

CAC Pedestrian Safety Sub-Committee

for the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

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MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 10, 2019

Place: 707 Richards Street #200, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

1. Call to Order & Introductions – Tom Dinell, Chair

Members: Tom Dinell, Robert Nehmad, Raytan Vares, Ken Farm, Bert Narita, James Burke
(for Elizabeth Chinn, AARP)

Others: Joe Magaldi, Dick Poirier, Kari Benes, Trish La Chica, Jaylen Murakami, Alvin Au,
Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

2. New Business

- a. **Moving forward & decision on Subcommittee creating a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)** – This will be addressed in the future as needed.

- b. **Agreement on mission of Sub-committee-** To start the discussion, Tom Dinell shared two handouts and the group read through them. During this discussion, it was clarified that this sub-committee, as approved by the CAC, is for pedestrian safety without specific reference to an age group to focus on. The rationale behind the handout's focusing on the "65 and older" is the State's death and injury statistics that is "out of whack" from the rest of the country. The group's consensus for the subcommittee's mission was to address all ages in two stages. The "65 and older" will be addressed in the first stage and the "65 and below" in second stage. The handout content will be restated accordingly.

The handouts are available via:

https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1565

Item "e" below was covered as part of the discussion.

- c. **Presentation – Data and information on pedestrian deaths and injuries of persons 65 year of age and older on Oahu-** Kari L. Benes, Hawaii Department of Health

The PowerPoint slides for this presentation are available in

https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1543

The data presented covers all ages in Oahu, not just 65 years and older. The presentation also covers 3 mapping tools that help reveal trends. After the brief discussion and asked what three pieces of advice can be offered as areas to focus on, Kari Benes offered the following:

- 1) Speed management
- 2) Address impairment
- 3) Connect routes for pedestrians

During the discussion, there was recognition for the need to break down the silo-mentality. In this context, there is still the “driver” mentality when everyone should have a “pedestrian” mentality. There was sharing of stories that reflect on the need to move out of being car-centric and move towards people- and community-centered. There was also a recognition of actions that help prevent accidents (e.g. reflective wears) but the bigger need to have the mindset of seeing pedestrian as individuals.

d. **The Age-Friendly transportation working group status-** not discussed.

e. **A Proposal on how the subcommittee should proceed**

“Measures” as used in the handout needs to be clarified so that staff of agencies can respond better to what the Subcommittee wants. The Subcommittee wants to know what agencies are doing to address pedestrian safety, what they are doing on the ground, and how these practices fit into policies. The question to agencies is an open-ended question that can cover measures, action, and processes but particularly policies and actions that are occurring in the field.

Clarification was also sought on whether the Department of Health should be one of the agencies to be asked also since DOH is engaged in pedestrian safety in the context of the built environment. The DOH has been sought primarily for data but this should be revisited.

There was a reference to traffic-related studies done by Karl Kim et al which are accessible to UH students but not to the public. Staff, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand, offered to look into this.

f. **Agreement on mode of subcommittee operation, including frequency and type of meetings** – There was a question of timeline, specifically on a deadline to submit a Sub-committee report to the CAC. There is no deadline set yet. There was consensus that a Subcommittee should have a report sooner rather than later.

3. Invitation to interested members of the public to be heard on matters not Included on the Agenda

4. Announcements

5. Announcement of next scheduled meeting.

The next meeting will reflect on database and the mission. There is consensus to meet monthly, at a different place, and at a time different from CAC regular meeting. May 1 was proposed as the next meeting.

6. Adjournment