

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 3:30 p.m.
City 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
AARP
American Society of Civil Engineers
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Committee for Balanced Transportation
E Noa Corporation
Eye of the Pacific
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Hui Kupuna VIP
Interagency COORDINATION Councils
League of Women Voters
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 #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl
NB #13 Downtown
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
Tax Foundation of Hawaii
Waikiki Residents Association

David Arakawa, Chair
Michael Golojuch, Vice Chair
Mary Protheroe
Tiffany Hamada
Dean Minakami
Ronald Pike
Joseph Magaldi
Tom Dinell
Twila Lai
Mitchell Nakagawa
Michael Costa
Louise Horio
CC Curry
Jacqueline Parnell
Shannon Alivado
Greg Knudsen
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Ron Lockwood
Robert Finley
Charles Carole
James Marn
Tom Smyth
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Robert Kakalia
Coby M. Lynn
Dick Poirier
Joseph Francher
Ken LeVasseur
Pamela Young
Randall Hiu
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

American Planning Association Hawaii	John Valera
American Society of Landscape Architects	Chris Dacus
Charley's Taxi	Dale Evans
Federal Rental Assisted Tenants Agency	David Yaw
Hawaii Highway Users Alliance	Darcianne Evans
Hawaii Transportation Association	Gareth Sakakida
Honolulu Community Action Program	Val Tavai
Institute of Transportation Engineers	Don Hamada
NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights	Dale White
NB #15 Kalihi-Palama	Shane Yaw
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Lorene Godfrey
NB #20 Aiea	Carl Jacobs
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	Mike Kido
Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter	Julie Shioshita
Waianae Coast Transportation Concerns Group	Dick Boddy

Guests Present:

Jackie Boland	AARP
Christine Absher	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Laureen Kukino	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Charlene Ota	Hawaii Center for Independent Living
Mark Romoser	Hawaii Center for Independent Living
Dean Nakagawa	Hawaii Department of Transportation
Rose Pou	Hui Kupuna VIP
Frank Genadio	Makakilo Resident
Arvid Youngquist	Mestizo Association
Tom Heinrich	NB #7 Manoa
R. Scott Belford	NB #23 Ewa
Rich Hargrave	NB #23 Ewa
Nick Roach	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Christopher Ritzau	Xiandai Consulting

OahuMPO Staff Present: Gordon Lum, Randolph Sykes, and Marian Yasuda

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

1. New Business

“Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2035”

Handout: “Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2035 Update - Proposed Vision, Goals, and Objectives”

Chair Arakawa introduced Nick Roach, Project Manager, Parsons Brinckerhoff. Mr. Roach presented the draft Vision Statement, Goals, and Objectives for the update of the ORTP to the year 2035. Mr. Roach explained that these concepts will provide the direction which will guide the evaluation and assessment of the ORTP 2035 projects to ensure that projects in the plan dovetail with the vision of Oahu’s ideal future transportation system.

Discussion Highlights:

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

In reference to the Vision Statement:

- Chair Arakawa suggested that the term *well-maintained* be added to the list in bullet #1 and that the statement mention the need for a dependable source of funding for construction and maintenance.
- Joe Francher suggested the term *economic sustainability* be added to the list in bullet #3.
- Tom Smyth suggested that the term *appropriate* be added to the list in bullet #3

In reference to the Goals:

- Chair Arakawa suggested that the term *well-maintained* or *dependable* be included in the transportation services goal.
- Tom Heinrich suggested that the word *maintain* be replaced with *promotes* in the environment and quality of life goal.
- Chair Arakawa suggested that *with a fair and equitable source of funding* be added to either the transportation services goal or the land use and transportation integration goal.
- Mr. Heinrich suggested that an additional goal could include the more policy-related statements, such as maintenance, equity, and funding. He also suggested that the term *effective* should be added to the land use and transportation integration goal.
- In response to a question by Mary Protheroe: The spirit and the direction of the current ORTP 2030 are still relevant today. The objectives will offer more details than the goals and may sufficiently address other means of mobility, such as transit, paratransit, walking, and bicycling, which are appropriate in a regional context.
- Chair Arakawa suggested adding *appropriate alternative transportation choices* to the vision statement in an effort to address Ms. Protheroe’s suggestion that bicycle and pedestrian issues should be given a stronger emphasis.
- In response to a question by Jackie Boland: The population and employment forecasts provided by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for the year 2035 are being utilized in the plan development. Additionally, a robust public

outreach program is being developed to capture the needs of the many demographic groups of transportation system users.

