

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 1:00 p.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 325  
415 South Beretania 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 Stanley Chang		Senator Carol Fukunaga
Councilmember Nestor Garcia		DTS Director Wayne Yoshioka

**Member(s) Absent:** Councilmember Romy Cachola; Representative Joseph Souki; and DOT Director Glenn Okimoto

**Guests Present:**

Dennis Galolo (CM Cachola)		Tom Smyth (CAC, NB #13)
Brandon Elefante (CM Harimoto)		Jame Schaedel (CAC, NB #34)
Patrick Tom (DOT)		Steven Yoshida (CAC, ITE)
Jill Yamanouchi (DOT)		Marcia Linville (CAC, LWV)
Joseph Magaldi, Jr. (CAC, CBT)		Mike Golojuch (CAC, PTA)
Donald Sakamoto (CAC, CFADAR)		Michael Costa (CAC, HTAW, Local 996)
Ed Schell (CAC, NB #2)		Daisy Murai (CAC, WRA)
Bert Narita (CAC, NB #5)		Adam Schaefer (Campbell High School)
Tom Heinrich (CAC, NB #7)		Bryce Kinley (Campbell High School)
Charles Carole (CAC, NB #10)		

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chair Marilyn Lee. A quorum was present.

**I. CAC CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION**

The following Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) member organizations [*organization representatives present to accept certificate in italics*] attended at least 80% of the CAC meetings held during 2011. For their commitment to the OahuMPO planning process, they were presented with Certificates of Appreciation. The Policy Committee members made the presentations of the certificates. A group photo was taken following the presentations.

Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride  
Committee for Balanced Transportation  
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996  
Institute of Transportation Engineers

*Donald Sakamoto  
Joe Magaldi, Jr.  
Michael Costa  
Steven A. Yoshida*

League of Women Voters  
Neighborhood Board (NB) #02 Kuliouou Kalani Iki  
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-St Louis Heights  
NB #07 Manoa  
NB #13 Downtown  
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale  
Waikiki Residents Association

*Marcia Linville*  
*Ed Schell*  
*Bert Narita*  
*Thomas Heinrich*  
*Tom Smyth*  
*Jame Schaedel\**  
*Daisy Murai*

\*Though no longer a member of NB #34, Mr. Schaedel recognized Mike Golojuch as being instrumental in the earning this certificate for NB #34.

## **II. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2012 MEETINGS**

Councilmember Tom Berg requested that, in the first sentence of the last paragraph on page 3 of the minutes, “*two Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) members*” be replaced with “*one Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) member and one Technical Advisory Committee member*”.

*The minutes of the February 27, 2012 meetings were unanimously approved as revised.*

## **III. CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP TO CAC FOR PALEHUA TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION**

Executive Director Brian Gibson stated that the Palehua Townhouse Association had attended the required four meetings in a twelve-month period and is requesting membership to the CAC.

*Representative Karen Awana moved and Vice Chair Breene Harimoto seconded that Palehua Townhouse Association be appointed to the CAC.*

Councilmember Nestor Garcia stated that he strongly recommended this appointment.

Mr. Golojuch, President of the Palehua Townhouse Association, stated that their association not only considers issues on the Leeward side, but they consider issues for the entire island.

*A vote was taken; the motion was unanimously approved.*

## **IV. CONSIDER OWP FOR FYS 2013-2014**

*Handout(s): Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) for FYs 2013-2014; Public Review Comment Summary; Intergovernmental Review Comment Summary*

*[Senator J. Kalani English arrived at 1:18 p.m.]*

Director Gibson gave a presentation on the FYs 2013-2014 OWP, including the comments from the public review and the intergovernmental review. The OahuMPO CAC and Technical Advisory Committee both recommended approval of the FYs 2013-2014 OWP.

*Senator Carol Fukunaga moved and Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Wayne Yoshioka seconded that the OWP for FYs 2013-2014 be approved.*

Senator Will Espero asked if Work Element (WE) 203.84-13 (Contra-Flow Update Study) is tied into or can be tied into the Legislative bill passed for the PM Zipper Lane. Director Yoshioka responded that the work element is not focused on the H-1 contraflow lane, but rather on the local arterials. This study is to determine where it is appropriate to add or delete contraflow on these arterials to help traffic flow in these areas.

Councilmember Garcia asked about the Neighborhood Mobility Review, which is not programmed in the OWP. Director Gibson stated that the CAC recommended this study. However, it was premature to do the study prior to the City adopting the Complete Streets policy. Now that it has been adopted, he expects the CAC to again make the recommendation.

Director Yoshioka stated that DTS is currently formulating the draft rules on how the City will implement the Complete Streets policies. Once there is a draft set of rules, DTS will meet with their sister departments; then the rules will be reviewed by the City Council. DTS will then adopt the rules.

Councilmember Garcia stated that he and Chair Lee would like the Complete Streets approach incorporated into the WE 202.02-14 (Central Oahu Transportation Study). Director Yoshioka responded that many Complete Streets concepts are already imbedded in current Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) guidelines; so, usually, a new development has already incorporated the Complete Streets concept in its design when the development is submitted to DPP for approval. The real challenge is figuring out how to incorporate the Complete Streets concept in older areas. Councilmember Garcia stated that the public needs to be apprised of the Complete Streets policy. Director Yoshioka assured him that the City would keep the Committee and the public updated.

