for orderly boarding of the trains.
- In response to a question by Charlene Ota: There may be police on the train; staff to assist riders is being considered.

2. Revision #2 to the FY 2012 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Brian Gibson introduced the OWP revision #2, which includes the addition of a Housing and Urban Development Sustainable Communities Grant, deletes the Waianae Coast Transportation Study, and changes the scope of the City's Urban Core Parking Master Plan project.

Comments may be submitted to the OahuMPO by November 30. The CAC will be asked to develop a recommendation for the Policy Committee at its meeting in November.

3. Approval of the September 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were accepted.

4. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that neither the Policy Committee nor the Technical Advisory Committee has met since the last CAC meeting. There are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Announcements

- Chair Golojuch announced the formation of two CAC working groups:

1. The Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2040 Working Group
2. The OahuMPO Website Update Working Group

Sign-up sheets are available for both groups at this meeting.

- Mr. Knudsen announced a meeting of the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board, where the discussion topic will be the rapid transit project.
- Mr. Heinrich announced a meeting of the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board, where the discussion topic will be the City's Waialae Avenue lane closure study.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.