- Mr. Smyth suggested the addition of the term *appropriate* to provide limits to some of the goals.
- In response to a question by Scott Belford: Telecommuting and telemedicine will be addressed in the plan as one option under the umbrella of travel demand management.
- In response to a question by Arvid Youngquist: These are draft goals and objectives; they will be finalized prior to the request for action by the Policy Committee.
- In response to a question by Mr. Francher: Telecommuting will likely be included in the telephone surveys that are conducted as a part of the public outreach program.
- Mr. Smyth suggested that the issue of telecommuting include third-party business community centers as an additional form of travel demand management.
- Robert Kakalia commented on the current inadequacy of the network infrastructure and the need to find funding sources to upgrade and maintain the teleworking system.

In reference to the Objectives:

- Linda Starr commented that there is no mention of practical access to and from the transit system. She suggested that emphasis be placed on *usable* and *practical* systems for the disabled. An objective might be to fully achieve the *Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines* (ADAAG) in the transportation system.
- Tom Dinell suggested that the objectives do not address providing a transportation system that is accessible and safe for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Mr. Youngquist felt that the term *best-management practices* might need to supplement the term *cost-effective* when describing how the transportation system will be planned, implemented, and maintained.
- Ms. Starr suggested that, in an effort to be consistent with Federal guidelines, the implementing agencies treat ADAAG as a convention rather than as a suggestion. She recommended the addition of such a statement to an objective.
- In response to a question by Ms. Protheroe: Performance measures will be developed to assist the planning process. Randolph Sykes said that the CAC will be allowed to review the measures.
- Ms. Starr suggested adding the term *enhance* to objective #16.
- Mr. Dinell suggested the addition of *including archeological and historic sites* to the description of Oahu's cultural integrity in objective #16.
- Mr. Dinell suggested the removal of the limiting clause – *which can be safely integrated with other transportation modes* – at the end of objective #17.
- Mr. Smyth suggested that there needs to be some limitations stated based on common sense and safety, because not everything that is desired is practically possible.
- Mr. Smyth suggested that the social character of an established community needs clarification of what point in the community's history would be used to determine its social character.

- In response to a question by Ms. Starr: There are adopted community plans around Oahu that drive the direction of development and infrastructure for that community. The ORTP 2035 will reinforce and complement the objectives of those plans.
- Mr. Belford suggested the statement *including vendor-neutral fiber optic cable to accelerate the adoption of telecommuting and telemedicine solutions* be added to the end of objective #25.
- In response to a question by Mr. Dinell: Following the development of the goals and objectives will be the development of plan alternatives and the evaluation of how those alternatives perform. The list of projects that is ultimately included in the ORTP 2035 will be utilized for implementing action.
- Mark Romoser suggested the inclusion of Transit-Oriented Development in the objectives.

Mr. Roach presented the ORTP 2035 logo, *Mobilizing Oahu: Fulfilling Our Legacy*. Mr. Sykes commented that the logo is a result of the efforts of the CAC ORTP Working Group.

2. Approval of the March 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

3. Other Business

There was no other business.

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

Ms. Yasuda announced the following:

- The Policy Committee has not met since the CAC last met on March 18, 2009. No future meeting is scheduled.
- The Technical Advisory Committee met on April 15, 2009. At that meeting they:
 - Heard a presentation by Nick Roach of Parsons Brinkerhoff on the vision, goals, objectives, and performance measures of the ORTP 2035.
- No future Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled.

5. Announcements

Chair Arakawa announced that the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) had a public meeting in Waipahu on the transit station and will be scheduling two additional meetings.

Chair Arakawa also announced that the comments provided to DTS on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project by the Environmental Protection Agency have been distributed at the meeting.

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