

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 19, 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
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
E Noa Corporation
Hawaii Association of the Blind
Hawaii Bicycling League
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 #08 McCully-Moilili
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
NB #13 Downtown
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #29 Kahaluu
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili
Pacific Resource Partnership
Waikiki Residents Association

Michael Golojuch, Chair
Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair
John Goody
Laura Kodama
Rose Pou
Tom Dinell
Landa Phelan
Chad Taniguchi
Andrea Anixt
Dave Arakawa
Marcia Linville
Arvid Youngquist
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Jim Hayes
Joseph Bonin
Charles Carole
Tom Smyth
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Braunsen Kalaikai
Al Frenzel
Dick Poirier
Leilehualani Kane
Frank Genadio
Alan Suwa
Richard Landford
Paul Migliorato
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

American Planning Association Hawaii
American Society of Civil Engineers
Hawaii Center for Independent Living
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996

John Valera
Lara Karamatsu
Patti Goeas
Michael Costa

Hui Kupuna VIP
Gentry Homes, Ltd.
Institute of Transportation Engineers
NB #01 Hawaii Kai
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako
NB #14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #23 Ewa
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Betty Mason
Deb Luning
Robert Nehmad
Greg Knudsen
Robert Finley
Larry Hurst
Brandon Mitsuda
Lynne Gutierrez
Kevin Rathburn
Jeanne Ishikawa
Bob Schieve
Randall Hiu

Guests Present:

Hannah Miyamoto	Beautiful Honolulu Foundation
Jame Schaedel	Councilmember Kymberly Pine's Office
Harold Senter	Department of Planning and Permitting
Michael Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Alan Ong	Hunt Companies
Wynde Yamamoto	Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association
Tiffany Patrick	Marine Corps Base Hawaii
Gary Tasato	NAVFAC HI
Shirley Landford	Neighborhood Board #36
Barbra Armentrout	Saint Louis Community Association
Linda Frysztacki	Weslin Consulting
Wes Frysztacki	Weslin Consulting

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson, Randolph Sykes, and Marian Yasuda

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

I. Draft FYs 2015-2016 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Chair Golojuch introduced Brian Gibson, Executive Director, OahuMPO. Mr. Gibson provided an overview the Draft FYs 2015-2016 OWP. The public review period began March 3 and ends on May 9, 2014. The OWP identifies transportation-related studies and projects for Oahu during that fiscal year. The draft OWP is available on the OahuMPO website.

In addition to the FYs 2015 and 2016 work elements that have been and remain ongoing, there are five new initiatives included:

For the OahuMPO:

- Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update
- Farrington Highway Realignment Feasibility Study
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture and Plan Update

For the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS)

- PM Peak Period Tow Away Zone Time Modifications on Urban Arterial
- Kapalama Sub-Area Multimodal Circulation and Mobility Study

None of the CAC's recommended projects for the draft OWP have been included. Mr. Gibson provided the agency responses to each of the CAC's recommendations.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Joseph Bonin: The response to the Kapolei Infrastructure project suggested by the CAC was provided by the Department of Planning and Permitting. Support for this and other projects that were not included in this draft can be expressed to the OahuMPO. All comments received will be provided to the Policy Committee to inform their decision-making process.
- In response to a question by Linda Starr: Concerns about a lack of holistic regional planning for development on Oahu may be submitted as a comment on this draft document; and we will provide that to our partner agencies.
- In response to a question by Arvid Youngquist: Some funds in the draft OWP that were originally obligated for OahuMPO staff time are being proposed to shift to consultant time. This consultant time would be for additional contracts for new projects.
- In response to a question by Barbra Armentrout: Comments may be submitted via email, mail, or fax to OahuMPO. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) did not support the TheHandi-Van project suggested by the CAC as it duplicates similar analyses already conducted in recent years by DTS, Oahu Transit Services (OTS) (the City's transit services contractor), and various consultant teams.
- In response to a question by Frank Genadio: Many of the studies in the OWP are managed by OahuMPO's partner agencies and are included in the OWP as a means of receiving federal planning funds through the OahuMPO.
- A comment by Alan Suwa suggested that the partner agencies develop their priority list of projects and provide that to the CAC for input instead of the CAC making suggestions without much background knowledge. The CAC should be a resource to the State and City agencies.
- In response to a question by Dick Poirier: OahuMPO can request the presence of agency representatives at a CAC meeting to explain their responses and listen to the CAC's concerns.

