

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

POLICY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
Council Committee Meeting Room 205
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Open Session

Members Present:

Councilmember Breene Harimoto, Chair	Representative Karen Awana
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair	Representative Marilyn Lee
Councilmember Romy Cachola	Senator Will Espero
Councilmember Stanley Chang	Acting DOT Director Jadeen Urasaki
Councilmember Ernest Martin	DTS Director Wayne Yoshioka

Member(s) Absent: Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Representative Joseph Souki, and Senator J. Kalani English

Guests Present:

Joseph Magaldi, Jr. (Committee for Balanced Transportation, CAC)	Kevin Killeen (resident)
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OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson, Lori Arakaki, Pamela Toyooka

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chair Breene Harimoto. A quorum was present.

I. DISCUSSION AND EVALUATION RELATING TO EXEMPT-EXCLUDED EMPLOYEES' (OAHUMPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OFFICE MANAGER) FURLOUGHS

Chair Harimoto read an announcement regarding the need to go into Executive Session in order to discuss the exempt-excluded employees' furloughs. The members unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session. A recess was called at 2:06 p.m. while the members met in Executive Session in Conference Room 1.

[Representative Karen Awana arrived at 2:09 p.m.]

The meeting reconvened at 2:13 p.m.

II. ACTION RELATING TO EXEMPT-EXCLUDED EMPLOYEES' (OAHUMPO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OFFICE MANAGER) FURLOUGHS

Executive Director Brian Gibson explained the reason for the requested action.

Vice Chair Carol Fukunaga moved and Representative Marilyn Lee seconded that the Policy Committee rescind the action they took at the April 11 meeting with regard to the OahuMPO exempt-excluded employees' (OahuMPO Executive Director and Office Manager) furloughs. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously carried.

III. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2011 MEETING

There being no objections, the minutes for the April 11, 2011 meeting were accepted as circulated.

IV. CONSIDER CAC MEMBERSHIP FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD (NB) #36

Director Gibson stated that NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili had attended the required number of Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings and had requested membership on the CAC.

In response to Representative Awana, Director Gibson stated that he did not know who was representing NB #36 at the CAC meetings. Director Gibson stated that he would get back to Representative Awana with that information.

Representative Awana moved and Senator Will Espero seconded that NB #36 be appointed to the CAC. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously carried.

V. CONSIDER REVISION #2 (Project OC16 Only) TO THE FFYS 2011-2014 TIP

Handouts: Draft FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision #2 Amendment

Director Gibson gave a presentation on Revision #2 (Project OC16 only) to the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP – including the public review comment received. The same public outreach process was followed as the previous one for the original draft Revision #2. The TIP remains fiscally constrained.

Department of Transportation Services Director Wayne Yoshioka stated that, as promised, he had attended the May 3rd Waianae NB meeting and briefed them on the proposed change to Project OC16. They did not take action, but there were no objections. They understood the issue.

Vice Chair Fukunaga moved and Representative Awana seconded that draft Revision #2 (Project OC16 only) to the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP be approved. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously carried.

Testimony

Kevin Killeen testified that Medicaid will limit transportation, so this may limit TheHandi-Van use to emergencies only. Regarding the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2035, the community wanted bike paths; however, they are not included in the ORTP on Kamehameha Highway.

VI. CAC HIGHLIGHTS

CAC Vice Chair Joseph Magaldi, Jr., summarized the last CAC meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS (ANNOUNCEMENTS ONLY)

Director Gibson announced that there would be a public input meeting on the Climate Change Vulnerability project at 5:00 p.m. on May 18 in the State Capitol Auditorium. Because of the Sunshine Law, no more than two Policy Committee members may attend.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.