

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 3:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room 301, Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Land Use Research Foundation
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
AARP
American Planning Association Hawaii
American Society of Civil Engineers
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Committee for Balanced Transportation
E Noa Corporation
Eye of the Pacific
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living
Honolulu Community Action Program
Hui Kupuna VIP
Institute of Transportation Engineers
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 #08 McCully-Moiliili
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #23 Ewa
NB #29 Kahaluu
NB #30 Kaneohe
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
Pacific Resource Partnership

David Arakawa, Chair
Michael Golojuch, Vice Chair
Mary Protheroe
John Valera
Tiffany Hamada
Ronald Pike
Joseph Magaldi
Tom Dinell
Twila Lai
Charlene Ota
Kristina Copeland
Louise Horio
I. Robert Nehmad
Debbie Luning
Arvid Youngquist
Greg Knudsen
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Tom Heinrich
Ron Lockwood
Robert Finley
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Blaine Tsugawa
Coby M. Lynn
Elwin Spray
Glenn Ida
Pamela Young
Josh Magno

Members Absent (Reps):

Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
League of Women Voters

Ray Kunishige
Janice Marsters
Michael Costa
Piilani Kaopuiki

NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	Charles Carole
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl	James Marn
NB #13 Downtown	Tom Smyth
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Lorene Godfrey
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	Dick Poirier
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village	Joseph Francher
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Gil Riviere
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Randall Hiu
Waikiki Residents Association	Daisy Murai

Guests Present:

Frank Genadio	Citizen
Julia Belesario	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Ben Gorospe	Department of Transportation
Robert Whitaker	NB #7 Manoa
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

Chair David Arakawa called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. New Business

“Update on Transit-Oriented Development”

Chair Arakawa introduced Terrance Ware, City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Administrator. Mr. Ware explained that TOD involves the zones surrounding transit stations. The first zone is within a five-minute walk, the second zone is within a 400-meter radius, and the third zone is within an 800-meter radius.

The best examples of TOD zones include multi-family housing, office space, civic uses, entertainment, and service retail space. TODs are complex efforts that require the input and cooperation of many participants. The public, private, and non-profit sectors all have important roles in the process. Most importantly, the community around the transit station must be engaged and have confidence in the process.

In the evaluation of the proposed transit stations for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project, the Pearlridge, Kapolei, and Ala Moana stations ranked the highest. These proposed TODs have strong market activity and land opportunities, as well as being regionally important areas, which combine for strong short-term development opportunities. Mr. Ware emphasized the need for participation in the community planning efforts and encouraged ownership in the process and the outcome. Community partnerships and cooperative efforts are essential to successful TOD projects.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- A comment made by Tom Heinrich suggested the inclusion of the spur communities of Manoa and Waikiki into the evaluation of the TOD opportunities.
- In response to a question by Brandon Lau: Oahu's driving forces for TOD and the transit system are tourism, the military, and real estate.
- In response to a question by Frank Genadio: The transit system can be subsidized by TOD as well as investment going back into the community. Because Oahu's land values are high, the infrastructure is insufficient, and many areas are developed, less revenue will be generated by TODs.
- In response to a question by Chair Arakawa: The San Francisco Bay area's TOD acquired large areas surrounding transit stations and used that land for revenue generation. The Honolulu Rail Transit Project has taken a different approach, which is to acquire a minimum amount of property surrounding the transit stations.
- In response to a question by Blaine Tsugawa: Neighborhood-oriented stations are those which will primarily provide services to that neighborhood, within a one- to three-mile radius.

2. Approval of the February 17, 2010 and the March 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Cruz Vina, Jr. moved and Arvid Youngquist seconded to postpone the remaining business on the agenda until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Other Business

There was no other business.

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

Hearing no objections, this agenda item was deferred until the May meeting due to time constraints.

5. Announcements

There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.