

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 17, 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
AARP
American Planning Association Hawaii
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
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
League of Women Voters
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association
Mestizo Association
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl
NB #13 Downtown
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #23 Ewa
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village
NB #29 Kahaluu
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Tax Foundation of Hawaii
Waikiki Residents Association

Michael Golojuch, Chair
Joseph Magaldi, Vice Chair
Mary Prothero
John Valera
Laura Kodama
Ronald Pike
Tom Dinell
Charlene Ota
Michael Costa
Louise Horio
Steven Yoshida
Marcia Linville
Shannon Alivado
Arvid Youngquist
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Ron Lockwood
Robert Finley
Charles Carole
James Bannan
Tom Smyth
Lorene Godfrey
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
John Gollner
Dick Poirier
Joseph Francher
Ken LeVasseur
Pamela Young
Gil Riviere
Lowell Kalapa
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

American Society of Civil Engineers
Eye of the Pacific
Hawaii Bicycling League
Honolulu Community Action Program

Tiffany Hamada
Twila Lai
Jennifer Milam
Karl Espaldon

Land Use Research Foundation
NB #01 Hawaii Kai
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #07 Manoa
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #30 Kaneohe
Pacific Resource Partnership

David Arakawa
Greg Knudsen
Rick Egged
Tom Heinrich
David Hilea, Jr.
Blaine Tsugawa
Bob Smith
Glenn Ida
Josh Magno

Guests Present:

Janet Inamine	Citizen
Mike Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Brandon Lau	NB #14 Liliha
James Manaku	NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson and Marian Yasuda

Chair Michael Golojuch called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the October 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Chair Golojuch announced a correction to the August 18 meeting minutes to reflect the representative for Land Use Research Foundation to be David Arakawa.

Hearing no further corrections and no objections, the minutes were accepted as corrected.

2. Other Business

Chair Golojuch polled the committee regarding scheduling a December CAC meeting. The majority of CAC members polled preferred to recess in December.

3. “Revised Tsunami Evacuation Zones”

Chair Golojuch introduced John M. Cummings, Department of Emergency Management (DEM), Public Information Officer. Mr. Cummings provided background information about the development of the new tsunami evacuation zone maps and the significant changes in the update. Computer modeling of actual tsunami waves, geographic data, and ocean floor profiles contributed better science which led to the current update of the maps.

In the event of a tsunami warning, those in the designated evacuation zones should either leave the zone or, in areas such as Waikiki, practice a vertical evacuation. There are 21 maps available on the DEM Web site, http://www.honolulu.gov/dem/draft_tsunami_evacuation_zone_maps_.htm. There is also a link to accessible maps which are text descriptions compatible with screen readers. The maps in the white pages of the phonebook will all be updated by early 2011. Also, you can register at www.nixle.com for a free service to receive text messages or emails regarding emergency warnings and watches.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- Tom Smyth commented that the time and day of a tsunami warning, as well as the amount of advance warning, given make a difference in the success or failure of evacuation.
- In response to a question by James Manaku: DEM conducted public outreach workshops for Waianae in July and August, 2010. The Waianae Coast has a unique problem, in that the area may be isolated following an event. Residents are advised to leave the area completely, rather than just evacuating mauka. DEM is working to find City facilities that could serve as respite shelters for Waianae Coast residents.
- In response to a question by John Gollner: Schools cannot always be utilized for evacuation shelters because it is possible that schools will be in session and full of students. The schools outside of evacuation zones would be used to shelter students during the event.
- In response to a question by Mr. Smyth: The trend of telephone books being discontinued in favor of electronic phone directories is an issue that DEM will be addressing in the future.
- In response to a question by Bob Finley: The State is addressing the problem of incoming tourists being driven from the airport into Waikiki when an evacuation alarm has been sounded.
- In response to a question by Louise Horio: Evacuation of persons with disabilities is addressed in the emergency plans of HandiVan and Oahu Transit Services. To minimize the traffic impact during an evacuation, DEM recommends that businesses only release employees if they are in an inundation zone or if an employee lives in an inundation zone.

4. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that there had been no meeting of the Policy Committee nor the Technical Advisory Committee since the CAC last met in October.

The Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, November 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Conference Room 310 at 830 Punchbowl Street. At that meeting, they will likely:

- Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2011
- Take action on the Draft Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2035 Project List
- Discuss work elements that have been recommended for inclusion in the FY 2012 Overall Work Program (OWP)

5. Process Review

Brian Gibson provided information on how the CAC's activities fit into the processes of the OahuMPO. He began with the OWP, by reminding the CAC of their nine recommended planning studies for the FY 2012 OWP. He also gave details regarding possible transportation studies proposed by the OahuMPO for the FY 2012 OWP:

- Transportation Data Collection Program
- Planning for the Aging Population
- Electronic ORTP and Web site update

- Traffic Simulation Modeling of the H-1 Freeway

All recommended studies from our participating agencies, the CAC, and the OahuMPO will be evaluated in the early part of 2011 to determine which studies are placed in the draft OWP. The draft OWP will be circulated for public review in the spring of 2011.

The draft ORTP 2035 is currently being developed; the public review period will begin in the first part of 2011. The January CAC meeting may coincide with the islandwide meeting to present the draft ORTP 2035 on January 19, 2011 at the Neal Blaisdell Center. Approval of the final plan is on track for April of 2011.

The FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan for Oahu has been approved; however, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) has not yet been approved.

The OahuMPO is currently securing a consultant for its Household Interview Travel Survey, which will request 4,000 households on Oahu to keep trip diaries.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Tom Dinell: AARP will be consulted for the Planning for the Aging Population study should it go forward. The Data Collection Program might look at centralizing and sharing data already being collected, as well as possibly collecting new data.
- In response to a question by Linda Starr: An inventory of data currently being collected will be necessary in order to know if there is a need for additional data collection.
- In response to a question by Mr. Manaku: The simulation of traffic modeling that was shown for demonstration purposes was from a location outside of Hawaii.
- In response to a question by Mr. Smyth: The participants in the Household Interview Travel Survey will be compensated for their cooperation.
- In response to a question by Mr. Dinell: The sample households for the travel survey will be randomly selected. Demographic and spatial distribution of the survey sample will be checked.
- In response to a question by Chair Golojuch: The process review presentation can be provided on a bi-monthly basis.

6. Announcements

Chair Golojuch announced that a CAC resolution proposed by Mr. Dinell is available for review and will be on the next agenda for discussion and action.

Mr. Manaku wished everyone a happy holiday season.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.