

Meeting Summary of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 18, 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 Society of Civil Engineers  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
Charley's Taxi  
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride  
Federal Rental Assisted Tenants Agency  
Hawaii Bicycling League  
Hawaii Highway Users Alliance  
Hawaii Transportation Association  
Hui Kupuna VIP  
Interagency COORDINATION Councils  
Land Use Research Foundation  
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 #21 Pearl City  
NB #23 Ewa  
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu  
NB #27 North Shore  
NB #30 Kaneohe  
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale  
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley  
North Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Waikiki Residents Association

Charles Carole, Chair  
Joe Magaldi, Vice Chair  
Mary Protheroe  
Tiffany Hamada  
Chris Dacus  
Dale Evans  
Ronald Pike  
David Yaw  
Mitchell Nakagawa  
Darcianne Evans  
Gareth Sakakida  
Louise Horio  
CC Curry  
David Arakawa  
Piilani Kaopuiki  
Greg Knudsen  
Lester Fukuda  
Bert Narita  
Ron Lockwood  
Robert Finley  
Tom Smyth  
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.  
R. Scott Belford  
Dick Poirier  
Antya Miller  
Wendell Lum  
Michael Golojuch  
Pamela Young  
Gil Riviere  
Daisy Murai

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

American Planning Association  
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii  
E Noa Corporation

John Valera  
Dean Minakami  
Tom Dinell

Eye of the Pacific	Twila Lai
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996	Michael Costa
Honolulu Community Action Program	Val Tavai
Institute of Transportation Engineers	Pete Pascua
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 #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Lorene Godfrey
NB #20 Aiea	Carl Jacobs
NB #22 Waipahu	Thomas Maus
NB #24 Waianae Coast	David Brown
NB #26 Wahiawa	Joseph Francher
NB #29 Kahaluu	Ken LeVasseur
Pacific Resource Partnership	Kyle Chock
Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter	Randy Ching
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Lowell Kalapa
Waianae Coast Transportation Concerns Group	Dick Boddy

***Guests Present:***

Laureen Kukino	Citizen
Janet Inamine	Citizen
Rory Tani	Citizen
Morris Nakamura	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Frank Genadio	Committee for Balanced Transportation
Norman Ota	Hawaii Association of the Blind
Tammy Lee	Hawaii Department of Transportation
Cliff Slater	HonoluluTraffic.com

***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 May 21, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

*No corrections to the May 21, 2008 meeting minutes were offered. As such, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.*

**2. Unfinished Business**

**CAC Newsletter**

Chair Carole reiterated his desire to have the CAC produce and distribute a newsletter. Chair Carole called for a subcommittee that would look into the possibility of developing a CAC newsletter. Chair Carole asked members to sign-up on a sheet that was placed on the table.

### **3. New Business**

#### **3.A. CAC FY 2009 Election of Officers**

Marian Yasuda explained that the CAC Bylaws are silent regarding procedures for electing officers. In these instances, the bylaws states that Robert's Rules of Order shall govern. According to Robert's Rules, when electing officers, unless the organization's Bylaws specify contrary voting procedures, the majority vote shall be used. In order to win the election, one candidate is required to receive more than fifty percent of the votes cast. Ms. Yasuda proposed the following procedures for this election:

1. To avoid any appearance of unfairness, the Chair should not preside over this portion of the meeting, since he is a candidate for one of the offices. Chair Carole should relinquish the gavel to Vice Chair Magaldi, who at this time is not a candidate for either office.
2. Vice Chair Magaldi will then introduce the candidates for each office and allow them the opportunity to speak for not more than two minutes each, if they wish.
3. Vice Chair Magaldi will then ask for floor nominations. If there are additional nominees, they will be offered the opportunity to speak for not more than two minutes each. Then Vice Chair Magaldi will close the nominations and instruct the CAC members to cast their votes.
4. Bert Narita and Ron Lockwood have volunteered to serve as tellers. They will collect the ballots and tally them. When requested by the Vice Chair, they will report the number of votes received by each candidate and inform the Vice Chair if any candidate has won the election.
5. If no candidate for one or both positions has received the minimum number of votes required to win, the name of the candidate receiving the least number of votes will be removed from the ballot. In the event of a tie for the least number of votes received, both or all tied candidates will be removed. This process will be repeated until a Chair and Vice Chair have been named.

