

Meeting Summary of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 16, 2008, 3:30 p.m.  
Mayor's Conference Room  
Honolulu Hale, Room 301  
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

***Members Present:***

Land Use Research Foundation  
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale  
AARP  
American Planning Association  
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii  
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride  
Committee for Balanced Transportation  
E Noa Corporation  
Eye of the Pacific  
Federal Rental Assisted Tenants Agency  
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996  
Hui Kupuna VIP  
Interagency COORDINATION Councils  
League of Women Voters  
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association  
NB #01 Hawaii Kai  
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala  
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights  
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus  
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village  
NB #21 Pearl City  
NB #22 Waipahu  
NB #26 Wahiawa  
NB #29 Kahaluu  
NB #30 Kaneohe  
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley

David Arakawa, Chair  
Michael Golojuch, Vice Chair  
Mary Protheroe  
John Valera  
Ray Kunishige  
Ronald Pike  
Joe Magaldi  
Tom Dinell  
Twila Lai  
David Yaw  
Michael Costa  
Rose Pou  
CC Curry  
Jacqueline Parnell  
Ann Inouye  
Greg Knudsen  
Lester Fukuda  
Bert Narita  
Charles Carole  
Lorene Godfrey  
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.  
Robert Kakalia  
Joseph Francher  
Elwin Spray  
Wendell Lum  
Pamela Young

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

American Society of Civil Engineers  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
Charley's Taxi  
Hawaii Bicycling League  
Hawaii Highway Users Alliance  
Hawaii Transportation Association  
Honolulu Community Action Program

Tiffany Hamada  
Chris Dacus  
Dale Evans  
Mitchell Nakagawa  
Darcianne Evans  
Gareth Sakakida  
Val Tavai

Institute of Transportation Engineers	Pete Pascua
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 #13 Downtown	Tom Smyth
NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights	Dale White
NB #20 Aiea	Carl Jacobs
NB #23 Ewa	R. Scott Belford
NB #24 Waianae Coast	David Brown
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	David Aki
NB #27 North Shore	Antya Miller
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Gil Riviere
Pacific Resource Partnership	Kyle Chock
Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter	Randy Ching
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Lowell Kalapa
Waianae Coast Transportation Concerns Group	Dick Boddy
Waikiki Residents Association	Daisy Murai

***Guests Present:***

Laureen Kukino	Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Frank Genadio	Committee for Balanced Transportation
Elizabeth Kreuger	Department of Transportation Services
Brian Suzuki	DTS
Glenn Soma	Hawaii Department of Transportation
Darin Olson	Honolulu Community Action Program
Jack Schweigert	NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl
Shane Yaw	NB #15 Kalihi-Palama

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

Chair Dave Arakawa called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Chair Arakawa stated that the guest presenter had time constraints; so, he proposed that the agenda items be taken out of order to accommodate his schedule. Hearing no objection, New Business was heard.

**1. New Business**

**1.A. “Senate Transportation and International Affairs Committee”**

*Handout: “Transportation and International Affairs”*

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair, Transportation and International Affairs Committee, presented highlights of measures adopted this past legislative session. Senator English spoke about the more significant bills that were passed such as: Harbors Modernization Plan, Ignition Interlock Systems,

Roads in Limbo; State and City Jurisdiction, Pedestrian Safety, and Rental Motor Vehicles; Customer Facility Charge; and Surcharge Tax.

Discussion Highlights:

*[Note: Unless otherwise specified, questions were answered by Senator English.]*

