

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 16, 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
American Society of Civil Engineers
Beautiful Honolulu Foundation
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
Gentry Homes, Ltd.
Hawaii Bicycling League
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Kaaawa Community Association
Land Use Research Foundation
Mestizo Association
NB #01 Hawaii Kai
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #07 Manoa
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
NB #13 Downtown
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili
Pacific Resource Partnership

Michael Golojuch, Chair
Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair
Lara Karamatsu
Hannah Miyamoto
Laura Kodama
Rose Pou
Deb Luning
Bob Bengtson
Robert Nehmad
Andrea Anixt
Dave Arakawa
Arvid Youngquist
Greg Knudsen
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Jim Hayes
Charles Carole
Tom Smyth
Lynne Gutierrez
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Al Frenzel
Frank Genadio
James Manaku, Sr.
Paul Migliorato

Members Absent (Reps):

AARP
American Planning Association Hawaii
E Noa Corporation
Hawaii Association of the Blind
Hawaii Center for Independent Living
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Hui Kupuna VIP
League of Women Voters

John Goody
John Valera
Jon Neill
Landa Phelan
Patti Goeas
Michael Costa
Betty Mason
Marcia Linville

NB #08 McCully-Moiliili	Joseph Bonin
NB #09 Waikiki	Robert Finley
NB #22 Waipahu	Braunsen Kalaikai
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	Dick Poirier
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village	Jeanne Ishikawa
NB #29 Kahaluu	Ken LeVasseur
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

Guests Present:

Jan Bappe	Citizen
Wendell Lum	Citizen
Jame Schaedel	Councilmember Pine
Mel Kaku	Department of Emergency Management (DEM)
Crystal van Beelan	DEM
Michael Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Marlene Young	Hawaii Department of Transportation
Kathleen Lewis	Hunt Companies, Inc.
Wynde Yamamoto	Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association
Tiffany Patrick	Marine Corps Base Hawaii
Aaron Landry	Neighborhood Board #11

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson and Marian Yasuda

Chair Michael Golojuch called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

I. Emergency Evacuation Plan

Chair Golojuch introduced Mel Kaku, Director, Department of Emergency Management (DEM). Mr. Kaku presented a status of the Emergency Evacuation Plan. The plan looks at tsunami impacts, identifies refuge areas, shelter facilities, and evacuation routes. The plan should be complete in June 2015.

An application for mobile devices has been developed that will be specific to the location in which it is being used. Tsunami evacuation maps are being developed to include a worst-case scenario layered over the current maps developed in 2010.

Gap areas, specifically from Hawaii Kai to Waipahu, are not included in the current effort, but will be addressed in a later effort after more funding becomes available.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Greg Knudsen: The focus area of the current effort (Ewa to Waimanalo) was chosen for inclusion due to high levels of risk for those communities in that area as well as those communities' lack of access and egress options. Heavily-populated areas with high-rise buildings can utilize vertical evacuation and are deemed at a

lower risk.

- In response to a question by Linda Starr: Potential evacuation routes are being identified; some utilize private roads and public lands which require special negotiations to determine the primary responsibility party. House Bill 2648, passed in July 2012, allows people to evacuate through private property without the landowner assuming liability for those people. This private pass law has not yet been successfully used for vehicle passage.
- In response to a question by Arvid Youngquist: The City and County of Honolulu is the primary responsible entity for Oahu emergencies. The State and then the Federal governments would respond if the City becomes overwhelmed.
- In response to a question by Tom Smyth: Education is a key part of helping people understand safe zones and safe actions when evacuation is initiated. Situational awareness is also very important for residents.
- In response to a question by Jim Hayes: The scenario that has been recently added to the scope of the plan is a worst-case catastrophic situation, which came out of the experience that was seen in Japan's most recent earthquake and tsunami disaster. It is likely that the evacuation zones will enlarge with the addition of this scenario.
- In response to a question by James Manaku: The plan will identify places of refuge for each community. These refuge spots will be incorporated in the mobile application, which may be release in September 2014.
- In response to a question by Paul Migliorato: Crystal van Beelan, DEM, stated there are 78,000 people living in coastal areas that will be impacted during a nighttime event.
- In response to a question by Al Frenzel: Additional money would not accelerate the completion of this plan. Ms. Van Beelan stated that the application will not include the public outreach piece of this project in its initial release.
- In response to a suggestion by Wendell Lum to overlay the tsunami evacuation maps with flood maps: Flood insurance does not cover tsunami events. Flood zones are in no way tied to tsunami zones.
- In response to questions by Frank Genadio: DEM will look for additional funding through homeland security funding and planning funds through OahuMPO with City and County matching funds. Presentations to the communities will be scheduled in early 2015 and will likely be several neighborhood boards for a combined meeting. Maps will be specific for each community meeting.
- In response to a question by Hannah Miyamoto: Education is critical; the suggestions of signs on TheBus and social media are currently being utilized or explored.
- In response to a question by Andrea Anixt: The warning sirens are funded by the State. The City is permitting and repairing non-functioning sirens.
- In response to a question by Ms. Starr: DEM does partner with various embassies, non-English media, and other ethnicity-based organizations to improve communication with tourists and foreign residents.

II. Approval of June 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Chair Golojuch announced a correction to the minutes to reflect the presence of John Goody.

Hearing no objections, the June 18, 2014 minutes were approved as corrected.

III. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that the Technical Advisory Committee met on Friday, July 11, 2014. At that meeting, they:

- Made a recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval of the draft Revision #30 to the FFYs 2011-2014 TIP;
- Made a recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval of the Draft FFYs 2015-2018 TIP;
- Were asked to provide agency staff for a Performance-Measures Development Evaluation Committee (working group) ; and
- Heard a report from FHWA on performance-based planning.

Their next tentatively scheduled meeting is August 8, 2014.

- The Policy Committee meeting scheduled for July 14, 2014 was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The meeting will be rescheduled.

IV. Announcements

There were no announcements.

V. Other Business

There was no other business.

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