

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room 301, Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Palehua Townhouse Association
Committee for Balanced Transportation
AARP
American Planning Association Hawaii
American Society of Civil Engineers
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
E Noa Corporation
Gentry Homes, Ltd.
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Institute of Transportation Engineers
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
NB #13 Downtown
NB #14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Pacific Resource Partnership
Waikiki Residents Association

Michael Golojuch, Chair
Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair
John Goody
John Valera
Lara Karamatsu
Laura Kodama
Tom Dinell
Deb Luning
Chad Taniguchi
Michael Costa
Robert Nehmad
Bert Narita
Robert Finley
Charles Carole
Tom Smyth
Brandon Mitsuda
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Braunsen Kalaikai
Dick Poirier
Jeanne Ishikawa
Frank Genadio
Alan Suwa
Bob Schieve
Paul Migliorato
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Hawaii Association of the Blind
Hawaii Center for Independent Living
Hui Kupuna VIP
Kaaawa Community Association
Land Use Research Foundation
League of Women Voters
Mestizo Association

Rose Pou
Landa Phelan
Patti Goeas
Betty Mason
Andrea Anixt
Dave Arakawa
Marcia Linville
Arvid Youngquist

NB #01 Hawaii Kai	Greg Knudsen
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala	Lester Fukuda
NB #07 Manoa	Jim Hayes
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili	Joseph Bonin
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako	Larry Hurst
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Lynne Gutierrez
NB #23 Ewa	Kevin Rathburn
NB #24 Waianae Coast	Al Frenzel
NB #29 Kahaluu	Ken LeVasseur
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili	Richard Landford
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Randall Hiu

Guests Present: None

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson and Marian Yasuda

Chair Michael Golojuch called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

I. Citizen Advisory Committee and its Role in the OahuMPO Process

Chair Golojuch introduced Brian Gibson, Executive Director, OahuMPO. Mr. Gibson provided an overview of how the CAC fits into the process of the OahuMPO and its functions.

The CAC is an advisory body which is made up of non-governmental organizations with an interest in or are stakeholders in Oahu's transportation. The CAC represents the pulse of the public which helps to inform the decision-making process of the Policy Committee. OahuMPO is responsible for three major documents: the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Overall Work Program. The CAC plays a prominent role in the development of these, as well as the review of and finalization of those documents.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Tom Smyth: Other agencies' citizen committees typically are comprised of stakeholders in a specific project and individuals that have an interest in transportation within the region. Maintaining a standing committee of member organizations, such as the OahuMPO CAC, is a less common model.
- In response to a question by Paul Migliorato: The Policy Committee has approved all of the CAC membership applications submitted in the past seven years. The illustrative project list for the ORTP 2035 includes extensions of the rail project. Those projects are a high priority, but do not currently have a reasonable expectation that funding is currently available.

- In response to a question by Robert Nehmad: The ongoing review of the OahuMPO planning process is considering the relationship between the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the CAC. More interaction between the committees may be a recommendation that comes from that review. OahuMPO and Maui MPO will likely be part of a statewide affiliation of Hawaii MPOs and a formula will need to be established to split the federal funding provided to Hawaii between the MPOs.
- In response to a question by Frank Genadio: The Policy Committee may change any document or revision put before it for action. Traditionally, the MPO has been a collector of lists from the State and the City. This violates federal regulations in that the Policy Committee should be selecting the projects and making the decisions for Oahu's transportation plans, not simply rubber-stamping decisions that have already been made by the agencies. The Planning Process Review will work to change that process.
- In response to a question by Joe Magaldi: The TAC is made up of Director-appointed representatives (2 each) from OahuMPO partner agencies – Departments of Transportation, Transportation Services, Planning and Permitting, and Business, Economic Development and Tourism. There are also five non-voting members from the University of Hawaii, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, Hawaii Transportation Association, and Federal Transit Administration (vacant).

II. Approval of January 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as circulated.

III. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that the Technical Advisory Committee met on February 3, 2014. At that meeting, they:

- Elected Brian Suzuki, DTS, as Chair and Ken Tatsuguchi, DOT, as Vice Chair for 2014;
- Recommended the approval of Revision #28 to the FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program;
- Heard an introduction to the Draft FYs 2015-2016 Overall Work Program, and;
- Heard an update on the development of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2040.

The Policy Committee met on February 10, 2014. At that meeting, they:

- Elected Senator Will Espero as Chair and Councilmember Breene Harimoto as Vice Chair for 2014;
- Approved the hiring of a Senior Transportation Planner for OahuMPO;
- Approved Revision #2 to the FYs 2014-2015 OWP without the deletion of the Central Oahu Transportation Study;
- Approved Revisions #27 and #28 to the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP;
- Heard the introduction to the draft FFYs 2015-2018 TIP;
- Heard the introduction to the initial draft FYs 2015-2016 OWP;

- Presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following CAC member organizations for their exemplary attendance:
 - American Society of Civil Engineers
 - Committee for Balanced Transportation
 - Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
 - Institute of Transportation Engineers
 - League of Women Voters
 - Waiialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board #3
 - Diamond Head-Kapahulu-St Louis Heights Neighborhood Board #5
 - McCully-Moilili Neighborhood Board #8
 - Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus Neighborhood Board #10
 - Downtown Neighborhood Board #13
 - Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale Neighborhood Board #34
 - Pacific Resource Partnership
 - Palehua Townhouse Association
 - Waikiki Residents Association

There are no future meetings scheduled.

IV. Announcements

Chair Golojuch announced that the CAC Working Group for the ORTP 2040 will meet on Tuesday, March 4 at noon in the OahuMPO conference room. Interested persons who would like to participate should contact Marian Yasuda.

Bob Schieve announced that the placement of the Turtle Beach (Laniakea) barriers have helped the traffic congestion on Kamehameha Highway, although the congestion has been moved further down the road.

Tom Dinell announced that the City and County of Honolulu and AARP have launched the Age-Friendly City Project. He and John Goody both sit on the steering committee for the project. They will be launching a CAC that will have 90 to 100 members; they will have a 2-year planning period and a three-year implementation period in which to achieve the Age-Friendly City certification from the World Health Organization.

Bob Finley announced that the construction on the Waikiki International Marketplace begins this week; anticipate lane closures on Kalakaua Avenue.

V. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.