- In response to a question by Jim Hayes: OahuMPO has an existing Congestion Management Process in place that was last updated in 2005. The update project will re-evaluate the existing process, based on the availability of new technologies, new tools, proven strategies, and/or new Federal, State, and local government requirements.
- In response to a question by Al Frenzel: OahuMPO's partner agencies have their own processes by which they prioritize projects that will receive funding as local match for federal dollars.
- In response to a question by Andrea Anixt: The North Shore Transit Study was not supported, as it duplicates the coordination already undertaken by the City in anticipation of "predictable stressors." The coordination includes DTS and OTS staff, as well as personnel from first-responder and other key City and State agencies.
- In response to a question by Tom Dinell: The CAC could take action on one or two specific issues if that is desired. A subcommittee could be formed to develop comments representing the committee as a whole for presentation to the Policy Committee.
- In response to a suggestion by Mr. Youngquist: Chair Golojuch responded that, as Chair, he can request that the agencies responsible for responses to the CAC project recommendations have a representative in attendance at the April CAC meeting.
- In response to a question by Mr. Bonin: The written and email responses will be provided by email, as requested.

II. CAC Working Group for the ORTP 2040 – Draft Vision, Goals, and Objectives

Chair Golojuch introduced Joseph Magaldi, CAC Vice Chair and Chair of the CAC Working Group, and Randolph Sykes, ORTP 2040 Project Manager, OahuMPO. Vice Chair Magaldi announced that the Working Group met on March 4 at the OahuMPO office. The working group developed the following draft vision:

The Oahu Regional Transportation Plan's vision is to provide a safe, effective, efficient, and accessible multi-modal transportation system through the use of available resources in the planning, maintenance, enhancement, and support of sustainable regional transportation.

Mr. Sykes explained that this draft vision statement is being presented for input by the CAC. It will then be presented to the Technical Advisory Committee for its input; and, ultimately, all input and the draft statement will go the Policy Committee for its input. There will be an opportunity to review a draft statement after all input is received and provide additional input.

The following suggestions for revision were made:

- Switch the placement of the terms "*enhancement*" and "*sustainability*".
- "*Design*" should be included.
- "*Land use planning*" should be included.
- "*Preservation, community, and cultural sensitivity*" should be included.
- "*Safe*" and "*attractive*" are words that should be included.
- "*Facilitate the creation of*" should replace "*provide*".
- "*Environment and climate change*" should be included.
- "*In an environmentally sensitive manner*" should be included.

III. OahuMPO Planning Process Review (OPPR) – CAC Early Input

Mr. Gibson introduced the findings that have come out of the first part of the OPPR process which are outlined in the technical memo and summarized in the pamphlet made available at this meeting.

Some issues that were identified and will be further explored are:

- HRS 279E, the State law which established the MPO, is non-conforming with Federal regulations and, at the least, needs to be changed;
- The MPO should be the decision-making body for Oahu regarding surface transportation planning and programming;
- The MPO Policy Committee should no longer be a rubber stamp for the State and City;
- The MPO should facilitate the 3-C process (cooperative decision-making);
- The MPO should be an independent agency and not subordinate to any other agency;
- The MPO may look at agency annual dues rather than project-by-project funding;
- Performance measures need to be established and should support decision-making;
- The MPO should look at alternatives in regards to attachment to a specific agency;
- The MPO Policy Committee membership needs to be re-examined and possibly changed;
- Bylaws and procedures should be developed for the Policy, Executive, and Technical Committees; and
- Additional advisory committees may be considered.

An electronic feedback tool is forthcoming for comments and suggestions. Further discussion will be on the agenda at the April 16 CAC meeting.

Discussion Highlights:

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- In response to a question by Ms. Starr: Data collection will be used for the support of newly developed performance measures.
- A comment made by Mr. Dinell suggested that the constitution of the Policy Committee is the most fundamental decision to be made. Other issues will be shaped by that initial change.

IV. Approval of February 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

This item was deferred due to lack of time.

V. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

There were no meeting highlights.

VI. Announcements

Chad Taniguchi announced the MAP 21 Workshop on April 8-9, 2014 at the State Capitol to educate advocates and agency staff about current federal funding available for bicycle and pedestrian projects. Registration is free and available online until April 2.

Cruz Vina thanked the Hawaii Bicycling League for the Bike Rodeo held at Blaisdell Park in Pearl City.

Daisy Murai announced a meeting at the Jefferson Elementary School on March 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with the Army Corps of Engineers to learn about the Ala Wai Canal Flood Mitigation.

Wes Frysztacki announced a joint neighborhood board (NB #8 and NB #9) meeting about the Waikiki Regional Circulator Study on March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ala Wai Elementary School. This meeting will focus on the proposed bicycle and pedestrian bridges going over the Ala Wai Canal.

VII. Other Business

Mr. Youngquist stated that he would like the May CAC meeting to revisit transit-oriented development.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.