

Meeting Summary of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 224  
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

***Members Present:***

Committee for Balanced Transportation  
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus  
AARP  
Hawaii Association of the Blind  
Hawaii Bicycling League  
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996  
Institute of Transportation Engineers  
Kaaawa Community Association  
Land Use Research Foundation  
League of Women Voters  
Mestizo Association  
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki  
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala  
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights  
NB #07 Manoa  
NB #09 Waikiki  
NB #14 Liliha  
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village  
NB #21 Pearl City  
NB #24 Waianae Coast  
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu  
NB #29 Kahaluu  
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale  
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili  
Pacific Resource Partnership  
Palehua Townhouse Association  
Waikiki Residents Association

Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Chair  
Charles Carole, Vice Chair  
John Goody  
Landa Phelan  
Chad Taniguchi  
Michael Costa  
Robert Nehmad  
Andrea Anixt  
Dave Arakawa  
Marcia Linville  
Arvid Youngquist  
Linda Starr  
Lester Fukuda  
Bert Narita  
Jim Hayes  
Robert Finley  
Brandon Mitsuda  
Lynne Gutierrez  
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.  
Al Frenzel  
Dick Poirier  
Ken LeVasseur  
Frank Genadio  
Richard Landford  
Paul Migliorato  
Michael Golojuch  
Daisy Murai

***Members Absent (Reps):***

American Planning Association Hawaii  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii  
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride  
E Noa Corporation  
Gentry Homes, Ltd.  
Hawaii Center for Independent Living

John Valera  
Lara Karamatsu  
Laura Kodama  
Rose Pou  
Tom Dinell  
Deb Luning  
Patti Goeas

Hui Kupuna VIP  
NB #01 Hawaii Kai  
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili  
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako  
NB #13 Downtown  
NB #22 Waipahu  
NB #23 Ewa  
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village  
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley  
North Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Betty Mason  
Greg Knudsen  
Joseph Bonin  
Larry Hurst  
Tom Smyth  
Braunsen Kalaikai  
Kevin Rathburn  
Jeanne Ishikawa  
Alan Suwa  
Bob Schieve  
Randall Hiu

***Guests Present:***

Jan Bappe	Citizen
Suati Singh	DAV Zurich
Michael Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Tiffany Patrick	Marine Corps Base Hawaii
Barbra Armentrout	Neighborhood Board #5
Shirley Landford	Neighborhood Board #36

***OahuMPO Staff Present:*** Brian Gibson and Pamela Toyooka

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

**1. Bringing Bike Share to Hawaii**

Chair Magaldi introduced Shem Lawlor from the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Mr. Lawlor provided background information about how bikeshare works and typical usage of bikeshare programs. Bikeshare complements existing transportation systems, supports transit-oriented development, increases healthy transportation, reduces traffic, and improves the quality of life for urban residents.

Most major cities in the United States either have a bikeshare program in place or are currently planning for bikeshare. The State Department of Health started a pilot program in Kailua that is still operating. That pilot is small and functions more like bike rentals for tourists rather than a network of bicycles to use as an alternative mode of transportation.

DPP conducted a Bikeshare Organizational study which determined that Honolulu is well-suited for bikeshare. The study also yielded recommendations for the organization and structure of Honolulu's bikeshare. An administrative non-profit model, where the non-profit governs the system and a professional vendor does day-to-day operations, was recommended. A large and dense system, with 180 stations within 5 square miles and 1700 bikes for phase one, was also recommended. Bikeshare Hawaii is currently being implemented and the complete system should be launched mid-2015.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Linda Starr: Most bikeshare riders own and bring their own helmets, but there will not be a helmet requirement in Honolulu. There will most likely be a helmet campaign to accompany the opening of the system. Bikeshare systems nationwide have proven to be very safe. Increasing numbers of bicycles on the road also increases the safety of all riders. Some areas are looking into vending machines or kiosks for helmet rentals.
- In response to a question by Barbra Armentrout: The focus of the City is to change the environment and habits in Honolulu. People need options to be provided before they are able to make transportation mode choices other than driving in their cars. Cities with worse congestion have had success with their bikeshare programs.
- In response to a question by John Goody: The City did not conduct a feasibility study due to lack of resources and time; the vendor will be asked to determine details such as station location and trip destinations. The process for permitting and locating stations will be determined by DPP before the stations are placed. Hotels and developers have expressed an interest in paying to place the stations on their property.
- In response to a question by Robert Finley: Some programs have been implemented without any real bicycle infrastructure in place; other programs made sure that they have a certain number of miles of bike lanes prior to implementation of their program. The Oahu Bike Plan is being implemented as quickly as possible, but the City is not going to wait until bike lanes are on every road before implementing this bikeshare program. Based on evidence from other cities, having the infrastructure in place is not required for a safe and successful bikeshare program to get started.
- In response to a question by Landa Phelan: Bikeshare Hawaii will likely help to accelerate the implementation of the City's Oahu Bike Plan projects.
- In response to a question by Ken LeVasseur: The first phase of the program will border from Chinatown on the west end to the University of Hawaii Manoa (UHM) on the east end. Having the bikeshare system operating for a number of years before the implementation of Honolulu's rail system will allow for its expansion when the rail is operational. There can be bikeshare stations at each rail station and their surrounding neighborhoods.
- In response to a question by Marcia Linville: By increasing the numbers of bikes on the road, drivers will become more aware when sharing the road; and the public support for the infrastructure needs will increase.
- In response to a question by Chad Taniguchi: Cyclists have the legal right to occupy a lane of traffic, just like a car. Bikeshare programs and cycle tracks, separated bike lanes, have transformed communities across the United States. The Oahu Bike Plan has no plans for cycle tracks, but the City is planning for a cycle track on King Street from downtown to UHM.

- In response to a question by Al Frenzel: The bikeshare system operations will require rebalancing regularly. There will be the need to make sure that the distribution of the bikes remains even throughout the stations throughout the day.
- In response to a question by Daisy Murai: The goal is to have enough bikes on the road and sufficient infrastructure to make the rules of the road evident and encourage safe and proper behavior. Signage at the bikeshare stations will be multilingual.
- In response to a question by Frank Genadio: The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation is involved in the planning process. Most systems have an annual membership fee of \$60 to \$100 per year. The bikeshare fees may be integrated with the City's payment method for the train and TheBus.
- In response to a question by Arvid Youngquist: The Department of Transportation Services did implement a bike self-repair station. They may be adding more around the city.
- In response to a question by Tiffany Patrick: The Kailua pilot system was good in that it exposed people to the idea of bikeshare. Kailua is a good location for expansion of the Bikeshare Honolulu.

## **2. Election of CAC Chair for 2014**

Chair Magaldi asked for nominations from the floor for CAC Chair. Mr. Youngquist nominated Mike Golojuch. Chair Magaldi nominated Charles Carole. Nominations were closed.

Mike Golojuch received a majority (14) of the votes and was elected Chair.

## **3. Election of CAC Vice Chair for 2014**

Chair Golojuch asked for nominations from the floor for Vice Chair. Robert Nehmad nominated Mr. Magaldi. Mr. Youngquist nominated Ms. Starr. Nominations were closed.

Mr. Magaldi received a majority of the votes (22) and was elected Vice Chair.

## **4. Approval of December 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as circulated.

## **5. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights**

Pamela Toyooka announced that there have been no meetings of the Policy Committee or the Technical Advisory Committee since the CAC last met. There are no meetings scheduled.

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