

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 3:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room 301, Honolulu Hale
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Committee for Balanced Transportation

AARP

American Planning Association Hawaii

Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii

Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride

E Noa Corporation

Hawaii Bicycling League

Institute of Transportation Engineers

NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki

NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights

NB #07 Manoa

NB #09 Waikiki

NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus

NB #13 Downtown

NB #14 Liliha

NB #24 Waianae Coast

NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu

NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village

NB #29 Kahaluu

NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale

NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley

NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili

Pacific Resource Partnership

Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Waikiki Residents Association

Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Chair

John Goody

John Valera

Laura Kodama

Ronald Pike

Tom Dinell

Daniel Alexander

I. Robert Nehmad

Linda Starr

Bert Narita

Tom Heinrich

Robert Finley

Charles Carole

Tom Smyth

Chad Atkins

Bob Smith

Dick Poirier

Jeanne Ishikawa

Ken LeVasseur

Jame Schaedel

Alan Suwa

Richard Landford

Paul Migliorato

Randall Hiu

Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

American Society of Civil Engineers

Hawaii Centers for Independent Living

Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996

Hui Kupuna VIP

Land Use Research Foundation

League of Women Voters

Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association

Mestizo Association

NB #01 Hawaii Kai

Tiffany Hamada

Kimo Keawe

Michael Costa

Louise Horio

Dave Arakawa, Vice Chair

Marcia Linville

Wynde Yamamoto

Arvid Youngquist

Greg Knudsen

NB #03 Waialae-Kahala	Lester Fukuda
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili	Ron Lockwood
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako	Sean Newcamp
NB #15 Kalihi-Palama	Fetu Kolio
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Constante Domingo
NB #21 Pearl City	Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
NB #22 Waipahu	Rito Saniatan
NB #23 Ewa	John Gollner
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Bob Schieve

Guests Present:

Shannon Wood	Citizen
Heidi Hansen-Smith	Department of Health
Mike Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Debra Luning	Gentry Homes
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. Complete Streets

Chair Magaldi introduced Councilmember Breene Harimoto, who expressed his appreciation for the early support for Complete Streets by the CAC. Councilmember Harimoto also praised the collaborative effort of State, City, and non-profit organizations working together to further the efforts of the Complete Streets movement. Councilmember Harimoto introduced Dan Burden, Executive Director and co-founder of Walkable and Livable Communities Institute.

Mr. Burden provided many visual examples of incomplete streets throughout the nation and locally, and then provided graphic examples of how those same streets became fair and equitable streets that provide users with choices in transportation. He stated that the number of vehicle miles traveled has not increased since 2004. Over the past twenty years, the level of traffic has grown five times faster than the population; yet, we have only added two percent to the entire road stock. Mr. Burden suggests that a balanced, more lateral approach to transportation will help to focus on moving people instead of cars, create destinations rather than simply streets, and increase safety at the same time.

Discussion Highlights:

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

- In response to a question by Linda Starr: Textured transition strips are required in the Americans with Disabilities Act Standards for Accessible Design at intersections. There are many different needs and preferences within the community of people with disabilities.
- In response to a question by Alan Suwa: During the construction period of a street being put on a “road diet”, traffic on adjacent streets will increase. Counts taken three months following the

construction of the road show an increase in traffic with no long-term impact on adjoining streets.

- In response to a question by Ken LeVasseur: Intersection roundabouts reduce speeds, move 30 percent more traffic, save money, and eliminate 90 percent of fatalities and personal injuries.
- In response to a question by Tom Dinell: In the short-term, King and Beretania Streets would likely lose a lane each and have bicycle lanes put in. Long-term solutions may be to eliminate the one-way directions and/or signalize more intersections using precise progression of lights.
- In response to a question by Tom Smyth: Lanes that are 10-feet wide can accommodate travel at 50 miles per hour. Diagonal parking can be used effectively, particularly with a back-in configuration.
- In response to a question by Shannon Wood: There can be conflicts within a community, even when core values and priorities are shared.
- In response to a question by Bob Smith: Painted lines more than four inches width on the roadway should have glass beads incorporated to increase the coefficient of friction.
- In response to a question by Brian Gibson: Creating naked streets - where signs, sidewalks, and markings have been removed – in Europe has effectively eliminated half of the crashes.

2. Approval of the March 21, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

3. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

This item was deferred.

4. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.