The CAC did not object to Ms. Yasuda's proposal, but continued the discussion on this matter:

- Tom Smyth suggested that the voting for each position be done sequentially in order to give the opportunity to elect a Vice Chair based on the individual elected to the Chair position. His recommendation was based on the fact that one individual was a candidate for both Chair and Vice Chair positions.
- Greg Knudsen agreed with Mr. Smyth and suggested tearing the ballots in half to use the same ballots for two separate elections.
- Bert Narita suggested using the first one or two ballots for electing a Chair, and utilizing subsequent ballots for the election of the Vice Chair.
- Lester Fukuda suggested taking only the top two candidates receiving the most votes after the first vote and then holding a run-off election between them.
- Dick Poirier stated that the Sunshine Law does not allow voting by secret ballot. He noted that neighborhood boards do not use secret ballots when conducting their elections.
- Mr. Poirier expressed his opinion that the Sunshine Law does not permit removing a candidate from the ballot. When asked to elaborate, Mr. Poirier stated that, "They have

been hassling me for thirty years on this stuff; and you can't do it." Mr. Lum stated that Ron Mobley, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, was consulted on this matter. Mr. Mobley proposed these procedures, which included removal of the candidate with the lowest votes.

- Mary Protheroe suggested that the CAC act conservatively. Rather than only consider two candidates for the second round as suggested by Mr. Fukuda, she suggested that they remove the one candidate with the lowest number of votes.
- David Arakawa suggested that, since the committee had previously, unanimously agreed to drop the recipient with the lowest number of votes, the voting should continue as proposed.
- There being no further discussions and no objections to Mr. Arakawa's proposal, Ms. Yasuda proceeded to conduct the election as originally described, but with the voting done by roll call.

Chair Carole relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair Magaldi, who proceeded to run the election. Vice Chair Magaldi introduced the four candidates for Chair and offered them the opportunity to speak:

David Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation
Charles Carole	NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
Michael Golojuch	NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
John Valera	American Planning Association

Vice Chair Magaldi asked for nominations from the floor. Robert Finley nominated Mr. Magaldi for the Chair position. Vice Chair Magaldi accepted the nomination and turned the gavel over to Ms. Yasuda.

Michael Golojuch withdrew his candidacy for CAC Chair. After two rounds of roll call voting, Mr. Arakawa was elected as Chair for FY 2009.

Ms. Yasuda introduced the five candidates for Vice Chair and offered them the opportunity to speak:

Scott Belford	NB #23 Ewa
Lester Fukuda	NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
Lorene Godfrey	NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
Michael Golojuch	NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
Mitchell Nakagawa	Hawaii Bicycling League

Ms. Yasuda asked for nominations from the floor. Mr. Smyth nominated Mr. Magaldi and Daisy Murai nominated Mr. Carole for the Vice Chair position.

Scott Belford, Lester Fukuda, and Scott Belford withdrew their candidacy for CAC Vice Chair. After three rounds of roll call voting, Michael Golojuch was elected as Vice Chair for FY 2009.

### **3.B. "Bus Ridership Trends"**

James Burke, Chief, Public Transit Division, Department of Transportation Services (DTS),

presented information about the changes in the demand for bus service that are annually cyclical, as well as changes that are due to current economic changes. Mr. Burke explained that Honolulu is ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in unlinked passenger trips in the nation. Per capita, Honolulu is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in multi-modal transit ridership in the nation.

