

Meeting Summary of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 3:30 p.m.  
City Council Committee Room 205, Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

***Members Present:***

Committee for Balanced Transportation  
Land Use Research Foundation  
American Planning Association Hawaii  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii  
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride  
E Noa Corporation  
Hawaii Bicycling League  
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living  
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996  
Rose Pou  
Institute of Transportation Engineers  
League of Women Voters  
Mestizo Association  
NB #01 Hawaii Kai  
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki  
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights  
NB #07 Manoa  
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili  
NB #09 Waikiki  
NB #13 Downtown  
NB #21 Pearl City  
NB #24 Waianae Coast  
NB #29 Kahaluu  
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale  
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley  
North Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Pacific Resource Partnership  
Tax Foundation of Hawaii  
Waikiki Residents Association

Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Chair  
Dave Arakawa, Vice Chair  
John Valera  
Tiffany Hamada  
Laura Kodama  
Ronald Pike  
Tom Dinell  
Daniel Alexander  
Charlene Ota  
Michael Costa  
Hui Kupuna VIP  
I. Robert Nehmad  
Marcia Linville  
Arvid Youngquist  
Greg Knudsen  
Linda Starr  
Bert Narita  
Tom Heinrich  
Ron Lockwood  
Robert Finley  
Tom Smyth  
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.  
Bob Smith  
Ken LeVasseur  
Jame Schaedel  
Alan Suwa  
Bob Schieve  
Paul Migliorato  
Randall Hiu  
Jan Bappe

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

AARP  
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association  
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala  
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus

Mary Protheroe  
Laura Kodama  
Lester Fukuda  
Charles Carole

NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako	Larry Hurst
NB #14 Liliha	Chad Atkins
NB #15 Kalihi-Palama	Fetu Kolio
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Constante Domingo
NB #22 Waipahu	Rito Saniatan
NB #23 Ewa	John Gollner
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	Dick Poirier
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village	Jeanne Ishikawa
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili	Richard Landford

***Guests Present:***

Kevin Killeen	Citizen
Mike Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Debra Lining	Gentry Homes, Ltd.
Michael Golojuch	Palehua Townhouses

***OahuMPO Staff Present:*** Brian Gibson and Marian Yasuda

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

**1. Honolulu Authority on Rapid Transportation (HART)**

Chair Magaldi introduced Scott Ishikawa, spokesperson for HART. Mr. Ishikawa gave a brief summary of the project plans and the anticipated construction schedule.

Mr. Ishikawa provided additional information requested at the prior update presented to the CAC regarding the interiors of the trains. The number of seats for each two-car train will be 76. HART will monitor ridership and make seating adjustments as needed. Each train will have two multi-purpose areas in each train car with room for two bicycles, two wheelchairs, or four surfboards. There will also be additional space for bicycles in another part of the train.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has given approval for the guideway construction to begin (Kapolei to Aloha Stadium) and has allowed HART to enter the final design phase of the project. This means that HART may start negotiating for the full funding grant agreement, with FTA allowing HART to receive the remainder of the \$1.55 billion over the life of the project. The proposal will be submitted in April; the agreement is expected to be finalized in October 2012.

**Discussion Highlights:**

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

- In response to a question by Brian Gibson: The system will initially run with two cars joined together. If the ridership increases, the stations can accommodate three or four cars connected.
- In response to a question by Charlene Ota: Priority on the trains will be given to the elderly and those with disabilities.
- In response to a question by Linda Starr: Wheelchairs will not be required to be tethered due to the smooth acceleration and deceleration of the trains.

- In response to a question by Arvid Youngquist: Restrooms will be located on either side of the train station on the ground floor.
- In response to a question by Ms. Starr: There will be two elevators at the larger stations.
- In response to a question by Ronald Pike: The stations floor surfaces will be level.
- In response to a question by Daniel Alexander: Bicycle gutters at the edge of the stairways may be considered to allow bicycle access without a need to use the elevator.
- In response to a question by Ms. Starr: The trains will require maintenance time, which will be done between the hours of midnight and 4:00 a.m. There may be adjustment of that down time in response to special events.
- In response to a question by Ms. Starr: Private park-and-ride lots may possibly be developed along the route as ridership increases.
- In response to a question by Ms. Starr: The foundations for the guideway columns will be 40 to 120 feet in depth, dependent upon the type of soil at each area.
- In response to a question by Tom Dinell: Prior to the completion of the entire route, buses will temporarily provide service at the end of the completed transit section, bringing riders into town.
- In response to a question by Mr. Youngquist: The hiring process for the position of HART Administrator is on schedule; finalists are currently being interviewed.
- In response to a question by Marcia Linville: Mr. Ishikawa was unaware of any pollution impacts on the aquifers by the guideway supports.
- In response to a question by Greg Knudsen: The mayoral election in November may have an impact on the project; the extent of that impact is unclear at this time.
- In response to a question by Charlene Ota: The federal government has been working closely with HART from the beginning and has demonstrated confidence in the project by providing funding pieces along the way. All indications are that full funding will be agreed upon this year.
- In response to a question by Bob Schieve: HART will purchase 80 cars that will make up 40 trains for initial operation.
- In response to a question by Mr. Youngquist: The train components will be manufactured in Pennsylvania and California. The parts will be shipped and assembled here.
- Tom Heinrich announced two workshops conducted by the Department of Transportation Services that will provide information and seek input on the Waikiki Regional Circulator Study. This study will develop a plan that leads toward sustainable public transit services between the future rail terminus at Ala Moana Center and Waikiki.

## **2. Draft FFYs 2013-2014 Overall Work Program (OWP)**

Brian Gibson provided a preview of the draft OWP. It is anticipated to be released for public review in the beginning of March. The draft will be posted to the OahuMPO website.

### Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Mr. Dinell: Performance measures will need to be developed for the data program development to assist with how the data is applied. All modes of transportation should be incorporated as part of that core group of performance measures. Complete Street needs to be considered as the program is developed.

### **3. Approval of the January 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

There were no corrections to the minutes. The minutes were accepted as distributed.

### **4. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights**

Marian Yasuda announced that the Policy Committee had not met since the last CAC meeting and that no future meeting was scheduled.

The Technical Advisory Committee met on February 10, 2012. At that meeting, they:

- Made a recommendation to the Policy Committee on FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Revision #11
- Heard a presentation on the Draft FYs 2013-2014 Overall Work Program
- Discussed the OahuMPO Website Functionality and Coordination Regarding Databases

### **5. Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **6. Announcements**

Tom Smyth announced that he had reviewed the *Bylaws of the CAC* and concluded there is no need to convene the Bylaws subcommittee to consider any amendments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.