

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room 301, Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Palehua Townhouse Association
AARP
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 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
NB #01 Hawaii Kai
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #07 Manoa
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako
NB #13 Downtown
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village
NB #29 Kahaluu
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
Pacific Resource Partnership
Waikiki Residents Association

Michael Golojuch, Chair
John Goody
John Valera
Lara Karamatsu
Laura Kodama
Rose Pou
Jon Neill
Deb Luning
Landa Phelan
Chad Taniguchi
Michael Costa
Robert Nehmad
Andrea Anixt
Dave Arakawa
Marcia Linville
Greg Knudsen
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Jim Hayes
Joseph Bonin
Charles Carole
Aaron Landry
Tom Smyth
Lynne Gutierrez
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Braunsen Kalaikai
Al Frenzel
Jeanne Ishikawa
Ken LeVasseur
Alan Suwa
Paul Migliorato
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

Committee for Balanced Transportation

Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair

Hawaii Center for Independent Living	Patti Goeas
Hui Kupuna VIP	Betty Mason
Mestizo Association	Arvid Youngquist
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB #09 Waikiki	Robert Finley
NB #14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights	Brandon Mitsuda
NB #23 Ewa	Rodney Boucher
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	Dick Poirier
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale	Frank Genadio
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili	Richard Landford
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Bob Schieve
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Randall Hiu

Guests Present:

Hannah Miyamoto	Beautiful Honolulu Foundation
Jan Bappe	Citizen
Michael Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Harold Senter	Department of Planning and Permitting
Wynde Yamamoto	Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association
Tiffany Patrick	Marine Corps Base Hawaii

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson and Marian Yasuda

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

I. Complete Streets Update

Chair Golojuch introduced Mark Garrity, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation Services (DTS). Mr. Garrity presented Honolulu's Complete Streets (CS) efforts and an update of DTS' progress and plans for future projects. Three demonstration projects were highlighted, one of which has been completed. A consultant firm has received a Notice to Proceed to assist the City with the implementation of the City's CS requirements. Among other tasks, this consultant will help to identify 20 additional demonstration projects which will be implemented as funding is identified.

There will be a public meeting on July 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Blaisdell Center to discuss work that has been done and to receive input on CS.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- Rose Pou stated that the tactile yellow strips used on some sidewalk ramps become a hazard as they deteriorate and pull up from the pavement. She suggested scoring the concrete as a preferred alternative. Another concern is that some new or newly repaired sidewalks have steel plates that extend above the surface of the sidewalk.
- Mr. Gibson stated that the CS Implementation Plan has long been a priority for the CAC. Mr. Garrity stated that the time is right for these new multi-modal transportation projects.
- In response to a question by Joseph Bonin: The demonstration project on Isenberg Street

and King Street will not reduce traffic lanes. The turning traffic may be slowed by diminishing the radius of the turn, and the pedestrians will have a shorter distance for the crossing from corner-to-corner. Projects such as this are low-cost pilots and will continually be assessed for efficacy and impacts on things such as traffic flow. They can be made permanent if successful, or reversed if not.

- In response to questions by Hannah Miyamoto: There is no specific component in the CS implementation project for public education, but new designs and techniques do need to be explained. The King Street protected bike lane will initially be one-direction only, but will eventually be converted to a two-way cycle track. Public meetings are a part of the project, and some education can be done in those venues. There may be opportunities for *Woonerfs*, which is a street designed and designated as a shared public space for all types of road users. *Woonerf* translates roughly to "living streets", and *woonerfs* function "without traffic lights, stop signs, lane dividers, or even sidewalks."
- In response to a question by Tom Smyth: The City is looking for opportunities to cooperate with the State on CS projects, but the primary focus is currently only on City streets.
- In response to a question by Daisy Murai: The CS study is looking at 20 sites on Oahu with great learning opportunities that can be applied to other sites.
- In response to questions by Debbie Luning: The 20 sites for demonstration projects are yet to be determined. The consultant will help to identify those sites using objective data such as crash data, location of attractors, high elderly populations, and other factors. Roundabouts are being applied around the country to calm traffic and allow continual flow.
- In response to a question by Harold Senter: Bicycle standards are changing quickly; the latest advancements will be utilized and evaluated continually. Techniques that are utilized successfully elsewhere will continue to be implemented on Oahu as a part of the City's efforts.
- In response to a question by Paul Migliorato: DTS is working with the Honolulu Police Department to ensure enforcement of the safe use of existing and new facilities for bicycles and pedestrians.
- In response to a suggestion by Alan Suwa: Reaching out to Neighborhood Boards for input into the 20 project site selections will be a part of the process.

II. CAC Project Evaluation – Complete Streets Information

Chair Golojuch stated that many of the projects proposed for inclusion in the Draft FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) do not include CS information. The ability to comprehensively evaluate and comment on those projects is impaired without this information.

John Goody further explained that the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) did not provide CS information for all but one project in the draft TIP. Mr. Goody suggested that each CS-eligible project needs to have CS elements identified and that the CAC should make an issue of this lack of information provided.

Mr. Gibson suggested that any action taken by the CAC might be best directed to all of our partner agencies to emphasize the importance of CS to the CAC and the public in general.

Mr. Garrity stated that the City's CS checklist is very similar to the checklist developed by the CAC. The City may look into posting its CS checklist for each project on the web.

Mr. Goody moved and Braunsen Kalaikai seconded that the CAC draft a letter in response to the draft TIP to notify the Policy Committee that the CAC is unable to comment on the draft projects for which there is no Complete Streets information available.

Discussion:

- The Policy Committee and partner agencies be copied on this letter.
- The City's CS checklist is more than sufficient as a substitute for the CAC's checklist.
- The letter should say that the CAC wants to provide comments for TIP projects and requests that complete information be provided to enable that.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Approval of May 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Hearing no objections, the May 21, 2014 minutes were approved as circulated.

IV. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that the Technical Advisory Committee met on Thursday, June 12, 2014. At that meeting, they:

- Made a recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval of the FYs 2015-2016 OWP;
- Established the second Friday of every month at 9:00 a.m. as their regular monthly meeting schedule;
- Considered establishing the formation of a Bylaws subcommittee;
- Heard a presentation regarding the adding of principal arterials to the National Highway System on Oahu;
- Discussed the move to performance-based planning;
- Heard an update on the ORTP 2040 development; and
- Heard a report from the OWP Process and Procedures Working Group.

Their next tentatively scheduled meeting is July 11, 2014.

The Policy Committee has not met since the last CAC meeting. They are scheduled to meet tomorrow, June 19, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Committee Room #205. At that meeting, it is likely that they will:

- Consider the CAC membership application of Beautiful Honolulu Foundation;
- Consider the approval of the draft FYs 2015-2016 OWP;
- Consider action on the Regional Transportation Goals and Objectives;
- Consider the draft agreement for distribution of Hawaii's Federal planning funds;
- Hear a presentation on the draft FFYs 2015-2018 TIP;
- Hear a presentation regarding the adding of principal arterials to the National Highway System on Oahu;
- Hear an update on the Federal certification review; and
- Hear the Citizen Advisory Committee highlights.

V. Announcements

Greg Knudsen announced that the Kalanianaʻole Highway resurfacing project will begin next week and last for 20 months. Also, the AAA member's magazine for July/August featured Hawaii's Scenic Byways, including the Maunaloa/Makapuu Scenic Byway.

VI. Other Business

There was no other business.

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