

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 11:00 a.m.  
Council Committee Meeting Room 205  
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

**Members Present:**

Representative Marilyn Lee, Chair		Representative Karen Awana
Councilmember Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair		Senator J. Kalani English
Councilmember Tom Berg		Senator Will Espero
Councilmember Romy Cachola		Senator Carol Fukunaga
Councilmember Stanley Chang		DOT Director Glenn Okimoto
Councilmember Nestor Garcia		DTS Director Wayne Yoshioka

**Member(s) Absent:** Representative Joseph Souki

**Guests Present:**

Philmund Lee (CM Berg)		Joseph Magaldi, Jr. (Committee for
Dennis Galolo (CM Cachola)		Balanced Transportation, CAC)
Patrick Tom (DOT)		Dick Poirier (NB #25)
Jill Yamanouchi (DOT)		Mike Golojuch (NB #34, CAC)
Elizabeth Fischer (FHWA, TAC ex officio)		Britt Daniels (citizen)
		Kevin Killeen (citizen)

**OahuMPO Staff Present:** Brian Gibson, Lori Arakaki, Marian Yasuda, Pamela Toyooka

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Chair Breene Harimoto. A quorum was present.

**I. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 2011 MEETING**

*There being no objections, the minutes for the June 14, 2011 meeting were accepted as circulated.*

**II. ELECTION OF FY 2012 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

*Councilmember Nestor Garcia nominated Representative Marilyn Lee for the office of Chair for FY 2012; Senator Carol Fukunaga seconded the nomination. Representative Lee was elected Chair by acclamation.*

Representative Lee assumed the position of Chair.

*Councilmember Stanley Chang nominated Councilmember Breene Harimoto for the office of Vice Chair for FY 2012; Senator Will Espero seconded the nomination. Councilmember Harimoto was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.*

### **III. CONSIDER REVISIONS #5 AND #6 TO THE FFYS 2011-2014 TIP**

*Handouts: FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision #5 (Expedited Administrative Modification), Revision #6 (Amendment), and comment summaries of the public review and intergovernmental review for Revision #6*

*[Representative Karen Awana and Councilmember Romy Cachola arrived at 11:08 a.m. and 11:10 a.m., respectively.]*

Executive Director Brian Gibson gave a presentation on the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP Revisions #5 and #6 – including Technical Analyses (Project Evaluations and Title VI and Environmental Justice), and intergovernmental review and public review comments for Revision #6. The TIP remains fiscally constrained.

*Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Wayne Yoshioka moved and Councilmember Garcia seconded that Revisions #5 and #6 to the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP be approved.*

Senator Espero requested an update on the Leeward Bikeway project at the next Policy Committee meeting.

Chair Lee asked if anyone wanted to testify on this agenda item. No one testified.

*A vote was taken. The motion was carried with 11 voting in favor and one (Councilmember Tom Berg) against the motion.*

### **IV. CONSIDER CHANGES TO FY 2012 OWP REVISION #1**

Director Gibson stated that, at the June 14 meeting Policy Committee meeting, the Committee approved a motion “*that the Central Mauka Road and Mililani Rail Spur Feasibility Study be included in the FY 2012 Overall Work Program (OWP).*” Since then, three representatives from Central Oahu Neighborhood Boards have requested a broader study than the one specified in the motion. OahuMPO staff requests that the June 14, 2011 motion be rescinded and replaced with a new motion that allows greater flexibility in the development of the project scope in order to do a transportation study of Central Oahu.

*Senator Espero moved and Senator Fukunaga seconded that the OahuMPO staff be directed to develop a scope of work for a Central Oahu transportation study and carry out the process required to amend it into the FY 2012 OWP.*

Councilmember Garcia requested that the Dick Poirier's presentation be made before taking action on the OWP. There being no objections, agenda item 6 was moved up on the agenda.

## **VI. PRESENTATION OF "ORTP 2035: THE DECONSTRUCTION & MARGINALIZATION OF CENTRAL OAHU'S REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS"**

Dick Poirier gave a presentation entitled "ORTP 2035: The Deconstruction & Marginalization of Central Oahu's Regional Transportation Needs."

### Testimony

Kevin Killeen testified against a Central Oahu study. He stated that placing the requested study into the FY 2012 OWP would prevent the Neighborhood Mobility Review study from being placed into the FY 2012 OWP.

*A vote was taken on the motion made regarding FY 2012 OWP Revision #1. The motion was carried with 11 voting in favor and one (Berg) against the motion.*

## **V. PRESENTATION OF FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW RESULTS FOR OAHUMPO**

Elizabeth Fischer gave a presentation of the unofficial results of the Federal Certification review of OahuMPO. Ms. Fischer noted that, once the official results do come out, no comments will be accepted and no changes will be made.

DTS Director Yoshioka made the following comments:

1. The reason why the OahuMPO is structured the way it is, is to economize. The OahuMPO is not like many other MPO's, in that we have only the State of Hawaii and one county – the City and County of Honolulu. The intent was not to grow government; the intent was to leverage staff from both the State and the City and County.
2. The State and the County have a sense of what is going on in their own areas. The State and City and County work well together, through OahuMPO and with each other. DTS has a good working relationship with OahuMPO staff and DOT.
3. The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) is part of the OahuMPO planning process. The City and County of Honolulu, through DTS, is the official grantee for HART. To ensure that HART is heard, there is a Memorandum of Understanding being developed between DTS and HART.
4. The configuration now works; more staff is not needed.

Councilmember Garcia added that two members of HART are on the Policy Committee – the DTS and Department of Transportation directors. Plus, the City Council, of which five members are on the Policy Committee, oversees the HART budget.

Councilmember Garcia asked for the timeline for the results of the Certification Review. Ms. Fischer responded that it would be about three month before the report is out.

Councilmember Berg stated that CC Curry had introduced him to OahuMPO via the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). Ms. Curry wanted a CAC member and a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) member on the Policy Committee. Councilmember Berg asked if any other MPOs have CAC and TAC voting members. Ms. Fischer stated that she could find out.

## **VII. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS**

CAC Chair Michael Golojuch summarized the last CAC meeting.

Director Gibson noted that the CAC heard Mr. Poirier's presentation, voted to request that the Policy Committee hear the presentation, but did not take a stand on the presentation itself.

## **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS (ANNOUNCEMENTS ONLY)**

Senator Espero introduced Britt Daniels, a student from James Campbell High School who is interning at his office.

Councilmember Berg announced that there would be a town hall meeting at Makaha Elementary School on July 12, 2011. Representative Awana noted that the date of the meeting may change. Updates will be sent via e-mail. She thanked DOT and DTS for coming out to Kapolei.

Chair Lee noted that the Leeward Bikeway presentation would be added to the next Policy Committee meeting agenda.

*There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.*