

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 3:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room 301, Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Committee for Balanced Transportation	Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Chair
American Planning Association Hawaii	John Valera
American Society of Civil Engineers	Tiffany Hamada
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride	Donald Sakamoto
E Noa Corporation	Tom Dinell
Hawaii Bicycling League	Daniel Alexander
Hui Kupuna VIP	Rose Pou
Institute of Transportation Engineers	I. Robert Nehmad
League of Women Voters	Marcia Linville
Mestizo Association	Arvid Youngquist
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala	Lester Fukuda
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights	Bert Narita
NB #07 Manoa	Tom Heinrich
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	Charles Carole
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Constante Domingo
NB #23 Ewa	John Gollner
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	Dick Poirier
NB #29 Kahaluu	Ken LeVasseur
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale	Jame Schaedel
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	Alan Suwa
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Bob Schieve
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Randall Hiu
Waikiki Residents Association	Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

AARP	Mary Protheroe
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii	Laura Kodama
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living	Kimo Keawe
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996	Michael Costa
Land Use Research Foundation	Dave Arakawa, Vice Chair
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association	Wynde Yamamoto
NB #01 Hawaii Kai	Greg Knudsen
NB #08 McCully-Moilili	Ron Lockwood
NB #09 Waikiki	Robert Finley
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako	Larry Hurst

NB #13 Downtown	Tom Smyth
NB #14 Liliha	Chad Atkins
NB #15 Kalihi-Palama	Fetu Kolio
NB #21 Pearl City	Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
NB #22 Waipahu	Rito Saniatan
NB #24 Waianae Coast	Bob Smith
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village	Jeanne Ishikawa
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili	Richard Landford
Pacific Resource Partnership	Paul Migliorato

Guests Present:

Jan Bappe	Citizen
Kevin Killeen	Citizen
Mike Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Tiffany Patrick	Marine Corps Base Hawaii
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. TheBus: Upcoming Plans for Efficiency of Service

Chair Magaldi introduced Glenn Moir, Department of Transportation Services (DTS), Bus Operations Branch, who provided information about the current effort by DTS to find efficiencies in TheBus service by making changes to schedules and routes. DTS will be soliciting input on proposed revisions at a series of public meetings. That input will inform the development of the draft plan that will be presented to the City Council.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Linda Starr: Signs for the bus routes designated as limited are differentiated by color at the bus stops. The head signs on the buses designate the limited route buses. The audible announcement also makes it clear that the bus is on a limited route.
- In response to a question by John Gollner: DTS gathers ridership numbers by using automatic passenger counters. Those numbers inform the proposed changes being presented.
- In response to a question by Donald Sakamoto: The State Library of the Blind may be utilized to spread the word to those with visual challenges.
- In response to a question by Marcia Linville: After this draft list is refined, it will be distributed to many agencies and institutions, such as libraries.
- In response to a question by Tom Heinrich: Limited route bus routes only work on long corridors. A Manoa-Moiliili circulator shuttle bus may be considered at another time.
- In response to a question by Daniel Alexander: Bicycle transit loading needs are addressed by putting the 3-bicycle rack bus where the greatest demand occurs, when possible.

- In response to a question by Daisy Murai: Kapiolani Community College may be willing to maintain a permanent pathway for TheBus to drive through its parking lot. A rider education program will be initiated after final adjustments are determined by the Council.
- In response to a question by Arvid Youngquist: Bus fares are determined by the City Council. There are no federal grants available to provide transit at no cost to the rider.
- In response to a question by Bert Narita: The need for additional service during a special event is addressed by a boost in regular service. The goal of this project is to move service to the areas where it is most needed.
- In response to a question by Bob Schieve: Express bus routes are saturated with the number of buses available. The use of hybrid buses has not proven to be cost-effective. New technology being developed, such as a gas turbine hybrid that charges a battery on which the bus runs, may alter the cost-to-savings ratio favorably in the future.
- In response to a question by Kevin Kileen: Ridership increases with the increase of fuel prices. With the implementation of rail on Oahu, buses that currently cover the rail route will be freed up to cover areas with little or no coverage right now.

2. Approval of the February 15, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Chair Magaldi announced two corrections to the February minutes:

- David O'Neil is no longer representing Waipahu Neighborhood Board #22; his name has been removed from the minutes as their representative.
- Deb Luning is no longer representing Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association; her name has been removed from the minutes as their representative.

There were no other corrections to the minutes.

Ms. Linville moved and Mr. Youngquist seconded that the CAC approve the minutes as corrected.

The motion passed with no objections.

3. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that the Policy Committee met on February 27, 2012. At that meeting, they:

- Approved Revisions #10 and #11 to FFYs 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Heard a presentation on the Draft FYs 2013-2014 Overall Work Program (OWP)
- Heard the Citizen Advisory Committee Highlights

4. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Announcements

Mr. Heinrich announced the next public meeting for the Waikiki Regional Circulator Study on Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Jefferson Elementary School.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.