

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 21, 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	Charles Carole, Chair
American Society of Civil Engineers	Tiffany Hamada
Committee for Balanced Transportation	Frank Genadio
E Noa Corporation	Tom Dinell
Eye of the Pacific	Twila Lai
Hawaii Bicycling League	Mitchell Nakagawa
Hawaii Transportation Association	Gareth Sakakida
Institute of Transportation Engineers	Paul Won
Interagency COORDINATION Councils	CC Curry
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association	David Arakawa
NB #01 Hawaii Kai	Greg Knudsen
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala	Lester Fukuda
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights	Bert Narita
NB #13 Downtown	Tom Smyth
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Lorene Godfrey
NB #21 Pearl City	Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
NB #27 North Shore	Antya Miller
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale	Michael Golojuch
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	Pamela Young
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Gil Riviere
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Randall Hiu
Waianae Coast Transportation Concerns Group	Dick Boddy
Waikiki Residents Association	Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

AARP	Mary Protheroe
American Planning Association	John Valera
American Society of Landscape Architects	Chris Dacus
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii	Dean Minakami
Charley's Taxi	Dale Evans
Hawaii Highway Users Alliance	Darcianne Evans
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996	Michael Costa
Honolulu Community Action Program	Val Tavai
Land Use Research Foundation	David Arakawa
League of Women Voters	Jacqueline Parnell

NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili	Ron Lockwood
NB #09 Waikiki	Robert Finley
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl	Jay Fidell
NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights	Dale White
NB #22 Waipahu	Thomas Maus
NB #23 Ewa	R. Scott Belford
NB #24 Waianae Coast	David Brown
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	David Aki
NB #26 Wahiawa	Joseph Francher
NB #30 Kaneohe	Wendell Lum
Pacific Resource Partnership	Kyle Chock
Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter	Randy Ching

Guests Present:

Denise Saylor	Citizen
Ronald W. Pike	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
David Yaw	Federal Rental Assisted Tenant Agency
Norman Ota	Hawaii Association of the Blind
Louise Horio	Hui Kupuna VIP
Rose Pou	Hui Kupuna VIP
Shane Yaw	NB #15 Kalihi-Palama
Carl Jacobs	NB #20 Aiea
Elwin Spray	NB #29 Kahaluu

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

Chair Charles Carole called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of the April 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes

No corrections to the April 16, 2008 meeting minutes were offered. As such, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

2. Unfinished Business

CAC Newsletter

Chair Carole stated his desire to have the CAC produce and distribute a newsletter. Chair Carole feels that the CAC should have more visibility with a newsletter going out to each of the organizations. The newsletter could start off with biannual issues or go down to quarterly issues. We could have an editorial board, made up of three members of the CAC, who would look at news items in the newspaper.

- In response to a question by Twila Lai: Gordon Lum stated that the Policy Committee should be provided with a proposal for the newsletter, detailing items such as purpose and content, publishing frequency, distribution audience, and medium used for dispersion.
- In response to a question by Chair Carole: Mr. Lum stated that the CAC is advisory to the Policy

Committee. All items that are produced and/or distributed under the OahuMPO's name will represent the OahuMPO. The Policy Committee has an interest in anything that reflects upon them.

- In response to a comment by CC Curry: Mr. Lum stated that under the Federal rules and regulations, the MPO is defined as the Policy Board of the MPO, for the OahuMPO it is the Policy Committee.
- In response to a comment by Lorene Godfrey: Chair Carole says that the purpose of this newsletter is to tell the members what is discussed at the CAC meetings, expanding on the agenda and minutes.

Tom Smyth made a motion that the CAC make a proposal to the Policy Committee for producing a newsletter on a to-be-determined frequency. Included in that proposal would be details about who will receive the newsletter and what will be included in the newsletter as determined by a CAC subcommittee. Ms. Lai seconded the motion.

Discussion Highlights:

- Clarifying the motion, Mr. Smyth stated that the motion is for the establishment of a committee, with its task being to put together a newsletter proposal for the Policy Committee.
- In response to a question by Mr. Fukuda: Marian Yasuda stated that currently, the OahuMPO's website has agendas, minutes, announcements, and general information posted. The OahuMPO website is in the process of a makeover and adding new features such as a CAC newsletter could be incorporated.
- In response to a suggestion by Chair Carole: Mr. Lum stated that the subcommittee's recommendation should come back before the entire CAC for its approval before proposing it to the Policy Committee.
- In response to a question by Gil Riviere: Chair Carole stated that an editorial board of CAC members would be tasked with producing the content for the newsletter at least every six months.
- In response to a question by Ms. Godfrey: Mr. Smyth restated, "*The motion is to form a committee to develop the concept in some detail for a newsletter. Having framed that concept, and having it approved by the CAC, go to the Policy Committee with a proposal*".
- A comment made by Carl Jacobs suggested that the format of the newsletter would determine the recipients. A webpage would have a broad, unrestricted audience versus email which would have a targeted audience.