No testimony was offered.

*A vote was taken. The motion was unanimously approved.*

## **V. CONSIDER FFYS 2011-2014 TIP REVISION #14**

*Handout(s): Draft Federal Fiscal Years (FFYS) 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision #14 (Expedited Administrative Modification)*

Director Gibson gave a presentation on the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP Revision #14. The TIP remains fiscally constrained.

*Director Yoshioka moved and Senator Espero seconded that the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP Revision #14 be approved.*

Councilmember Berg stated that the community is opposed to the resolution that the Council passed on the Special Management Area Use Permits for Makaha Bridges 3 and 3A. A lawsuit has been filed to stop the project. The Waianae NB has asked that this project be revisited. The alternative road should be mauka of Farrington Highway, rather than makai and on the beach. He stated that the existing bridges are sound. He pointed out that, in the TIP revision project

information sheet, it states that the “community affected” says “in the vicinity of Waimanalo”; that needs to be changed to “in the vicinity of Makaha”.

Director Yoshioka stated that the alternative road on the beach is a temporary detour while the bridges are being worked on. When the project is completed, the alternative road will be removed. These bridges are not sound; they are deficient and need to be replaced soon. Until the Hawaii Department of Transportation reinforced the bridges temporarily, buses could not go over the bridge because the bridges could not take the bus load. Without the reinforcement, bus service to and from Makaha would have been cut off. The Honolulu Fire Department also had serious concerns about running their fire trucks over the bridge. Any alternative route study and route approval will take a long time; the bridges are in immediate need of repair.

Representative Awana concurred that there are concerns from the community. She encouraged more open dialogue and discussion with the community. She recalls, back when she was on the neighborhood board, that there was talk of routing the road mauka of the comfort station. She also agreed that we shouldn't wait until something drastic happens before something is done about the bridges.

*Chair Lee relinquished the Chair to Vice Chair Harimoto in order to comment.*

Representative Lee stated that there was quite a bit of discussion about the bridges during the Legislative session, since those bridges are part of a bill passed regarding bridges exemption. She is not sure if the whole community is in opposition, though it is controversial. The State Representative from that area was very much in favor of it and is having public meetings related to it. She agrees with Representative Awana that there needs to be more public input. Since the timeframe is two years from now, there is time to address Councilmember Berg's concerns.

*Chair Lee took back the Chair.*

*A vote was taken. The motion was approved with no opposition.*

## **VI. PRESENTATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION ASSET CLIMATE CHANGE RISK ASSESSMENT PROJECT**

*Handout(s): Section 7.0 Summary of Integrated Matrix, from the OahuMPO Transportation Asset Climate Change Risk Assessment Report*

Randolph Sykes gave a presentation on the Transportation Asset Climate Change Risk Assessment Project.

Regarding the Honolulu International Airport, Director Yoshioka asked if “*emergency services*” referred to ambulances; Mr. Sykes responded in the affirmative. Director Yoshioka stated that the ambulances will move out of Mapunapuna in 2015.

Mr. Sykes referred the members to the handout, *Section 7.0 Summary of Integrated Matrix*, from the report. He noted that the entire report is on the OahuMPO website.

Councilmember Garcia stated that there was a disaster conference addressing incident response at the University of Hawaii last week. In September, the State will have a major conference to address a recovery plan. Department of Emergency Management is involved in a task force with the private sector to discuss how to deal with the critical aspect of the harbors. The big box retailers are involved in task force; they want to make sure that their vendors are able to deliver their goods and services. City Council has its own emergency operations plan; there is an exercise scheduled for Saturday, June 16.

In response to Senator Espero, Mr. Sykes stated that the output from a model regarding a Category Four hurricane in Ewa is on the OahuMPO website; this is part of the 2009 catastrophic plan done by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and both State and City agencies.

*[Senator Fukunaga left at 2:20 p.m.]*

## **VII. CAC HIGHLIGHTS**

CAC Chair Joseph Magaldi, Jr., summarized the last four CAC meetings held since the prior Policy Committee meeting.

Regarding DTS' presentation on the upcoming plan for efficiency of service for TheBus, Director Yoshioka added that DTS is continuing to engage the public, including NBs, regarding the bus route changes – soliciting comments on how the public has been impacted by the implemented route changes, and preparing them for and informing them of the upcoming route changes. DTS is watching this situation very closely. They will make adjustments to ensure that the changes are not detrimental to the riding public.

In response to Councilmember Garcia, Marian Yasuda, OahuMPO Community Planner, stated that the CAC member organizations are surveyed annually for their time and day preferences. 90% of the current membership prefers the time and day be kept as is. CAC Chair Magaldi noted that 30+ member organizations attend each meeting.

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

Vice Chair Harimoto introduced two members of the audience – Adam Schaefer and Bryce Kinley, students from Campbell High School who are interested in government and are shadowing him.

*There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.*