

Meeting Summary of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 3:30 p.m.  
Council Committee Room  
Honolulu Hale, Room 205  
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

***Members Present:***

Land Use Research Foundation  
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale  
AARP  
American Planning Association  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride  
Committee for Balanced Transportation  
Eye of the Pacific  
Hawaii Bicycling League  
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996  
Honolulu Community Action Program  
Hui Kupuna VIP  
Interagency COORDINATION Councils  
League of Women Voters  
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association  
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala  
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights  
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili  
NB #09 Waikiki  
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus  
NB #13 Downtown  
NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights  
NB #21 Pearl City  
NB #23 Ewa  
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu  
NB #26 Wahiawa  
NB #29 Kahaluu  
NB #30 Kaneohe  
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley  
Waikiki Residents Association

David Arakawa, Chair  
Michael Golojuch, Vice Chair  
Mary Protheroe  
John Valera  
Chris Dacus  
Lauren Kukino  
Joe Magaldi  
Twila Lai  
Annette Mentel  
Michael Costa  
Darin Olson  
Louise Horio  
CC Curry  
Jacqueline Parnell  
Darwin Hamamoto  
Lester Fukuda  
Bert Narita  
Ron Lockwood  
Robert Finley  
Charles Carole  
Tom Smyth  
Dale White  
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.  
R. Scott Belford  
Dick Poirier  
Joseph Francher  
Elwin Spray  
Wendell Lum  
Pamela Young  
Daisy Murai

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

American Society of Civil Engineers  
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii  
Charley's Taxi

Tiffany Hamada  
Dean Minakami  
Dale Evans

E Noa Corporation	Tom Dinell
Federal Rental Assisted Tenants Agency	David Yaw
Hawaii Highway Users Alliance	Darcianne Evans
Hawaii Transportation Association	Gareth Sakakida
Institute of Transportation Engineers	Pete Pascua
NB #01 Hawaii Kai	Greg Knudsen
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl	Jay Fidell
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Lorene Godfrey
NB #20 Aiea	Carl Jacobs
NB #22 Waipahu	Robert Kakalia
NB #24 Waianae Coast	David Brown
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

***Guests Present:***

Jan Bappe	Citizen
Kari Benes	Citizen
Frank Genadio	Committee for Balanced Transportation
Elizabeth Kreuger	Department of Transportation Services
Dean Nakagawa	Hawaii Department of Transportation
Rachel Roper	HDOT
Ken Tatsuguchi	HDOT
Rose Pou	Hui Kupuna VIP
Tom Heinrich	NB #7 Manoa
James Marn	NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl
Hong Long Li	PB Americas, Inc.

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

Vice Chair Michael Golojuch called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Chair David Arakawa arrived at 3:33 p.m.

**1. New Business**

**1.A. "Bike Plan Hawaii Implementation Plan"**

Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) Engineering Program Manager, Ken Tatsuguchi, provided information about the implementation strategies and plans for the Bike Plan Hawaii. Building upon the bike plan that was completed in 2003, HDOT will be looking at the plans' level 1 projects, reassessing the methodology used in ranking those projects, and negotiating with a consultant for the implementation of the Bike Plan Hawaii Phase 2.

Additionally, Mr. Tatsuguchi provided an update of the progress with the Leeward Bikeway project. HDOT is currently in planning and design of Leeward Bikeway Phase 1. It is anticipated that construction will begin in 2010. Phase 1 will improve the bikeway from the Waipio Point Access Road to the Hawaii Railway Society Train Station. Phase 2 will improve the bikeway from the Hawaii Railway Train Station to the Lualualei Naval Road.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to questions by Cruz Vina, Jr.: HDOT has had discussions with the Navy regarding connectivity of the existing bike path that is currently disrupted near the Admiral's office.
- In response to a question by Annette Mente: HDOT publishes annual expenditure reports that indicate the amount of funds utilized for bicycle projects and maintenance on existing bike routes. The 2007 report is posted on the HDOT website at this address: <http://www6.hawaii.gov/dot/administration/legislature/act222-sec264-18-shl-rpt-final.pdf>.
- In response to questions by Tom Smyth: Phase 2 of the Bike Plan Hawaii will address the connectivity of bikeways and bike lanes in locations, such as the mauka side of Nimitz Highway.
- In response to a question by Joseph Francher: The update of Bike Plan Hawaii is funded by State planning funds. Construction of the Leeward Bikeway is being funded through Federal Highway Administration funds (80%) and State Capital Improvement Program funds (20%).
- A suggestion was made by Wendell Lum, encouraging HDOT's involvement in the City and County of Honolulu's pilot project implementing pedestrian safety measures, such as re-striping roadways and placing crosswalk markers at dangerous intersections.
- In response to a question by Tom Heinrich: Rachel Roper stated that an update to the Bike Plan Hawaii is expected to occur in 2013. Eventually, the City's and State's bicycle plans may be combined with the Pedestrian Master Plan to create a comprehensive, Statewide bicycle and pedestrian plan.
- In response to a question by Chair Arakawa: The Leeward Bikeway project may possibly include signage and information about sites of interest.
- A suggestion was made by CC Curry, asking that HDOT consult with Oahu Resource Conservation Development Council and their vision teams regarding the issue of interpretive signs along the bikeway for points of interest.
- In response to a question by Twila Lai: HDOT has begun the Pedestrian Master Plan effort. A request for proposals has been issued as part of the consultant selection process. Besides evaluating existing pedestrian facilities, it is important that input from stakeholders and the community is obtained.
- In response to a question by Mary Protheroe: The Leeward Bikeway is designed to be a multi-use path. Efforts will be made to accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians, and persons with disabilities so they may all use the path safely.

