

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 3:30 p.m.
Council Committee Room
Honolulu Hale, Room 205
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
Committee for Balanced Transportation
AARP
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
E Noa Corporation
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Hawaii Transportation Association
Honolulu Community Action Program
Interagency COORDINATION Councils
League of Women Voters
NB #01 Hawaii Kai
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #13 Downtown
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #23 Ewa
NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #26 Wahiawa
NB #30 Kaneohe
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter
Tax Foundation of Hawaii
Waianae Coast Transportation Concerns Group
Waikiki Residents Association

Charles Carole, Chair
Joe Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair
Mary Protheroe
Dean Minakami
Tom Dinell
Michael Costa
Gareth Sakakida
Val Tavai
CC Curry
Jacqueline Parnell
Greg Knudsen
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Ron Lockwood
Robert Finley
Tom Smythe
Lorene Godfrey
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Thomas Maus
R. Scott Belford
David Brown
Dick Poirier
Joseph Francher
Wendell Lum
Michael Golojuch
Pamela Young
Gil Riviere
Randy Ching
Randall Hiu
Dick Boddy
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

American Planning Association
American Society of Civil Engineers

John Valera
Tiffany Hamada

American Society of Landscape Architects	Chris Dacus
Charley's Taxi	Dale Evans
Eye of the Pacific	Twila Lai
Hawaii Bicycling League	Mitchell Nakagawa
Hawaii Highway Users Alliance	Darcianne Evans
Institute of Transportation Engineers	Pete Pascua
Land Use Research Foundation	David Arakawa
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association	David Arakawa
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl	Jay Fidell
NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights	Dale White
NB #22 Waipahu	Thomas Maus
NB #27 North Shore	Antya Miller
Pacific Resource Partnership	Richard Kane

Guests Present:

Ronald W. Pike	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Kathy Sokugawa	Department of Planning and Permitting
Ken Tatsuguchi	Department of Transportation
James Burke	Department of Transportation Services
David Yaw	Federal Rental Assisted Tenant Agency
Louise Horio	Hui Kupuna VIP
Janet Inamine	Moiiliili resident
Shane Yaw	NB #15 Kalihi-Palama
Carl Jacobs	NB #20 Aiea
Elwin Spray	NB #29 Kahaluu

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 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of the February 20, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Joe Magaldi, Jr. moved and Cruz Vina, Jr. seconded that the February 20, 2008 meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Unfinished Business

Mr. Mobley reviewed some key procedures under Robert's Rules of Order:

- A motion is not always required for actions such as approval of minutes or adjournment of the meeting. Those actions can be achieved by unanimous consent.
- Once a motion has been made and seconded, it is then owned by the committee. The person who made the motion cannot rescind that motion without the approval of the committee.

- Discussion on a motion only occurs after that motion has been stated.
- When an item is “tabled”, that means that more important business is taking precedence, and the item being tabled will be discussed later in the same meeting. Alternatives to tabling an item are either giving that item to a subcommittee or postponing that item to a given time at the same meeting.
- Discussion always has to be directed to the Chair.
- For large committees, such as the CAC, each speaker is limited to two speaking opportunities, unless the committee agrees to allow them additional opportunities.

3. New Business

3.A. Draft FY 2009 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Randolph Sykes, Planning Program Coordinator for the OahuMPO, provided an introduction to the Draft FY 2009 OWP and the seven new work elements included in the draft. Mr. Sykes introduced Ken Tatsuguchi (Department of Transportation [DOT]), James Burke (Department of Transportation Services [DTS]), and Kathy Sokugawa (Department of Planning and Permitting [DPP]) as resources for any questions that pertain to the work elements for which their respective agencies have responsibility.

Mr. Sykes indicated that three of the studies recommended by the CAC for inclusion in the OWP are included in this draft: 1) Pedestrian Master Plan (DOT), 2) Ewa Impact Fees for Traffic and Roadway Improvement Update Study (DPP), and 3) Short-Range Transit Service Operations Plan (DTS). The public review period of the draft OWP is ongoing. The deadline for comments is April 28, 2008.

Discussion Highlights:

[Note: Unless otherwise specified, questions were answered by Mr. Sykes.]

- In response to a question by Gil Riviere: The update of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) to the year 2035 will begin in January 2009 and is expected to be completed by April 2011.
- In response to a question by Randy Ching: The public involvement process for the ORTP 2035 will provide opportunities for project proposal by individuals and communities.
- In response to a question by Scott Belford: Mr. Burke responded that he will provide information to Mr. Belford about the guidance that DTS is seeking from the Ewa community regarding the Ewa Impact Fees for Traffic and Roadway Improvement Update Study.
- In response to a question by Joe Francher: During the consultant procurement process for the update of the ORTP, a Request for Qualifications will be issued.

