

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 15, 2009, 3:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room 301, Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Land Use Research Foundation
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Committee for Balanced Transportation
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Honolulu Community Action Program
Hui Kupuna VIP
Institute of Transportation Engineers
League of Women Voters
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #07 Manoa
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #20 Aiea
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
Waikiki Residents Association

David Arakawa, Chair
Michael Golojuch, Vice Chair
Ray Kunishige
Ronald Pike
Joseph Magaldi
Mark Ramoser
Michael Costa
Darin Olson
Louise Horio
Robert Nehmad
Piilani Kaopuiki
Shannon Alivado
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Tom Heinrich
Robert Finley
Charles Carole
James Marn
Rachel Glanstein
Jane Sugimura
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Dick Poirier
Joseph Francher
Pamela Young
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

AARP
American Planning Association Hawaii
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Society of Landscape Architects
E Noa Corporation
Eye of the Pacific
Hawaii Bicycling League
Interagency COORDINATION Councils

Mary Protheroe
John Valera
Tiffany Hamada
Chris Dacus
Tom Dinell
Twila Lai
Janice Marsters
CC Curry

NB #01 Hawaii Kai	Greg Knudsen
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili	Ron Lockwood
NB #13 Downtown	Tom Smyth
NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights	Dale White
NB #22 Waipahu	Thomas Maus
NB #23 Ewa	Coby M. Lynn
NB #29 Kahaluu	Ken LeVasseur
NB #30 Kaneohe	Wendell Lum
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Gil Riviere
Pacific Resource Partnership	Mike Kido
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Randall Hiu

Guests Present:

Kevin Killeen	Citizen
Christine Absher	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Julia K. Belesario	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Nicholas Poulos	Department of Transportation Services
Susan Uejo	Hawaii Department of Transportation
Rose Pou	Hui Kupuna VIP
Robert Whitaker	NB #7 Manoa

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

Chair David Arakawa called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. with a quorum (23 member organizations) present.

1. New Business

A. "Election of Officers"

Chair Arakawa read the nominations submitted by the nominations subcommittee:

- David Arakawa, Land Use Research Foundation, for CAC Chair, and
- Michael Golojuch, Neighborhood Board #34, for CAC Vice Chair

Chair Arakawa asked for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Chair Arakawa asked for a motion to close the nominations.

Bert Narita moved and Lester Fukuda seconded that the nominations for CAC Chair and Vice Chair be closed.

Discussion Highlights:

Dick Poirier raised a point of order; Mr. Poirier stated that Mr. Golojuch was not reelected to Neighborhood Board (NB) #34 in the most recent election. He questioned Mr. Golojuch's eligibility for nomination.

Mr. Golojuch responded that he has been selected by the Chair of his neighborhood board as its representative to the CAC.

Gordon Lum noted that the Bylaws of the CAC (in Section III. A. 6.) state that any changes in member organization information, including the designated representative and alternate(s), shall be made by the presiding officer or authorized representative of the member organization and shall be sent to the OahuMPO in writing. At this time, the OahuMPO has not received any notification of change in the representation for NB #34.

Tom Heinrich stated that the Manoa NB #7 is in a similar situation. Its CAC representatives and alternates have not yet been ratified, but are willing to continue in their current roles on the CAC. Mr. Lum noted that there is a distinction between the rules of the CAC and the rules of its member organizations.

Chair Arakawa recommended that the CAC vote on the current slate of nominees.

The motion to close the nominations was approved unanimously.

The slate of nominees was elected by unanimous consent.

1.B. Councilmember Gary Okino

Chair Arakawa introduced Councilmember Gary Okino as representing District 8, which consists of Fort Shafter, Moanalua, Halawa, Aiea, Pearl City, Pearl City Peninsula, Seaview, Crestview, and Waipio Gentry. He previously served as Chief of the Planning Division in the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), the Chair of the OahuMPO Policy Committee for fiscal year (FY) 2009, and is currently serving as Vice Chair for the Policy Committee during FY 2010.

Councilmember Okino provided the history of his goals and visions for Oahu. He began his 33-year career with the City in 1963 as a student planner. The City's development of a second urban center in Ewa created the challenge of providing infrastructure for that development – specifically regional transportation. A high-speed rail system was viewed as the solution to that challenge; it has become a major personal goal throughout his career.

Councilmember Okino provided some highlights of the City Council's transportation achievements for the past year:

- They eliminated TheBoat, saving \$5 million. An intra-island ferry system may be revisited in the future, utilizing lessons learned with this effort;
- They approved a public transit budget of \$200 million, which includes subsidizing 70% of the TheBus costs;
- They added funds for implementation of the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Program;
- They provided 44 new positions to the Rapid Transit Division to take the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project (HHCTCP) to the next level;
- They approved the establishment of a Transit-Oriented Development special district regulation that will allow the DPP to plan the areas around the rail stations;

- They introduced Bill 55, which will allow eligible Handi-Van riders to ride TheBus;
- They passed a law that prohibits the use of mobile electronic devices; and
- They added the following to the Capital Budget:
 - \$1.5 million for bikeway improvements;
 - \$19 million for Kapiolani Boulevard improvements;
 - \$77 million for rehabilitation of the streets;
 - \$6 million for planning and design of the Salt Lake Boulevard widening project;
 - \$17 million for bus and Handi-Van acquisition;
 - \$2.8 million for the Wahiawa Transit Center; and
 - \$1 billion for the HHCTCP.

