

Meeting Summary of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 3:30 p.m.  
Mayor's Conference Room  
Honolulu Hale, Room 301  
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

***Members Present:***

NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus  
Committee for Balanced Transportation  
AARP  
American Planning Association  
Committee for Balanced Transportation  
E Noa Corporation  
Eye of the Pacific  
Hawaii Bicycling League  
Hawaii Highway Users Alliance  
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996  
Institute of Transportation Engineers  
Interagency COORDINATION Councils  
League of Women Voters  
NB #01 Hawaii Kai  
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala  
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights  
NB #09 Waikiki  
NB #13 Downtown  
NB #21 Pearl City  
NB #23 Ewa  
NB #26 Wahiawa  
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale  
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley  
Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter  
Waianae Coast Transportation Concerns Group  
Waikiki Residents Association

Charles Carole, Chair  
Joe Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair  
Mary Protheroe  
Marilynn Metz  
Frank Genadio  
Tom Dinell  
Twila Lai  
Mitchell Nakagawa  
Dale Evans  
Michael Costa  
Paul Won  
CC Curry  
Jacqueline Parnell  
Greg Knudsen  
Lester Fukuda  
Bert Narita  
Robert Finley  
Tom Smythe  
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.  
R. Scott Belford  
Joseph Francher  
Michael Golojuch  
Pamela Young  
Randy Ching  
Dick Boddy  
Daisy Murai

***Members Absent (Reps):***

American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii  
Charley's Taxi  
Hawaii Transportation Association  
Honolulu Community Action Program  
Land Use Research Foundation

Tiffany Hamada  
Chris Dacus  
Dean Minakami  
Dale Evans  
Gareth Sakakida  
Vai Leatiota  
David Arakawa

Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association	David Arakawa
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili	Ron Lockwood
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl	Jay Fidell
NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights	Loy Kuo
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Lorene Godfrey
NB #22 Waipahu	Thomas Maus
NB #24 Waianae Coast	David Brown
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	David Aki
NB #27 North Shore	Antya Miller
NB #30 Kaneohe	Wendell Lum
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Gil Riviere
Pacific Resource Partnership	Richard Kane
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Randall Hiu

***Guests Present:***

Dan DeGracia II	Citizen
Albert Del Rio	Citizen
Ronald W. Pike	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Ben Gorospe	Department of Transportation
Tom Berg	Ewa Pedestrian Coalition
David Yaw	Federal Rental Assisted Tenant Agency
Jon McKenna	Haseko
Cliff Slater	HonoluluTraffic.com
Louise Horio	Hui Kupuna VIP
Rose Pou	Hui Kupuna VIP
Alan R. Gano	Leeward Infrastructure Coalition
Janet Inamine	Moiliili resident
Shane Yaw	NB #15 Kalihi-Palama

***OahuMPO Consultant:*** Ron Mobley, PRP, Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians

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

Chair Charles Carole called the meeting to order at 3:29 p.m. A quorum was present.

**1. Approval of the January 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

*Vice Chair Joe Magaldi, Jr. moved and Cruz Vina, Jr. seconded that the January 16, 2008 meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.*

**2. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### 3. New Business

#### 3.A. Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

- Dr. Peter Flachsbart, AICP, of the American Planning Association - Hawaii Chapter, presented *What Can We Learn from Other Cities about Transit Oriented Development*. The following nine questions were the focus of his presentation:
  1. What is the origin of TOD?
  2. What is TOD today?
  3. What drives demand for TOD?
  4. What land uses are typically mixed together in TOD?
  5. How far will people walk to a transit station?
  6. What design features of TOD encourage walking?
  7. What residential densities support transit ridership?
  8. Why do people live in TODs?
  9. Can TOD parking standards be lowered to provide community benefits?
- Tom Berg, of the Ewa Pedestrian Coalition, presented a video called *Fruitless in Fruitvale* and spoke about the negative aspects of TOD – such as maintenance costs, train noise and vibration, and unsuccessful business ventures.
- Cliff Slater, of HonoluluTraffic.com, presented information about TOD. The following four questions were the focus of his presentation:
  1. Does the public appreciate “higher density, vibrant neighborhoods” of TODs?
  2. Do TODs increase transit ridership?
  3. Do TODs result in less automobile use?
  4. Do TODs reduce traffic congestion?
- Kathy Sokugawa, of the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting, gave a synopsis of the four current bills being heard by the Committee on Executive Matters of the Honolulu City Council:
  1. Draft bill establishing the process for creating community-based TODs,
  2. Bill reducing parking requirements for businesses and residences around transit stations,
  3. Bill allowing hotel use around transit stations, and
  4. Bill requiring the City to enter into project agreements with construction labor unions.

