

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 17, 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
American Society of Civil Engineers
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Gentry Homes, Ltd.
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Hui Kupuna VIP
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Land Use Research Foundation
League of Women Voters
Mestizo Association
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako
NB #13 Downtown
NB #14 Liliha
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #23 Ewa
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
Pacific Resource Partnership
Palehua Townhouse Association
Tax Foundation of Hawaii
Waikiki Residents Association

Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Chair
Charles Carole, Vice Chair
Tiffany Hamada
Laura Kodama
Deb Luning
Michael Costa
Rose Pou
I. Robert Nehmad
Dave Arakawa
Marcia Linville
Arvid Youngquist
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Joseph Bonin
Robert Finley
Larry Hurst
Tom Smyth
Loy Kuo
Lynne Gutierrez
Braunsen Kalaikai
Ariel De Jesus
Dick Poirier
Jeanne Ishikawa
Frank Genadio
Paul Migliorato
Michael Golojuch
Randall Hiu
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

AARP
American Planning Association Hawaii
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
E Noa Corporation
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living
NB #01 Hawaii Kai

John Goody
John Valera
Donald Sakamoto
Tom Dinell
Chad Taniguchi
Patti Goeas
Greg Knudsen

NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB #07 Manoa	Tom Heinrich
NB #15 Kalihi-Palama	Fetu Kolio
NB #21 Pearl City	Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
NB #24 Waianae Coast	Greg LeGros
NB #29 Kahaluu	Ken LeVasseur
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	Alan Suwa
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili	Richard Landford
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Bob Schieve

Guests Present:

Hannah Miyamoto	Beautiful Honolulu Foundation
John Lott	Citizen
Breene Harimoto	City Council
Harold Senter	Department of Planning and Permitting
Eileen Mark	Department of Transportation Services
Glenn Moir	DTS
Michael A. Murphy	DTS
Landa Phelan	Hawaii Association of the Blind
Andrea Anixt	Kaaawa Community Association
Wynde Yamamoto	Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association
Tiffany Patrick	Marine Corps Base Hawaii
Kanani Iaea	vRide
Crissy Ditmore	vRide
Linda Frysztacki	Weslin Consulting Services

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson and Marian Yasuda

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

1. Waikiki Regional Circulator Study

Chair Magaldi introduced Glenn Moir, Department of Transportation Services.

Mr. Moir provided some background on the Waikiki Regional Circulator Study (WRCS). The premise of the WRCS is to look for improvements in the circulation of all transportation modes in Waikiki, as well as to prepare bus service to meet rail service at Ala Moana Center in 2019.

Some recommendations coming out of the study are:

- Change the #8 bus route to be a faster and very frequent circulator between Waikiki and Ala Moana Center via two different routes: Ala Moana Center to Kalia Road and Ala Moana Center to the Honolulu Zoo using Kapiolani Boulevard.
- Provide pre-boarding fare payment allowing boarding at all doors by using ticket kiosks and an honor system for boarding.
- Circulator bus stops could be separated from other bus routes and trolley lines.
- Find terminus sites and stations where the buses could turn around; possibilities are the Honolulu Zoo parking lot and Ala Moana Center.
- Provide coordinated way-finding and real-time travel time information displays.

- Extend transit priority treatment by colorized pavement at bus stops and circulator stops.
- Replace diesel buses with turbine hybrid electric buses.
- Create a 7-mile grade-separated pedestrian and bicycle network
- Create an extensive bike sharing program
- Emphasize morning freight deliveries
- Use complete streets principles in designs
- Create definitive milestones, institutional mechanisms, and monitoring programs for implementation oversight
- Form a Waikiki Transportation Management Association

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Bert Narita: This study was not designed to explore alternative methods of transportation such as water taxis along the Ala Wai canal. The task was to look at improvements to the existing system that are needed to meet the demand associated with the rail system.
- A comment by Larry Hurst praised the effectiveness of the Barnes dance crosswalks that have already been implemented in Waikiki as a part of this study.
- In response to a question by Marcia Linville: Local bus routes will continue throughout Waikiki. The super circulator routes will have fewer stops that are further apart.
- In response to a question by Hannah Miyamoto: Speedy movement is the priority of the circulator bus, hence the fewer bus stops at key locations. Linda Frysztacki pointed out that an advantage to using Kuhio Avenue for the circulator service is the avoidance of conflicts with special events, such as parades.
- In response to a question by Rose Pou: The new hybrid buses are very quiet and Mr. Moir will look into the possibility of an audible warning to alert people that they are moving. All have audible announcement capability.
- In response to a question by Landa Phelan: The ticket kiosks will be accessible to those with vision impairments; and the display boards will be audible.
- In response to a question by Tom Smyth: This study was funded through OahuMPO; and seed money was provided by the Waikiki Improvement Association.
- In response to a question by Frank Genadio: The 7-mile grade-separated bicycle and pedestrian facility would be partially elevated at bridges and road crossings.
- In response to a question by Joseph Bonin: Debit and credit cards would be accepted at the ticket kiosks.
- In response to a question by John Lott: The 7-mile grade-separated bicycle and pedestrian facility would be mixed use.
- In response to a question by Loy Kuo: No vehicles will be allowed on bridge crossings over the Ala Wai Canal; they will be for bicycle and pedestrian traffic only.
- A comment by Ms. Phelan emphasized the dangers of a mixed-use path, particularly for those with visual impairment.
- In response to a question by Daisy Murai: The neighborhood boards did not object to the pedestrian-only bridges over the Ala Wai Canal.
- In response to a question by Ariel De Jesus: Details of the 7-mile grade-separated bicycle and pedestrian facility will be defined during the design phase.

2. OahuMPO 2011 Certification Review

Brian Gibson presented a summary of the draft Action Plan to address 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. The Action Plan needs to be approved by the Policy Committee by mid-August. The CAC is being asked to make a recommendation to the Policy Committee for action on this draft plan.

Mr. Narita moved and Ms. Linville seconded that the CAC recommend to the Policy Committee the approval of the Federal Certification Review Draft Action Plan.

Discussion Highlights:

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- David Arakawa suggested the following:
 - Scrutinizing projects should be done carefully.
 - Alternative revenue sources are important and should be studied.
 - City and County of Honolulu needs to be an active participants in the MPO process.
 - Individual issues in specific areas should be addressed by subcommittees meeting with the agencies.
- Mr. Bonin stressed the importance of coordination between agencies and utilities for roadway construction.

The motion passed unanimously with two abstentions.

3. Approval of the June 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved with one abstention.

4. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that the Policy Committee met on Tuesday, July 9. At that meeting, they:

- Approved Gentry Homes' application for membership to the CAC,
- Approved the FYs 2014-2015 Overall Work Program with changes,
- Approved Revision #23 to the FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program,
- Received an introduction to the requirements for the development of the Transportation Alternatives Program at the OahuMPO,
- Heard an update on the Makakilo Drive Extension Project, and
- Heard the CAC highlights as presented by Chair Magaldi.

5. Announcements

Chair Magaldi announced a special meeting of the CAC on July 25 at 3:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room to hear the City's presentation of its Transit-Oriented Development Plan.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

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