Chair Carole asked that Mr. Smyth withdraw his motion. Mr. Smyth agreed and Ms. Lai withdrew her second. Chair Carole then stated that he would like a subcommittee formed to develop the proposal for a CAC newsletter. Interested participants were instructed to contact Ms. Yasuda.

3. New Business

“Hawaii's Harbors Modernization Plan”

Handout: News Release; Governor Lingle Announces State Harbors Modernization Plan

Michael Formby, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), Harbors Division, presented the Harbors Modernization Plan. Mr. Formby explained this plan was approved by the Legislature and will be signed by the Governor soon. The plan was developed collaboratively between the DOT Harbors Division and Hawaii Harbors Users Group (HHUGS). HHUGS is made up of

commercial users of the harbors such as Matson, Young Brothers, and Hawaii Stevedores. The intent of this plan is to implement improvements that are needed between now and 2030 to all of the State's harbors.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by M. Godfrey: A schedule for implementation priorities was developed jointly by DOT Harbors Division and HHUGS. The schedule identifies Kahului Harbor as number one, followed by Pier 4 in Hilo, and then the Kapalama Military Reservation on Oahu. Tariffs associated with harbor improvements are tied into the prioritized schedule and will not be imposed until the projects begin.
- In response to a question by Gil Riviere: The surf that is enjoyed recreationally in the Kahului Harbor may not be impacted by the construction of a breakwater to protect Piers 1, 2, and 3.
- In response to a question by Mr. Smyth: Piers in downtown Honolulu have ongoing maintenance and improvements that are independent of this plan and continue to be implemented. As a result of the "SuperFerry Law", every project in the harbor system is subject to an environmental assessment prior to implementation.
- In response to a question by CC Curry: The website address for the Aloha Tower Development Corporation, the entity that will be assisting DOT Harbors in implementing the modernization plan, will be provided.
- In response to a question by Cruz Vina: The depth of each harbor varies from pier to pier and limits the docking locations of larger vessels.
- In response to a question by Frank Genadio: Norwegian Cruise Lines has reduced their moor in Kahului Harbor from six nights to one night per week; therefore no pier will be designated for their use. The impact of the Hughes Development backing out of Piers 5 and 6 in Honolulu has DOT Harbors exploring the possibility of moving the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to Piers 5 and 6 and offering their current location, Pier 1, for commercial activity.

4. Other Business

4.A. "CAC Nominations Subcommittee"

Shane Yaw, Chair of the Nominations Subcommittee, read off the slate of nominees running for the Chair and Vice Chair positions of the CAC for Fiscal Year 2009:

- Nominees for Chair are:
 - John Valera, American Planning Association
 - Michael Golojuch, Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale NB #34
 - Dave Arakawa, Land Use Research Foundation
- Nominees for Vice Chair are:
 - Mitchell Nakagawa, Hawaii Bicycling League
 - Les Fukuda, Waialae-Kahala NB #3
 - Lorene Godfrey, Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village NB #18
 - Scott Belford, Ewa NB #23
 - Mike Golojuch, Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale NB #34

Daisy Murai nominated Charles Carole, Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus NB #10 for the Chair position.

The slate of nominees with the additional floor nomination was accepted.

4.B. ORTP 2035 Working Group

Ms. Yasuda gave a summary of the first meeting of the ORTP 2035 Working Group which was held on Monday, May 12, 2008. At that meeting, the working group was given an overview of the community participation process used in the development of the ORTP 2030. The prior community participation effort used for the ORTP 2030 will serve as a starting point for this new update. The goals and objectives for this working group were discussed. Participation techniques used in the previous effort were ranked for effectiveness, other techniques that may be considered were also ranked for effectiveness, and brainstorming ideas provided by the working group were recorded and summarized.

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

Marian Yasuda announced that there was no meeting of the Policy Committee since the CAC last met in March; however, a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in the State Capitol, Rm. 229. At that meeting, it is anticipated that the Policy Committee will:

- Consider five applications for membership to the CAC:
 - Aiea NB #20,
 - Kahaluu NB #29,
 - Hui Kupuna VIP,
 - Federal Rental Assisted Tenants Agency, and
 - Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride,
- Take action on the FY 2009 Overall Work Program,
- Take action on the CAC's Resolution Requesting the OahuMPO to Help Improve Bicycle Safety, and
- Hear the CAC Chair's Report.

The Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, May 16. At that meeting, they:

- Endorsed modified boundaries for selected traffic analysis zones,
- Accepted Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's (DBEDT) Year 2035 forecasts for Oahu,
- Discussed Department of Planning and Permitting's effort to apply DBEDT's forecast for Oahu to the traffic analysis zones, and
- Recommended that the Policy Committee endorse the FY 2009 Overall Work Program.

6. Announcements

There were no announcements.

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