

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 19, 2013, 3:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room 301, Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Committee for Balanced Transportation
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
AARP
American Planning Association Hawaii
American Society of Civil Engineers
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Land Use Research Foundation
League of Women Voters
NB #01 Hawaii Kai
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako
NB #13 Downtown
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village
NB #29 Kahaluu
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Pacific Resource Partnership
Palehua Townhouse Association
Tax Foundation of Hawaii
Waikiki Residents Association

Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Chair
Charles Carole, Vice Chair
John Goody
John Valera
Tiffany Hamada
Laura Kodama
Rose Pou
Patti Goeas
Michael Costa
Sara Toyama
Dave Arakawa
Marcia Linville
Greg Knudsen
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Joseph Bonin
Larry Hurst
Tom Smyth
Lynne Gutierrez
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Braunsen Kalaikai
Dick Poirier
Jeanne Ishikawa
Ken LeVasseur
Frank Genadio
Alan Suwa
Richard Landford
Bob Schieve
Paul Migliorato
Michael Golojuch
Randall Hiu
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

E Noa Corporation

Tom Dinell

Hawaii Bicycling League	Chad Taniguchi
Hui Kupuna VIP	Betty Mason
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association	Wynde Yamamoto
Mestizo Association	Arvid Youngquist
NB #07 Manoa	Tom Heinrich
NB #09 Waikiki	Robert Finley
NB #14 Liliha	Loy Kuo
NB #15 Kalihi-Palama	Fetu Kolio
NB #23 Ewa	John Gollner
NB #24 Waianae Coast	Greg LeGros

Guests Present:

Hannah Miyamoto	Beautiful Honolulu Foundation
Michael Formby	Department of Transportation Services
Michael A. Murphy	DTS
Debra Luning	Gentry Homes
Landa Phelan	Hawaii Association of the Blind
Andrea Anixt	Kaaawa Community Association
Tiffany Patrick	Marine Corps Base Hawaii
Hanalei Aipoalani	NB 36 Nanakuli-Maili

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson and Marian Yasuda

Chair Joseph Magaldi called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. How Rail Transit Can Transform Honolulu

Chair Magaldi introduced John White, Executive Director, Pacific Resource Partnership.

Mr. White presented a study that was commissioned by Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management partnership made up of Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters members and about 220 contractors. The purpose of the study was to explore how growth associated with rail will impact both the rail corridor and the entire island, through the prism of Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).

PRP feels that through supporting sustainable development, the quality of life for Oahu's residents will improve and each community's unique sense of place will be preserved. Adopting principles of smart growth and complete streets will revitalize and improve communities.

Oahu's population is projected to grow by 189,000 residents by the year 2050, which will require the addition of 104,000 homes and 182,000 jobs. If the majority of those additional homes and jobs fall within the rail corridor, the impacts of that growth will be greatly reduced. There could be 40,000 less car trips per day; a three percent reduction in vehicle emissions; 37 million fewer gallons of gasoline consumed per year; 15 square miles of open space saved; and Oahu's rural landscapes preserved. Having jobs and housing located along the rail corridor could lower transportation costs for some Oahu families as much as \$7,000 per year.

Discussion Highlights:

[Unless otherwise noted, questions were answered by Mr. White]

- In response to a question by Linda Starr: Preservation of green space can be achieved through continuing public input in the community planning efforts. Community vision can dictate the look and feel of neighborhoods, which can then lead to zoning laws supporting that vision.
- In response to a question by Jeff Merz: Currently only seven percent of Oahu's housing is within ½ mile of the rail corridor. In order for the rail to be optimally utilized, housing needs to be developed within walking distance of rail stations, the Bus fleet will need to be re-deployed as a feeder system to the rail, and the entire system has to be a convenient option.
- In response to a question by Joe Bonin: To make TOD successfully happen, infrastructure needs to be provided with private investment. Development will vary in each community, depending upon the needs of the area. Some areas will need housing, some will need commercial space, and some will need open space.
- In response to a question by Frank Genadio: PRP will eventually encourage the expansion of the rail system. This study is a high-level view of TOD and was not intended to be a review of the specific projects and plans for each rail station.
- In response to a question by Braunsen Kalaikai: Property values surrounding the stations need to be a part of the conversation as the zoning laws are refined. Displacing residents and businesses is not the desired outcome of TOD.
- In response to a question by Marcia Linville: Sixty-five percent of energy consumption is transportation-related. A TOD future is one way to become more energy independent. Energy savings shown in this study assume no policy changes.

2. OahuMPO 2011 Certification Review

Brian Gibson presented a summary of the findings of the Federal certification review conducted in July 2011. The findings include one commendation, one corrective action, and seven recommendations, resulting in a partial certification. OahuMPO needs to have an action plan in place within 90 days of the findings to address the corrective action. A draft action plan is currently being reviewed. The seven recommendations are either being addressed currently, or will be addressed through upcoming projects.

3. Approval of the May 15, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as circulated.

4. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that the Technical Advisory Committee met on Monday, June 3. At that meeting, they:

- Recommended Policy Committee approval of the Overall Work Program for FYs 2014-2015,
- Recommended Policy Committee approval of the Initial Regional Transportation Goals & Objectives with revisions,
- Recommended Policy Committee approval of the addition of HART staff to the Technical Advisory Committee.
- Heard a presentation of the Household Interview Travel Survey & Travel Demand Model project, and
- Heard a summary of the Federal Certification Review Results.

A Policy Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Council Committee Meeting Room 205, Honolulu Hale.

A Technical Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Multi-Use Conference Rooms 310 and 313 at 830 Punchbowl Street.

5. Announcements

There were no announcements.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.