Chair Arakawa mentioned that pedestrian and bicycle safety is a priority concern for the CAC. He said that the CAC would appreciate continued opportunities for involvement in the development of the Pedestrian Master Plan.

Gordon Lum elaborated that requests will be made for update presentations by HDOT, so that the CAC can provide input before the plan is finalized.

## **2. Approval of the August 20, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

### Discussion Highlights:

- Ms. Curry expressed her concerns that prior discussion about paratransit and ADA issues becoming a standing agenda item is not reflected in the minutes.
- Chair Arakawa said that paratransit and ADA issues might be better addressed during CAC meetings at which the appropriate agency representative is present. In situations where no representative is present, those paratransit and ADA issues might be better addressed by providing a phone number of the agency that has knowledge of that specific issue. All questions relating to the presentation topic on the agenda for that particular meeting may be posed, without the need for a specific sub-topic agenda item.
- Chair Arakawa asked that the following addition be made to page 4 under *Other Business*:
  - Chair Arakawa requested that these concerns be referred to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) representative, Elizabeth Kreuger. Ms. Kreuger agreed to record the concerns and forward them to the appropriate divisions within DTS.

*Joe Magaldi, Jr. moved and Mr. Vina, Jr. seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion carried with Ms. Curry voting no.*

## **3. Other Business**

- Chair Arakawa announced the formation of the CAC Bylaws Subcommittee. This subcommittee will be tasked with reviewing the current bylaws and developing suggestions for revisions, additions, and/or deletions for consideration by the whole committee. Multiple meetings of one hour each during lunch in the downtown area are anticipated. Subcommittee members are limited to the first twelve (12) to sign up. Additional volunteers will be considered alternates to participate when there are absences among the subcommittee members.
- Chair Arakawa announced that a survey of the CAC has been distributed to the member organizations to determine meeting location and time preferences. He requested that members complete and return those surveys to the OahuMPO office no later than Tuesday, September 30, 2008.
- Chair Arakawa announced that the listing of suggested presentation topic suggestions for future CAC meeting agendas and the corresponding questionnaire have been distributed to the member organizations. He requested that members fill out those questionnaires and return them to the OahuMPO office no later than Wednesday, September 24, 2008.
- Chair Arakawa polled the membership about the possibility of rescheduling either the October or November CAC meetings to accommodate the schedules of both the release of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the High-Capacity Transit Project and the

schedules of those who would provide the presentation. The CAC unanimously agreed to allow flexibility in scheduling their next meeting.

- A request was made by Mr. Smyth for notification of the DEIS release via email from the OahuMPO.
- Chair Arakawa requested that an email be sent to DTS reiterating the desire of the CAC to have a presentation on the DEIS prior to Election Day, November 4.

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

Marian Yasuda announced that neither the Policy Committee nor the Technical Advisory Committee met since the CAC last met in August. No meetings are scheduled at this time.

#### **6. Announcements**

- Chris Dacus announced the update process for the Oahu Bike Plan, which includes a second round of public meetings. There are currently two meetings scheduled for October 15th and 16th. For more information, see <http://www.oahubikeplan.org/index.html>.
- Mr. G. Lum announced that the public review of the FY 2009 Overall Work Program Draft Amendment #1 - *W.E. 201.67-09 Energy Efficiency in Transportation Strategies* is currently underway. The draft amendment is available for review on the OahuMPO website. Comments may be provided to the OahuMPO by October 24, 2008.
- Chair Arakawa asked if any CAC members are associated with the Laniakea YWCA. The OahuMPO is considering the YWCA's meeting rooms for future CAC meetings, and sponsorship by a member of the YWCA is required to make reservations.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.