

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 21, 2009, 3:30 p.m.
Council Committee Room
Honolulu Hale, Room 205
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Land Use Research Foundation
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
American Planning Association Hawaii
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Society of Landscape Architects
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Committee for Balanced Transportation
E Noa Corporation
Eye of the Pacific
Federal Rental Assisted Tenants Agency
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Hui Kupuna VIP
Interagency COORDINATION Councils
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association
NB #01 Hawaii Kai
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
NB #13 Downtown
NB #15 Kalihi-Palama
NB #20 Aiea
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #23 Ewa
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #26 Wahiawa
NB #29 Kahaluu
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley

David Arakawa, Chair
Michael Golojuch, Vice Chair
John Valera
Tiffany Hamada
Chris Dacus
Dean Minakami
Christine Absher
Joseph Magaldi
Tom Dinell
Twila Lai
David Yaw
Janice Marsters
Michael Costa
Louise Horio
CC Curry
Shannon Alivado
Greg Knudsen
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Ron Lockwood
Robert Finley
Charles Carole
Tom Smyth
Shane Yaw
Jane Sugimura
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Robert Kakalia
R. Scott Belford
Dick Poirier
Joseph Francher
Ken LeVasseur
Pamela Young

Members Absent (Reps):

AARP	Mary Protheroe
Charley's Taxi	Dale Evans
Hawaii Highway Users Alliance	Darcianne Evans
Hawaii Transportation Association	Gareth Sakakida
Honolulu Community Action Program	Val Tavai
Institute of Transportation Engineers	Don Hamada
League of Women Voters	Jacqueline Parnell
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl	Jay Fidell
NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights	Dale White
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Lorene Godfrey
NB #24 Waianae Coast	David Brown
NB #27 North Shore	Antya Miller
NB #30 Kaneohe	Wendell Lum
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Gil Riviere
Pacific Resource Partnership	Kyle Chock
Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter	Julie Shioshita
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Lowell Kalapa
Waianae Coast Transportation Concerns Group	Dick Boddy
Waikiki Residents Association	Daisy Murai

Guests Present:

Frank Genadio	Citizen
Laureen Kukino	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
John Gollner	Councilmember Duke Bainum
Keanu Young	Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz
Elizabeth Kreuger	Department of Transportation Services
Nalani Aki	Department of Health
Heidi Smith	DOH
Charlene Ota	Hawaii Center for Independent Living
Ben Gorospe	Hawaii Department of Transportation
Bryan Kimura	HDOT
Tammy Lee	HDOT
Alvin Takeshita	HDOT
Rose Pou	Hui Kupuna VIP
Elwin Spray	NB #29 Kahaluu

OahuMPO Staff Present: Gordon Lum (Executive Director), and Marian Yasuda

Chair David Arakawa called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

1. New Business

“Safe Routes to School”

Chair Arakawa introduced Mr. Alvin Takeshita, Engineer Program Manager, Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT), Highways Division, Traffic Branch. Mr. Takeshita provided some history and a brief overview of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. The primary goal of the SRTS is to help to reverse the trend of childhood obesity in the United States. Encouraging children to walk and bike to school can be facilitated by providing safer access to schools. SRTS is a federal reimbursable grant program for both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects trying to provide those safe routes. As of now, only non-infrastructure grants have been awarded. A second request for grant proposals will be underway at the end of winter 2009.

Discussion Highlights:

[Note: Unless otherwise noted, all questions were answered by Mr. Takeshita.]

- In response to a question by Linda Starr: When submitting a grant application, the endorsement of the entity with jurisdiction in the area of the project and justification of the project are required. Projects that incorporate data collection are desirable.
- In response to a question by Tom Smyth: Partnering with public and private schools is encouraged to help leverage resources required by the program.
- In response to a comment by Ken LeVasseur: Endorsement by the partnering schools is required.
- In response to a question by Joseph Francher: A formal call for proposals will be conducted in the winter of 2009. The maximum funding cap for proposals will be raised from \$250,000 to \$500,000. The Governor’s Highway Safety Council will be prioritizing all proposals received during this call for proposals.
- In response to a question by Frank Genadio: It is anticipated that the federal funding for this program will continue.
- In response to a question by Scott Belford: Bicyclists and pedestrians do not contribute to the Highway Trust Fund. However, fewer drivers on the road may mean fewer resources may be required for the highway maintenance program.
- In response to a question by Janice Marsters: Basically, all grant requests were awarded. Funding for the SRTS program coordinator position is not included in the grant monies. The grant monies could be used to help pay for consultants helping the grantee navigate through the grant process and collect the required information.
- Nalani Aki stated that the Department of Health has been working with HDOT to deliver public training in April or May to assist with the grant request and implementation process.

2. Approval of the September 17 and November 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

- **September 17, 2008 meeting minutes**

Discussion Highlights:

- Marian Yasuda explained, after reviewing the recording of the September CAC meeting, the opposition expressed by CC Curry was in regards to the approval of the August minutes, which was accurately included in the September minutes.

Hearing no corrections, the September 17, 2008 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

- **November 19, 2008 meeting minutes**

Discussion Highlights:

Hearing no corrections, the November 19, 2008 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

3. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights - Policy Committee & Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Ms. Yasuda announced the following:

- There was no meeting of the Policy Committee since the CAC last met on November 19, 2008. The Policy Committee was scheduled to meet on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, #205. At that meeting, it was anticipated that they would:
 - Elect a Chair to fill the vacant FY 2009 Chair position;
 - Take action on FYs 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions #8 and 9;
 - Ask questions about the Status of FY 2008 TIP Projects;
 - Hear information about the Economic Stimulus Package;
 - Take action on the Revisions to the CAC Bylaws; and
 - Hear the CAC Chair's Report.
- The TAC met on December 5, 2008. At that meeting they:
 - Accepted the Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism's Year 2035 Socio-Economic Transportation Scenario Forecasts and the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting's Distribution of Year 2035 Socio-Economic Forecasts to Traffic Analysis Zones; and
 - Heard a presentation on the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement.
- TAC is scheduled to meet on Friday, January 23, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in the HDOT 5th Floor Conference Room. At that meeting, it is anticipated that they will:
 - Made a recommendation to the Policy Committee on FYs 2008-2011 TIP Revision #9; and

- Discuss the Economic Stimulus.

4. Announcements

- **Economic Stimulus Projects Status**

- Gordon Lum announced that the U.S. Congress is currently deliberating on an Economic Stimulus Package. It will make approximately \$30 billion in highway funds available nationwide, which may mean approximately \$150 million Statewide. At this time, it is unknown how much monies will actually be available. What is known is that projects using these funds will need to be awarded or obligated in a very short time period. The projects submitted for these funds will need to be ready-to-go in order to utilize these stimulus funds.

In order to meet these deadlines, the public involvement process for the economic stimulus projects will be streamlined and the TIP process will need to be completed within a week of the President's signing of the Economic Stimulus Bill. HDOT has indicated that they have \$500 million worth of projects Statewide that may be eligible for these funds. The list of projects that the State and City feel are eligible and can be awarded in the required 90 or 120 days will be posted as TIP Revision #10 on the OahuMPO website as soon as it is provided. Mr. Lum noted that, in order to financially constrain the TIP, all projects listed in the preliminary draft of Revision #10 may not end up being funded or included in the final TIP revision.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.