

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Friday, August 25, 2006, 1:00 p.m.  
City Council Committee Room, Room 309  
Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

**Members Present:**

Representative Marilyn Lee, Outgoing Chair	Representative Mark Moses
Councilmember Romy Cachola, Incoming Chair	Representative Joseph Souki
Senator Will Espero, Incoming Vice Chair	Senator Carol Fukunaga
Councilmember Ann Kobayashi	Melvin Kaku, DTS Director
Councilmember Rod Tam	

**Members Absent:** Councilmembers Barbara Marshall and Gary Okino; Senator Lorraine Inouye; DOT Director Rodney Haraga

**Guests Present:**

Dennis Galolo (Clmbr Cachola staff)	CC Curry (InterAgency COORDINATION Councils, CAC)
Katherine Folasca (Cl Chair Dela Cruz staff)	Charles Carole (NB #10, CAC)
Francisco Figueiredo (Clmbr Djou staff)	L. Gary Bautista (NB #23, CAC)
Maigee Chang (Senator L. Inouye staff)	Rich Hargrave (NB #23, CAC)
J. Ikaika Anderson (Clmbr Marshall staff)	Michael Golojuch (NB #34, CAC)
Patrick Tom (DOT)	Pamela Young (NB #35, CAC)
Liz Fischer (FHWA)	Antya Miller (North Shore Chamber of Commerce, CAC)
Darrlyn Bunda (Committee for Balanced Transportation, CAC)	Richard Kane (Pacific Resource Partnership, CAC)
Frank Genadio (CBT)	Michael Costa (Teamsters Local 996, CAC)
Joseph Magaldi, Jr. (CBT)	David Verret (Teamsters Local 996, CAC)
Kristi Schulenberg (HI Bicycling League, CAC)	Wes Frysztacki
Scott Snider (HBL, CAC)	

**OMPO Staff Present:** Gordon Lum (Executive Director), Laureen Brennan, Marian Yasuda, Pamela Toyooka

*Chair Marilyn Lee called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. A quorum was present.*

**I. ELECTION OF FY 2007 CHAIR & VICE CHAIR**

**FY 2007 Chair**

*Councilmember Ann Kobayashi nominated Councilmember Romy Cachola for the office of Chair. Representative Joseph Souki seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and Councilmember Cachola was elected Chair by acclamation.*

*[Representative Mark Moses arrived at 1:14 p.m.]*

Councilmember Cachola assumed the position of Chair.

Chair Cachola presented a resolution from the Policy Committee to outgoing Chair Lee. Senator Will Espero read the resolution. Chair Cachola also presented an engraved gavel to Chair Lee.

Chair Lee thanked everyone for their cooperation and the staff for all their help.

### **FY 2007 Vice Chair**

*Representative Souki nominated Senator Espero for the office of Vice Chair. Councilmember Tam seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and Senator Espero was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.*

## **II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 20, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

*Vice Chair Espero moved and Senator Carol Fukunaga seconded that the June 20, 2006 minutes be approved as circulated. The motion was unanimously approved.*

## **III. AWARDING OF CAC CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

The following Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) member organizations were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for their commitment to and participation in the metropolitan transportation planning process. The organizations' representatives accepting the certificates and the Policy Committee members presenting the certificates are also indicated below.

<b>CAC Member Organization</b>	<b>Organization Representatives</b>	<b>Policy Committee Members</b>
Committee for Balanced Transportation	Frank Genadio & Darrlyn Bunda	Melvin Kaku
Ewa Neighborhood Board (NB) #23	Rich Hargrave	Mark Moses
Hawaii Bicycling League	Kristi Schulenberg & Scott Snider	Ann Kobayashi
InterAgency COORDINATION Councils	CC Curry	Rod Tam
Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale NB #34	Michael Golojuch	Will Espero
Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus NB #10	Charles Carole	Carol Fukunaga
Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley NB #35	Pamela Young	Marilyn Lee
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Antya Miller	Joseph Souki
Pacific Resource Partnership	Richard Kane	Romy Cachola
Waialae-Kahala NB #3	<i>(representative not present)</i>	

## **IV. FYS 2006-2008 OAHU TIP AMENDMENTS**

### **Amendment #6 – Revision to Project C15: Bus & Handi-Van Acquisition Program**

Mr. Lum presented the proposed amendment #6 to the FYs 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – a revision in the number and type of buses in FY 2007 and 2008

for Project #C15 Bus & Handi-Van Acquisition Program. Mr. Lum noted that the amendment was technically evaluated; the results were as follows:

- ? It is consistent with the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan.
- ? Because this project is not an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) project, there is no change to the assessment of the TIP with regard to the Oahu Regional ITS Architecture.
- ? There is no change to the assessment of the TIP with regard to the Title VI and Environmental Justice program.
- ? Because this project is not a Congestion Management System (CMS) project, there is no change to the assessment of the TIP with regard to the CMS process.
- ? The Technical Advisory Committee has recommended the approval of this amendment.

No comments were received to-date on this amendment during the public comment period.

#### Questions and Answers

- ? In response to Representative Moses' question, Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Melvin Kaku explained that a "<30' bus" is used on narrow roads on hillsides, where a tight turning radius is required.
- ? Since the proposed buses for this project would cost less than the originally approved buses, Representative Souki asked what the balance of funds would be used for. Mr. Kaku stated that he did not have the answer to this question at this time. Chair Cachola asked Mr. Kaku to distribute an update on this matter to the members.

Chair Cachola asked if anyone would like to testify on this amendment. No one testified.

*Representative Souki moved and Representative Moses seconded that Amendment #6 to the FYs 2006-2008 TIP be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.*

#### **Amendment #8 – Revision to Project C1: Alapai Transit Center & Joint Traffic Management Center**

Mr. Lum presented the proposed amendment #8 to the FYs 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – a deletion of the construction phases of the FHWA-funded portion of Project #C1 Alapai Transit Center & Joint Traffic Management Center. Mr. Lum stated that the reason for this deletion is that the design phase will not be completed in time to implement the construction of the project in FY 2008.

Mr. Lum explained that, due to its minor nature, this amendment qualified under OMPO's expedited procedures – which allows this request to be submitted directly to the Policy Committee without prior review by the Technical Advisory Committee or solicitation of public comment.

Chair Cachola asked if there were any questions. No questions were asked. Chair Cachola asked if anyone would like to testify on this amendment. No one testified.

*Representative Souki moved and Mr. Kaku seconded that Amendment #8 to the FYs 2006-2008 TIP be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.*

**V. OTHER BUSINESS (ANNOUNCEMENTS ONLY)**

Mr. Lum introduced Marian Yasuda, OMPO's newly hired Community Planner.

*There being no other business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.*