Discussion Highlights:

[Note: Unless otherwise noted, all questions were answered by Councilmember Okino.]

- Mark Ramoser commented that access to TheBus by eligible Handi-Van riders was previously free, but that free accessibility changed with the passing of last year's omnibus transit bill. Bill 55 attempts to restore that free option.
- In response to a question by Mr. Narita: The City is limited to a 70% subsidy of TheBus. Last year, that subsidy amounted to \$125 million, which is funded through property taxes.
- In response to a question by Louise Horio: The City Council deals with policies rather than operational issues of the bus system. Nicholas Poulos, from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS), will transmit the concerns voiced by Ms. Horio to the Transit Division of DTS.
- In response to a question by Joe Francher: An extension spur of the HHCTCP to central Oahu is very viable in the future.
- Joseph Magaldi expressed his appreciation to Councilmember Okino for his years of dedication and service.
- In response to a question by Charles Carole: The Environmental Impact Statement for the HHCTCP should be approved and released in the fall of 2009. Mr. Lum noted that the schedule was identified in an earlier presentation to the CAC.
- In response to a question by James Marn: The election of a new Mayor for Honolulu should not affect the rail project.

2. Approval of the June 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Chair Arakawa announced a correction at the bottom of page 4 of the draft June minutes; it should read (*deleted text struck out; added text underlined*):

"In response to a question by Bert Narita: Ms. Glanstein stated that the 1.5 mile segment for widening goes from ~~Puuoloa Road to the shopping center~~ the shopping center to Maluna Street."

Tom Heinrich provided the following corrections:

- Robert Whitaker should be listed as present;
- The word *proposed* should be inserted prior to *Bylaws* in the second and last paragraphs of page 3;
- Suggests the following change to wording of the first sentence at the top of page 4: *Mr. Smyth moved and Cruz Vina, Jr., seconded that the ~~amended~~ proposed Bylaws amendment be approved by the CAC.*
- Insert the full text of the proposed Bylaws amendment into the minutes;
- Delete the word *friendly* before *amendment* in the first discussion bullet at the top of page 4;
- Change *Hawaii's system* to *Honolulu's system* in the first discussion bullet for item 1.C. on page 5; and
- Correct the first announcement to read: “... *plan of the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, and an update on the State Department of Transportation's potential 'H-1 Eastbound, Punahou Street On-Ramp' project.*”

Chair Arakawa asked if there were any other corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as corrected.

Hearing no objections, the June 17, 2009 minutes were approved as corrected by unanimous consent.

3. Other Business

There was no other business.

4. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights - Policy Committee & Technical Advisory Committee

Ms. Yasuda announced the following:

- The Policy Committee met on July 7, 2009. At that meeting, they:
 - Elected Senator Will Espero as Chair and Councilmember Gary Okino as Vice Chair for FY 2010;
 - Awarded Certificates of Appreciation to the following CAC member organizations:
 - Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
 - Committee for Balanced Transportation
 - Eye of the Pacific
 - Hui Kupuna VIP
 - InterAgency COORDINATION Council
 - Land Use Research Foundation
 - Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association
 - NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-St. Louis Heights
 - NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
 - NB #22 Waipahu
 - NB #29 Kahaluu
 - NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale

- NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
 - Approved the CAC Bylaws as amended;
 - Acknowledged the amended CAC Recommendations to the FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
 - Approved Revision #13 to the FFYs 2008-2011 TIP;
 - Heard an update on the Honolulu Rail Transit Project; and
 - Heard the CAC meeting highlights.
- The Technical Advisory Committee met on July 1, 2009. At that meeting, they:
 - Elected Mark Au, DTS, as Chair and Glenn Yasui, Hawaii Department of Transportation, as Vice Chair for FY 2010; and
 - Made a recommendation to the Policy Committee to approve Revision #13 to the FFYs 2008-2011 TIP.

Chair Arakawa added that the Policy Committee suggested the CAC prioritize their early listing of recommended TIP projects in an effort to give additional guidance to the agencies about the relative importance of these projects.

- In response to a question by Mr. Heinrich: Mr. Lum stated that the goal of this early input effort is to provide the agencies with an understanding of what projects might be a high priority to the CAC. The timing of this effort allows for this information to be received prior to the agencies' submittal of TIP projects to the OahuMPO in the late fall of 2009. There will be an additional opportunity for the CAC to review and comment on the draft TIP. The CAC could consider prioritizing their early recommendations during the development of the next TIP.

5. Announcements

Marian Yasuda announced that the Bylaws have been distributed to each member organization. Additionally, a form requesting suggestions for presentation topics for the coming fiscal year and a memo requesting each members mailing information update were distributed.

Chair Arakawa stressed the importance of presentation suggestions in assisting his decisions regarding agenda topics during the coming year.

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