

CAC Pedestrian Safety Sub-Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 9, 2019

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

1. Call to Order & Introductions – Ken Farm, Chair

Members: Daniel Alexander, Robert Nehmad, Ken Farm, Elizabeth Chinn, Tom Dinell, Rose Pou

Others: Alvin Au, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand, Logan Takeda, Trish La Chika, Joey Lautermilch, Elizabeth Kincaid, John Goody, Jaylen Murakami, Anthony Chang

2. Approval of April 10, 2019 meeting minutes

3. New Business

- a. **Presentation – Directions for CAC Sub-Committee on Pedestrian Safety Proposal- Ken Farm, CAC Member** The PowerPoint slides for this presentation are available at https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1625

This presentation offered an additional solution to the current policy of reducing vehicle speeds to increase the chance of survival of pedestrians in a pedestrian-vehicle crash. Vehicles blocking crosswalks is an underlying issue concerning pedestrian-vehicle interaction.

Ken Farm stated the timing of traffic lights bias toward drivers when coming into intersections. The timing study project OC09, Traffic Signal Optimization, was removed from the list of ongoing projects because DTS decided to wait till the Joint Traffic Center has been completed in late December to continue with the study.

There was a recognition for the need to further analyze the city bus schedules to accommodate for the local high school final bell schedules. There are situations where buses would leave bus stops of nearby high schools only a few minutes before the final bell rang thus increasing the chance of students to run past several lanes of traffic to get on the bus. Pictures were shown of an abundant amount of Farrington High School students in danger by crowding a busy intersection after school finished.

Ken Farm stated the following issues in pedestrian safety:

- 1) Drivers not looking out for pedestrians
- 2) Drivers turning into a blind spot or blocking walk sign
- 3) Pedestrians not looking out for vehicles

There is a concern that the public is rarely witnessing police punishing drivers for breaking the traffic laws, such as running red lights.

Ken Farm offered the following solutions:

- 1) Collecting data of the public through surveys

- 2) Looking for additional locations for four way stops
- 3) Reaching out to the communities and educating the public on reflective accessories, such as neon bands to increase visibility
- 4) Reviewing past PSAs of their effectiveness
- 5) Explore alternate ways to educate non-local people about traffic safety, such as PSAs on flights (in different languages)

Ken Farm encouraged members to explore other modes of transportation, such as walking and biking, to see the world from another point of view. He also encouraged people to take pictures of any transportation situations of concern.

Clarification was asked of the purpose for the CAC Pedestrian Safety Sub-Committee. One role that the Sub-Committee is to express opinions and give advice on the direction and the agencies that should be contacted towards various transportation studies. This information will be reported to the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Daniel Alexander mentioned that the Sub-Committee can pass a motion to advise the policy board and advisory committee to include Vision Zero as an integral part of OahuMPO's O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Overall Work Program. Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all.

A survey is being made to collect data from the public about perception to sense if there is an "pedestrian" vs. "vehicle" attitude in who is at fault. This data will hopefully give the public a better understanding to see if there is a different attitude in traffic safety between certain demographics. There was a suggestion to create a working group to discuss the type of questions to use and the type of goals to gain in this survey.

The attendees were asked to brainstorm ideas on ways to influence policy, define operational definitions, increase public awareness of Vision Zero, and improve the transportation system to find a direction to move forward with future meetings. An attendee mentioned that using data from ArcGIS, police, and surveys will be useful for direction. These ideas will be categorized by the five E's, enforcement, education, evaluation, engineering, and encouragement.

- 4. Invitation to interested members of the public to be heard on matters not Included on the Agenda**
- 5. Announcements**
- 6. Announcement of next scheduled meeting.**

There was a consensus to meet monthly at OahuMPO. August 13 at 1:00PM was proposed as the next meeting.
- 7. Adjournment**