

Meeting Summary of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, November 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  
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  
Mestizo Association  
NB #01 Hawaii Kai  
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki  
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala  
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights  
NB #07 Manoa  
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus  
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako  
NB #13 Downtown  
NB #14 Liliha  
NB #15 Kalihi-Palama  
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village  
NB #23 Ewa  
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu  
NB #29 Kahaluu  
Waikiki Residents Association

Michael Golojuch, Chair  
Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair  
Ronald Pike  
Tom Dinell  
Charlene Ota  
Michael Costa  
Rose Pou  
Sara Toyama  
Wynde Yamamoto  
Marcia Linville  
Debbie Luning  
Arvid Youngquist  
Greg Knudsen  
Linda Starr  
Lester Fukuda  
Bert Narita  
Tom Heinrich  
Charles Carole  
Larry Hurst  
Tom Smyth  
Chad Atkins  
Fetu Kolio  
Constante Domingo  
John Gollner  
Dick Poirier  
Ken LeVasseur  
Daisy Murai

***Members Absent (Reps):***

AARP  
American Planning Association Hawaii  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii  
Hawaii Bicycling League  
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili  
NB #09 Waikiki

Mary Protheroe  
John Valera  
Tiffany Hamada  
Laura Kodama  
Daniel Alexander  
Ron Lockwood  
Jeff Merz

NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl  
NB #21 Pearl City  
NB #22 Waipahu  
NB #24 Waianae Coast  
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village  
NB #30 Kaneohe  
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley  
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili  
North Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Pacific Resource Partnership  
Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Sylvia Young  
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.  
David O'Neal  
Bob Smith  
Joseph Francher  
Glenn Ida  
Alan Suwa  
James K. Manaku, Sr.  
Bob Schieve  
Paul Migliorato  
Randall Hiu

***Guests Present:***

Randy Hara	Department of Planning and Permitting
Michael L. Watkins	DPP
P. Nathan Minn	Neighborhood Board #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako
Donald Guerrero	Neighborhood Board #15 Kalihi-Palama
Jesse Souki	Office of Planning-DBEDT

***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 Draft Update of the Oahu General Plan**

Chair Golojuch introduced Michael Watkins of City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Mr. Watkins provided some history about the update of the Oahu General Plan. The General Plan is the county's planning document containing general policy statements and spelling out key growth, development, and quality of life policies that show up in Oahu's development plans. The update effort has been soliciting input regarding what aspects of the plan needs to be changed and new topics that need to be addressed.

The first community meeting was held in July 2011 to solicit public comments on the current plan. A draft update could be distributed for review at a second public meeting as early as February 2012. DPP has received over 2,400 completed surveys and over 1,000 written comments. All written comments may be viewed on the DPP website at [www.honoluluodpp.org](http://www.honoluluodpp.org).

**Discussion Highlights:**

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

- In response to a question by Tom Smyth: The draft plan will be released in a ramseyered format. The consequences of changes to the plan are not great, except in terms of the population policies which affect development plans. The plan is full of "motherhood and apple pie" statements which are very agreeable to most.

- In response to a question by Linda Starr: Using Olelo (community television) to spread information is a good suggestion. DPP is considering the second public meeting to be multiple meetings held in different locations and at different times.
- In response to a question by Bert Narita: There is a 3-tiered planning system: the General Plan, the community development plans, and the zoning code and the City's Capital Improvement Plans. The community plans give great detail, which may not be appropriate for the General Plan changes. However, policies supported in the community plans might be added to the General Plan. All comments are welcome.
- In response to a question by Fetu Kolio: The General Plan public review draft should be complete in February 2012 and DPP hopes to provide the final recommendations in the late summer of 2012. The Planning Commission and the City Council will then consider the adoption of the recommendations.
- In response to a question by Randolph Sykes: DPP's budget constraints do not allow for the contracting of a firm to assist with public relations.
- In response to a question by Marcia Linville: Many of the most vocal residents are already involved in the project. The Honolulu City Council is the final arbiter. Input may be considered throughout the entire process, well outside of the review period.
- In response to a question by Greg Knudsen: The current General Plan was last revised in 2002 with one minor change and thoroughly reviewed in 1987. Having a public review period will help to keep the comments during the City Council consideration phase from being overwhelming.
- In response to a question by Michelle Matson: The population distribution policy percentages do not direct future growth; they establish the desired future total population count for each area. The Primary Urban Center (PUC) has half of the island's population; however, the percentage share is declining due to growth of the other areas. DPP is projecting 60 percent growth for the Ewa area, 20 percent in the PUC, and 20 percent in Central Oahu.
- In response to a question by Daisy Murai: The PUC should be a major growth area. High-density development will occur where infrastructure allows. Suburban growth also will continue to be in demand, which creates more infrastructure problems. Sustainability, growth constraints, and infrastructure constraints will be addressed in the revision, as will affordable housing.
- In response to a question by Charles Carole: The revision will address energy policies and goals.
- In response to a question by John Golner: DPP may consider re-opening the survey. The consultant needed time to consolidate comments for consideration of language changes that will go into the review draft.

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

Brian Gibson recapped 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.

*Mr. Smyth moved and Ms. Linville seconded a motion to support Revision #2 to the FY 2012 Overall Work Program.*

### Discussion Highlights:

Tom Heinrich suggested that concern over the deletion of the Waianae Coast Transportation Study be made clear in the presentation to the Policy Committee for their consideration.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

## **3. Approval of the October 19, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Heinrich asked that the minutes be corrected on page 2 to reflect the transit agency name being Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation.

*Hearing no other corrections, the minutes were accepted as amended.*

## **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 that members can still sign-up for these two CAC working groups:
  1. The Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2040 Working Group
  2. The OahuMPO Website Update Working Group
- Chair Golojuch announced that elections for Chair and Vice Chair of the CAC will be held at the January 18, 2012 meeting.
- Mr. Smyth announced his recent trip to the Railvolution Conference. He said that he could provide presentations and documents from that conference via email upon request.

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