Mr. Burke described two current planning efforts being undertaken by DTS:

- Windward to Kapolei express route, and
- Central Oahu to Kapolei connector bus route

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Louise Horio: DTS is purchasing 10 additional articulated buses and expects them to be in service by May of 2009. Route-E (Express) has been added from Ewa Beach to Waikiki.
- In response to a question by Wendell Lum: DTS is working on possible steps to deal with rising fuel costs. There are no fare increases or fuel surcharges being planned at this time. There is a planning effort in the 2009 City Budget for a Windward Transit Center. Location of that center has not been determined.
- In response to a question by Antya Miller: DTS has no plans at this time for an additional express route from the North Shore to Downtown.
- Some suggestions were offered by CC Curry:
  - Eliminate the Waipahu portion included in the Route E - Ewa Express route;
  - Add a stop at the Barbers Point Commissary on the Ferry - Kalaeloa route; and
  - Put signs in the bus informing Ewa riders that they can access the Ferry by taking route 41 to Kapolei.
- In response to a question by Pamela Young: The current demand for service is higher than in previous years. During the summer months, bus service is scaled back because demand typically declines. When schools resume in the fall, normal bus service resumes. DTS is juggling resources available to address the overall increased demand for service.
- In response to a question by Frank Genadio: To connect from the fixed guideway to the Waikiki Trolley system at Ala Moana Center, a walk to the Nordstrom trolley station and purchase of the trolley fare will be required. The trolleys are run by a private company.
- In response to a question by Ms. Horio: The ridership survey that was conducted in 2003 did represent seniors and persons with disabilities.
- In response to a question by Mr. Belford: Data providing ridership figures for different modes of transit is available on the National Transit Database website.
- In response to a question by Mr. Smyth: Private transportation providers already deliver downtown-to-airport shuttle service for people with luggage.
- An expression of gratitude was offered by Mr. Knudsen to DTS for addressing the East Oahu bus riders' needs and responding to their concerns.
- In response to a question by Ronald Pike: Articulated buses are two 30-foot buses joined by an articulated mid-section allowing for a tight turning radius and good passenger

capacity. When bus stops are removed and a request is made to replace it, a re-evaluation of that removal is done. Safety, convenience, and efficiency concerns are all considered.

- In response to a question by Lauren Kukino: Some goals of DTS are to make the bus system reasonably priced, convenient, and accessible to all.

#### **4. Other Business**

##### **4.A. FYs 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revisions #5 and #6**

- Ms. Yasuda announced that the FYs 2008-2011 TIP is in the process of a public review for TIP revisions #5 and #6. The revisions are available on the OahuMPO website. Comments may be submitted to the OahuMPO via mail, email, or fax by July 2, 2008.

##### **4.B. Updated Comprehensive Agreement**

- Ms. Yasuda announced that an update of the Comprehensive Agreement is posted on the OahuMPO website for review. Comments on the update may be submitted to the OahuMPO via mail, email, or fax by July 11, 2008.

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

- Ms. Yasuda announced that there was no meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee since the CAC last met in May; however, a meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Multi-Agency Conference Room 314 at 830 Punchbowl Street. At that meeting, it is anticipated that they will:
  - Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2009;
  - Make recommendations to the Policy Committee on:
    - FYs 2008-2011 TIP revisions #5 and #6,
    - The updated Comprehensive Agreement,
    - The Policy Committee's resolution improving bicycle safety; and
  - Review and comment on the conversion of the OahuMPO travel forecasting model to a Windows-based environment.

Ms. Yasuda announced that the Policy Committee met on Tuesday, June 3, 2008. At that meeting, the Policy Committee:

- Accepted 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,
- Approved the FY 2009 Overall Work Program,
- Received the CAC's Resolution Requesting the OahuMPO to Help Improve Bicycle Safety. The Policy Committee adopted the resolution, adding their additional concerns.
- Heard the CAC Chair's Report.

**6. Announcements**

Chair Carole thanked all of the members for their participation throughout the past year.

Vice Chair Magaldi congratulated the new officers for the FY 2009 and thanked Chair Carole for his dedicated service.

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