

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 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
American Society of Civil Engineers
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Eye of the Pacific
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 #07 Manoa
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako
NB #13 Downtown
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
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

Michael Golojuch, Chair
Joseph Magaldi, Vice Chair
Tiffany Hamada
Ronald Pike
Twila Lai
Charlene Ota
Michael Costa
Louise Horio
I. Robert Nehmad
Shannon Alivado
Marcia Linville
Debbie Luning
Arvid Youngquist
Greg Knudsen
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Tom Heinrich
Ron Lockwood
Robert Finley
Charles Carole
David Hilea, Jr.
Tom Smyth
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Blaine Tsugawa
Dick Poirier
Joseph Francher
Ken LeVasseur
Glenn Ida
Pamela Young
Josh Magno
Randall Hiu
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

AARP
American Planning Association Hawaii
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii

Mary Protheroe
John Valera
Laura Kodama

E Noa Corporation
Hawaii Bicycling League
Honolulu Community Action Program
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #23 Ewa
North Shore Chamber of Commerce

Tom Dinell
Janice Marsters
Karl Espaldon
Bert Narita
James Marn
Lorene Godfrey
John Gollner
Gil Riviere

Guests Present:

Coby M. Lynn	Citizen
Christine Absher	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Julia Belesario	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Kaleo Gagne	NB #7 Manoa
Robert Whitaker	NB #7 Manoa
Brandon Lau	NB #14 Liliha
Bob R. Smith	NB #24 Waianae Coast
James K. Manaku, Sr.	NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson, Randolph Sykes, and Marian Yasuda

Chair Michael Golojuch called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

1. New Business

“Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2035”

Chair Golojuch introduced Nick Roach, Project Manager, PB Americas. Mr. Roach provided an overview of progress that has been made on the development of the ORTP 2035 thus far. He discussed the three public meetings that are underway this week, as well as what next steps are planned. He announced that the draft ORTP 2035 will be circulated at the end of 2010 in conjunction with an islandwide meeting to likely occur in December 2010. Mr. Roach encouraged the continued involvement of the CAC members through their participation in the telephone survey, attendance at the public meetings, response to the OahuMPO’s online survey, and review and comment on the draft ORTP 2035.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Ken LeVasseur: Ungrouping the projects on the web-based survey for evaluation by the public will be considered. Comments on specific projects are encouraged, and are preferably communicated through documenting them on the evaluation form or the online survey found on the OahuMPO Web site.
- Brian Gibson clarified that the project list is large and beyond what is affordable. OahuMPO is asking the public for their priorities to assist in developing a plan that meets the needs of Oahu residents.

- In response to a question by Linda Starr: The most effective way to share concerns about the Makapuu tunnel project is by submitting them in writing or via the online survey to the OahuMPO.
- A comment made by Shannon Alivado clarified that not all Waimanalo residents oppose plans for the Makapuu tunnel; they are interested in all alternative solutions.
- In response to a question by Tom Heinrich: Recreational improvements in the transportation system may be included in larger roadway projects. Integrating land-use planning with transportation planning may help to integrate transit-oriented development principles into the development of areas surrounding the rail transit stations.
- In response to a question by Arvid Youngquist: The Oahu long-range transportation plan, currently known as the ORTP, has been updated on a regular basis as a part of federal requirements placed on the MPO.
- In response to a question by Blaine Tsugawa: The 2035 baseline used in this update effort is made up of projects that are regionally significant, projects that are completed or currently being constructed, and projects that are programmed for construction in the first two years of the FFYs 2008-2011 TIP. When evaluating alternatives, the projects will be compared to the baseline to see how they might perform in context with the system that will be in place or underway.
- In response to a question by Marcia Linville: Addressing the impact on congestion of students driving or being driven to school is something that the agencies do consider. Providing your concerns through this current outreach process may assist them with their planning efforts.
- In response to a question by Joe Francher: A list of the stakeholders interviewed during the second phase of the public outreach will be provided. The telephone survey conducted used a random sampling of 1,000 Oahu households; this is a statistically valid sample.
- A comment made by Mr. LeVasseur stated that coordination between the Department of Education and Hawaii Department of Transportation could go a long way toward easing the crunch of congestion during the school year by looking at the transportation of students as mass transit.
- A comment made by Louise Horio stated the importance of encouraging the use of transit by having more transit vehicles and more bus stops. Adjusting the school hours to off-peak times might help ease the congestion.
- In response to a question by David Hilea: The ORTP can be amended, provided that it remains fiscally constrained. The process is similar to the process for revisions to the TIP.
- In response to a question by Mr. Heinrich: Comments should be submitted to the OahuMPO by September 3, 2010 in order to allow time to incorporate changes to the preferred alternative.

2. Approval of the July 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Hearing no objections, the minutes were accepted as circulated.

3. Other Business

There was no other business.

4. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that neither the Policy Committee nor the Technical Advisory Committee had met since the last CAC meeting. No future meetings were scheduled.

5. Announcements

- Chair Golojuch announced that members' ranking of the CAC presentation suggestions needs to be submitted to the OahuMPO no later than Monday, August 23.
- Chair Golojuch announced that the Honolulu Rail Transit Project is holding a free Seniors and Disabilities Workshop titled, "Equality and Mobility Through Transit" on Tuesday, August 31 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Neal Blaisdell Center.

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