

Meeting Summary of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 3:30 p.m.  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Conference Room 310  
830 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

***Members Present:***

Land Use Research Foundation  
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale  
AARP  
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride  
Committee for Balanced Transportation  
Eye of the Pacific  
Hawaii Bicycling League  
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living  
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996  
Honolulu Community Action Program  
Hui Kupuna VIP  
Institute of Transportation Engineers  
Mestizo Association  
NB #01 Hawaii Kai  
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights  
NB #07 Manoa  
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili  
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus  
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl  
NB #13 Downtown  
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village  
NB #22 Waipahu  
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village  
NB #29 Kahaluu  
NB #30 Kaneohe  
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley  
Pacific Resource Partnership  
Tax Foundation of Hawaii  
Waikiki Residents Association

David Arakawa, Chair  
Michael Golojuch, Vice Chair  
Mary Protheroe  
Ronald Pike  
Joseph Magaldi  
Twila Lai  
Janice Marsters  
Charlene Ota  
Michael Costa  
Kristina Copeland  
Louise Horio  
I. Robert Nehmad  
Arvid Youngquist  
Greg Knudsen  
Bert Narita  
Tom Heinrich  
Ron Lockwood  
Charles Carole  
James Marn  
Tom Smyth  
Lorene Godfrey  
Blaine Tsugawa  
Joseph Francher  
Elwin Spray  
Glenn Ida  
Pamela Young  
Josh Magno  
Randall Hiu  
Daisy Murai

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

American Planning Association Hawaii  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii  
E Noa Corporation  
League of Women Voters

John Valera  
Tiffany Hamada  
Dean Minakami  
Tom Dinell  
Piilani Kaopuiki

Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association	Darwin Hamamoto
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala	Lester Fukuda
NB #09 Waikiki	Robert Finley
NB #20 Aiea	Carl Jacobs
NB #21 Pearl City	Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
NB #23 Ewa	Coby M. Lynn
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	David Aki
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Gil Riviere

***Guests Present:***

Christine Absher	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Nicholas Poulos	Department of Transportation Services
Ben Gorospe	Hawaii Department of Transportation
Rose Pou	Hui Kupuna VIP
David Hilea, Jr.	NB #11 Ala Moana
Brandon Lau	NB #14 Liliha
Bob R. Smith	NB #24 Waianae Coast

***OahuMPO Staff Present:*** Lori Arakaki, Randolph Sykes, and Marian Yasuda

Vice Chair Michael Golojuch called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.  
Chair David Arakawa arrived at 3:41 p.m.

**1. New Business**

**“Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2035 - Public Outreach Phase One Report”**

Vice Chair Golojuch introduced Randolph Sykes, OahuMPO Project Manager for the ORTP 2035.

Mr. Sykes outlined the public outreach efforts for the ORTP 2035 that have already occurred as well as those scheduled to occur throughout the length of the plan’s development.

The goals of the initial stage of the public outreach were to get the pulse of the island as to priorities in transportation projects and corridors, satisfaction with Oahu’s roads, challenges to transportation, and possible solutions to those challenges. Stakeholder interviews, focus groups, and a telephone survey were utilized in this first stage of outreach. Throughout the three methods used to gain input, the commonalities were:

- Congestion is the island’s primary challenge,
- The H-1 corridor between Leeward Oahu and Downtown is the island’s primary corridor,
- There is widespread dissatisfaction with Oahu’s roads, and
- Road maintenance of existing facilities is viewed as an immediate priority.

Another commonality between the three methods of outreach was the opposition to tax increases or new fees as a source of funding for new transportation projects.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Arvid Youngquist: In the telephone survey output, the term, “base”, refers to the respondents.
- In response to a question by Elwin Spray: The telephone survey format was more structured than the stakeholder interviews and focus groups to keep the survey brief. A list of answers to the questions was sometimes provided to ensure consistency and brevity.
- In response to a question by Joe Francher: The telephone survey results have been weighted so that age groups and ethnic groups would be proportionate to the representative numbers from the Oahu census.
- In response to a question by Blaine Tsugawa: A final report containing these public outreach results will be posted to the OahuMPO Web site upon its completion.
- In response to a question by Tom Smyth: Increasing road maintenance does have a negative impact on road congestion.

**2. Approval of the October 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Arakawa announced a correction to the draft December 15, 2009 minutes showing that Castle and Cooke was present at that meeting.

Mr. Youngquist suggested an additional correction to the draft minutes adding a paragraph under Item 3, Other Business, which reflects that nominations for CAC officers are being accepted for the upcoming elections.

Hearing no other corrections, the minutes were unanimously accepted as corrected.

**3. Other Business**

Chair Arakawa opened the discussion regarding the revision of the CAC Bylaws. He explained that the proposed draft revision, including the change from a fiscal year to a calendar year for CAC operations, has not yet gone before the Policy Committee for approval. On December 16, 2009, the Attorney General rendered an opinion regarding the CAC which states that the CAC may determine its own quorum requirement for meetings to occur in its Bylaws. Since the draft revised Bylaws have not yet been approved, the CAC subcommittee on the Bylaws will be meeting again to address this new information.

Additionally, the election of the CAC officers will be postponed until the CAC bylaws subcommittee has had the opportunity to address the current draft revision and the new information from the Attorney General’s office.

Chair Arakawa announced that the Oahu Transit Service (OTS) is distributing a draft brochure on American with Disabilities Act policies and procedures for TheBus. Comments should be provided to OTS by Friday, January 22, 2010.

#### **4. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights - Policy Committee & Technical Advisory Committee**

Marian Yasuda announced the following:

There has been no meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee since the last meeting on December 15, 2009.

The Policy Committee met twice since the last CAC meeting:

- On Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, they heard the recommendations of the Investigative Committee for the Selection of the OahuMPO Executive Director in a closed executive session.
- On Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, they approved the temporary assignment of Lori Arakaki as Acting Executive Director and gave the Investigative Committee the authority to negotiate with and hire the next executive director.

The Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, January 22 at 1:30 p.m. in the Department of Transportation 5<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, 869 Punchbowl Street. At that meeting they will:

- Make a recommendation on Revision #18 to the FFYs 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program,
- Approve the Revised Rules of Procedure for the TAC,
- Approve the ORTP 2035 assumptions for the level of funding to be dedicated to operations, maintenance, and systems preservation, and
- Hear a presentation on the planning issues identified in the initial stage of the public outreach for the ORTP 2035.

The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Committee Room #205 in Honolulu Hale. At that meeting they will:

- Hear the findings and recommendation of the Investigative Committee for the selection of the OahuMPO Executive Director in a closed executive session,
- Take action on Revisions #17 and #18 to the FFYs 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program, and
- Hear a report on CAC activities.

#### **4. Announcements**

Ms. Yasuda announced that a revision to the FFYs 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program is likely to begin a public review within the next week.

Chair Arakawa shared a book published by the Hawaiian Electric Company in 1947 showing where growth on Oahu was predicted.

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