- In response to a question by Joe Magaldi: The Senate is looking at cell-phone-use restriction. The Senate is considering proposing legislation with sound legal foundation, but are waiting and watching other jurisdictions to learn from their experiences.
- In response to a question by Rose Pou: The Pedestrian Safety bill will address the issue of inadequate pedestrian crossing time by looking at specific intersections and extending their crossing times. This could result in implementing such changes at more locations.
- In response to a question by Twila Lai: The danger of silent hybrid and electric vehicles for hearing-impaired pedestrians is an issue at the national level. In addition, groups opposing noise pollution could be an obstacle to mandating the addition of a sound to those vehicles.
- A comment provided by CC Curry described the dangerous condition of Fort Weaver Road for pedestrians and bus passengers due to the lack of sidewalks.
- In response to a question by Shane Yaw: Tolling of roads would not be successful in Hawaii due to our relatively small volume of users who would support a for-profit business venture. In Hawaii's Constitution, the Malama Hoa provision says that our roads and highways are to remain free for travel.
- In response to a question by Charles Carole: Taxation of gasoline and tolling for road use are not the same. Taxation is a public fee for maintenance and improvements of the roads; whereas, tolling is a private endeavor, charging for the use of a private facility.
- In response to a question by Frank Genadio: House Bill 1309, which contains a surcharge placed on the ½% excise tax implemented to fund mass transit, is not expected to be modified.
- In response to a question by Chair Arakawa: The West Maui Transportation Plan allows for access during an emergency and will also act as a precursor to joint traffic management.

**1.B. 2010 Overall Work Program (OWP) Subcommittee**

Chair Arakawa announced that the OahuMPO is forming a subcommittee to provide the CAC an opportunity for early input on the FY 2010 OWP. Volunteers will be tasked with developing a listing of transportation-related planning studies that they would like to see implemented. A sign-up sheet was provided. The CAC subcommittee will likely present their recommendations to the full CAC at the August 20, 2008 meeting.

**2. Approval of the June 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

*Chair Arakawa announced two corrections to the June 18, 2008 meeting minutes:*

- *Page 1, under Members Present, Scott Belford, Ewa NB #23 representative, should be listed as present.*
- *Page 6, under OahuMPO Meeting Highlights, the date of the Policy Committee meeting should be Tuesday, June 3, 2008.*

*Hearing no further corrections, the minutes were approved as corrected by unanimous consent.*

### **3. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

### **4. Other Business**

Several suggestions were offered for future CAC meetings:

- David Yaw suggested that a presentation by Councilmember Charles Djou present information about his proposal of congestion pricing for Honolulu.
- Ronald Pike suggested that guest speakers be scheduled early on the agenda to allow for a full question-and-answer period.
- Jacqueline Parnell suggested that pedestrian safety is an important issue that the CAC should revisit often.
- Tom Dinell suggested that making Honolulu a bicycle-friendly city should be addressed at future meetings.

Chair Arakawa commented that a survey of CAC members was conducted last year to solicit presentation topic suggestions. Ms. Yasuda added that an update of that survey would be conducted shortly.

Chair Arakawa suggested that topic suggestions be emailed to Ms. Yasuda and that notification of the survey update be sent to those members not in attendance.

Executive Director Gordon Lum suggested that a current work element in the OWP that is being spearheaded by the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) – the Pedestrian Master Plan – could serve as a presentation topic at an upcoming CAC meeting. As HDOT develops this plan, a presentation to the CAC would provide an opportunity for providing public input on its development.

Chair Arakawa said that he would like to rearrange the agenda order to accommodate Mr. Pike's suggestion.

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

Ms. Yasuda announced that there was no meeting of the Policy Committee since the CAC last met in June; however, a meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Committee Room #205 in Honolulu Hale. At that meeting, it is anticipated that they will:

- Elect a Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2009;
- Take action on the FYs 2008-2011 TIP revisions #4, #5, and #6,
- Take action on the updated Comprehensive Agreement,
- Present Certificates of Appreciation to 11 CAC member organizations that have either:
  - attended all of the scheduled CAC meetings; or
  - attended 60% or more of the CAC and CAC subcommittee meetings; or

- chaired 80% or more of the scheduled CAC meetings.
- Hear the CAC Chair's report.

Ms. Yasuda announced that the Technical Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, July 2, 2008. At that meeting, the Technical Advisory Committee:

- Elected Glenn Yasui, DOT, as Chair and Mark Au, DTS, as Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2009;
- Made recommendations that the Policy Committee approve:
  - FYs 2008-2011 TIP revisions #5 and #6,
  - The updated Comprehensive Agreement, and
- Reviewed and commented on the conversion of the OahuMPO travel forecasting model to a Windows-based environment.

#### **6. Announcements**

Chair Arakawa stated that letters have been sent to several organizations notifying them of a loss of rights due to lack of attendance during the past fiscal year. He encouraged them to attend meetings to reinstate their benefits as CAC members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.