#### Discussion:

- In response to a question by Alan Gano: Mr. Slater cited the source of the ridership figures in his presentation as a Federal Highway Administration report called *1960-2000: Journey to Work Trends*.
- In response to a question by Dale Evans: Dr. Flachsbart cited Collingwood Village in Vancouver as an example of a TOD where parking limitations did not have a negative impact on the surrounding community.
- In response to a question by Twila Lai: Dr. Flachsbart stated that the Technology Panel will be evaluating different technologies using noise and vibration impacts as one criterion.

- In response to a question by Mary Protheroe: Ms. Sokugawa stated that the Waipahu Community Plan will be finalized this summer. There will be another community meeting in Waipahu regarding this plan in the latter part of April, where preliminary recommendations will be presented.
- In response to a question by Albert Del Rio: Ms. Sokugawa stated that zoning permits are being approved without transit being in place.
- In response to a question by Scott Belford: Mr. Slater stated that, when looking at trends and forecasting future statistics, comparable locations and situations were used to make the predictions included in his presentation.
- In response to a question by Joseph Francher: Dr. Flachsbart stated that many of the mainland TODs are located in abandoned industrial sites to take advantage of lower land acquisition costs. Honolulu will have higher acquisition costs because that type of lower-cost land is not available here.
- In response to a question by Dan DeGarcia: Mr. Slater said that a conservative estimate of the cost for HOT lanes is less than \$1 billion.
- In response to a question by Daisy Murai: Ms. Sokugawa stated that each TOD will have a plaza area that serves as an entry to the stations.
- Ron Mobley, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, elaborated on the proper procedures under Robert's Rules of Order for two incidences during this question-and-answer period:
  - Questions must be pertinent to the subject of the presentation. The question should not be framed as a lecture, but, instead, should be an inquiry.
  - Each person is entitled to two opportunities to speak. After being recognized by the Chair, the speaker must state their name and organization and direct their comments only to the Chair of the committee, not to each other.

### **3.B. Update on Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Subcommittee**

Mr. Belford, Chair of the PPP Subcommittee, summarized the meeting that occurred on February 13, 2008. He stated that, in this meeting, the subcommittee looked at the negative aspects of the PPP issue and is currently working on a draft report to present for consideration by the CAC. The subcommittee expressed their desire to have the CAC take a vote on their official position regarding PPP.

#### Discussion:

- Tom Dinell expressed his disappointment at not having been a part of the subcommittee.
- Ms. Curry requested a list of the subcommittee members and information about upcoming meetings of the subcommittee.

## **4. Other Business**

### **Future Agenda Topics**

- *Ms. Evans moved and Ms. Protheroe seconded that the CAC have a regular agenda item or set aside a meeting where communities and citizens can bring their severe needs to the*

*CAC to consider, make recommendations for consideration, and state a severe need that is being neglected. The motion carried with 12 in favor and 5 abstentions.*

Discussion:

- Mr. Francher pointed out that there was no discussion on this motion and requested that the motion be restated.
- Ms. Protheroe stated that both the Waianae Coast and the North Shore have expressed the needs of their communities, but the CAC seems to ignore those rural communities. She suggested hearing from the neighborhood board representatives that are having serious problems.
- Dick Boddy stated that the Waianae Board currently has the opportunity to bring concerns to the CAC.
- Ms. Curry pointed out that many members did not vote on the motion. She also indicated that the neighborhood boards sometimes suppress issues that are brought before them.
- Mr. Mobley pointed out that:
  - No motion was required for suggesting an agenda topic.
  - Once a vote was taken on the motion, the motion was finished and there should be no further discussion on that motion.
- Ms. Horio suggested that the Bus and HandiVan be included in a future agenda.

**5. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights - Policy Committee & Technical Advisory Committee**

Ms. Yasuda announced that there were no meetings of either the Policy Committee or the Technical Advisory Committee since the CAC last met in January. There are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

**6. Announcements**

Chair Carole announced that the Technology Panel for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project will be meeting on Friday, February 22, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in the Mission Memorial Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.