3.B. Central Oahu Transportation Issues

Pamela Young, CAC representative for the Mililani/Melemanu/Waipio Neighborhood Board No. 25, introduced the Chair of her Neighborhood Board, Dick Poirier. Mr. Poirier highlighted three central Oahu projects included in the ORTP 2030: 1) Interstate Route H-2, Widening, Waipio

Interchange, 2) Widening of Kamehameha Highway, Lanikuhana Avenue to Ka Uka Boulevard, and 3) the Central Mauka Road, Second Access, Mililani Mauka to Waiawa.

Mr. Poirier advocates that the study of these and other Central Oahu projects and their impacts to the region should be done before the additional proposed land development projects get too far along.

Discussion:

[Note: Unless otherwise specified, questions were answered by Mr. Poirier.]

- In response to a question by Carl Jacobs: The use of Public-Private Partnerships to get roads built is not widely accepted by some in his community.
- In response to a question by Mr. Ching: Bicycle facilities, that would allow connectivity to the Leeward Bikeway, are not included in this particular plan.
- In response to a question by Tom Smythe: There is some funding for this study in the State House budget bill that was referred to the State Senate.
- In response to a question by Mr. Riviere: Currently, the plan does not include consideration of a mass transit spur going to Central Oahu.
- In response to a question by Mr. Belford: Ms. Sokugawa responded that commercial plans for Central Oahu include the possibility of a hospital associated with the Koa Ridge development, undeveloped land in the Mililani Tech area, and 50-plus acres in Waiawa Gentry for commercial industrial development.

3.C. Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) Subcommittee Update

Mr. Belford, Chair of the PPP Subcommittee, presented the findings of the subcommittee, outlining the pros and cons of PPPs and some recommendations for consideration.

Discussion:

- Chair Carole asked that this report be considered a working draft and that CAC members read the findings and provide comments over the next two weeks. The report will be discussed at the next CAC meeting on April 16, 2008.
- Tom Dinell volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee.
- Mr. Belford explained that several people contributed to the crafting of these findings, while not being members of the subcommittee. All comments received on this effort were included, regardless of who submitted them.
- In response to a question by Mr. Jacobs: Chair Carole stated that there is no additional subcommittee meeting scheduled.

3.D. The CAC and the Metropolitan Planning Process

Gordon Lum, Executive Director of the OahuMPO, presented information about the function of the CAC, the responsibilities of the OahuMPO, and the role that the CAC plays in those areas of responsibility. The Comprehensive Agreement between the Governor, the Legislature, and the Policy Committee states that the function of the CAC is to advise the Policy Committee and the Executive Director on various transportation issues. The CAC serves as the foundation of the public input on transportation issues, as well as a distributor of information on these issues to their respective organizations.

Mr. Lum stated that the top priorities of the CAC are to provide input on metropolitan transportation planning products seeking Policy Committee action and being informed of the metropolitan transportation planning process and its related activities.

The CAC can and have pursued non-priority activities which are outside the responsibility of the OahuMPO process. Mr. Lum added that, in these instances, the ability of the OahuMPO to implement a change is limited. To illustrate this, Mr. Lum described the project development process, which is under the purview of implementing agencies such as the Hawaii Department of Transportation and the Honolulu Department of Transportation Services, and the metropolitan transportation planning process. Although these processes do have some interactions, they are two separate processes, with different agencies responsible for them.

Mr. Lum explained that agenda items currently being included for the CAC meetings are heavily determined by Chair Carole. Previously, agendas were determined primarily from a survey of the CAC membership and included presentations from CAC member organizations about their organizations and issues that are of importance to them. Recently, agenda topics also included responses to CAC member's motions for specific agenda topics. Consideration for inclusion has been at the discretion of Chair Carole.

Mr. Lum illustrated instances where the OahuMPO has made efforts to address issues on behalf of specific communities, such as the Waianae Coast and the North Shore community. Some of these efforts included activities dealing with the metropolitan transportation planning process. Efforts not dealing with the metropolitan transportation process were led by the community representatives; OahuMPO staff participated at their invitation.

4. Other Business

There was no other business.

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 February. There are no future meetings scheduled at this time.

6. Announcements

Ms. Yasuda announced that the OahuMPO will ask the CAC, at the April meeting, to form a task force, consisting of no more than 12 CAC members, to provide comment on the community involvement plan for the upcoming ORTP 2035 effort. A sign-up sheet will be available on April 16, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.