

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 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
American Society of Civil Engineers
Beautiful Honolulu Foundation
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
E Noa Corporation
Gentry Homes, Ltd.
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Kaaawa Community Association
League of Women Voters
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 #08 McCully-Moiliili
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
NB #13 Downtown
NB #21 Pearl City
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
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Pacific Resource Partnership
Waikiki Residents Association

Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair
Jackie Boland
John Valera
Lara Karamatsu
Hannah Miyamoto
Rose Pou
Tom Dinell
Deb Luning
Daniel Alexander
Michael Costa
Robert Nehmad
Andrea Anixt
Marcia Linville
Herb Schreiner
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Jim Hayes
Joseph Bonin
Charles Carole
Tom Smyth
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Dick Poirier
Jeanne Ishikawa
Ken LeVasseur
Frank Genadio
Alan Suwa
Richard Landford
Bob Schieve
Paul Migliorato
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Hawaii Association of the Blind

Laura Kodama
Landa Phelan

Hui Kupuna VIP
Land Use Research Foundation
Mestizo Association
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #24 Waianae Coast
Palehua Townhouse Association
Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Mel Nakapoi
Dave Arakawa
Arvid Youngquist
Robert Finley
Brandon Mitsuda
Lynne Gutierrez
Braunsen Kalaikai
Al Frenzel
Michael Golojuch, Chair
Randall Hiu

Guests Present:

Dan Purcell	Citizen
Michael Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Kathleen Lewis	Hunt Companies, Inc.
Barbra Armentrout	Neighborhood Board #5
Helen Carroll	Neighborhood Board #9
Aaron Landry	Neighborhood Board #11
Shirley Landford	Neighborhood Board #36

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson and Marian Yasuda

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

I. Draft Ala Moana Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Plan

Vice Chair Magaldi introduced Renee Espiau, Planner with Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Ms. Espiau presented the draft plans for the planning area surrounding the Ala Moana Center transit station, which will be the termini for the Honolulu Rail Transit Project.

The draft plan will protect places by concentrating density around transit and creating a safe and convenient environment for walking and bicycling from the train to services, goods, and other transportation connections. The top priorities for this draft plan are making streets more bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly, improving transit options, and reducing crime and homelessness. The guiding principles for the draft plan are residential diversity, mix of commercial entities, usable open space, complete streets, intermodal connectivity, cultural programs, public events, and public-private partnerships.

The draft plan will help to shape the type of development that occurs in the TOD area and provide community benefits in exchange for developer opportunities. Open space for public use, affordable housing, and street-scapes connectivity are examples of possible benefits that may be achieved with such exchanges.

In the development of this draft plan, DPP utilized stakeholder interviews, a community-based advisory committee, a neighborhood survey, and a series of workshops. The review period of the draft plan is underway now and public comments are encouraged through September 30.

Discussion Highlights:

[Unless otherwise noted, questions were answered by Ms. Espiau.]

- Some comments offered by Barbra Armentrout: TheHandi-Van accommodations are not included in the plan; public restrooms in and around the transit station are needed; and that current daily ridership for TheBus is 220,000 and 3,500 for TheHandi-Van.
- In response to a question by Rose Pou: Restrooms in the area will be provided by a mix of commercial businesses and public areas like Ala Moana beach park.
- In response to a question by Ken Levasseur: The presentation (Community Workshop 3 presentation) will be available at: <http://www.honolulu.gov/tod>.
- In response to a question by Hannah Miyamoto: People staying at the street level as opposed to an upper-level walkway slows traffic, keeps things vibrant and safer for pedestrians, and allows for successful retail. Department of Transportation Services is looking at possibly reducing the volume of buses driving along Kona Street and relocating the major transfer points.
- In response to a question by Linda Starr: There is no way to promise longevity of current zoning restrictions and plans.
- In response to a question by Bert Narita: The Ala Moana station area property values are very high, and it may not be most logical TOD area to host much affordable housing. Other TOD areas may have more opportunities for low-income housing. Roadway capacity was an aspect that the plan attempts to preserve.
- In response to a question by Frank Genadio: The East Kapolei TOD plan was developed with community input. There will be density, but it will be appropriate to the neighborhood and will fit the vision as defined by members of the community.
- In response to a question by Joseph Bonin: The TOD plan is focused on bicycle and pedestrian experiences. Automobiles will be passing through the area, but on the communities' terms. All new development will need to accommodate loading and unloading on-site and off of the street.

II. CAC Early Input on the Draft FYs 2016-2017 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Vice Chair Magaldi introduced the list of suggested transportation studies for the CAC's early input on the draft FYs 2016-2017 OWP that was developed at the August 20 meeting.

Brian Gibson explained that the projects identified by the CAC were put through the OahuMPO prioritization process by using the following OahuMPO planning priorities:

1. Projects that fulfill requirements under metropolitan transportation regulations set forth in 23 CFR 450.300;
2. Projects that are necessary to enable the OahuMPO and its participating agencies to support the metropolitan transportation planning process or fulfill other Federal, State, or City regulations applicable to this process;
3. Projects that support planning efforts for projects identified in the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP);

4. Projects that support planning efforts consistent with the direction set forth in master plans or other planning documents adopted by the OahuMPO, the State, and/or the City; and
5. Projects that support planning efforts to enable the State and the City to meet the needs that support Oahu's integrated, multimodal transportation system.

Ms. Miyamoto moved and Robert Nehmad seconded to approve the Citizen Advisory Committee Early Input for FYs 2016-2017 Overall Work Program.

There were no objections and the motion passed.

III. Approval of August 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Hearing no objections, the August 20, 2014 minutes were approved as distributed.

IV. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that the Policy Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee will be holding a joint meeting on Friday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m. The agenda for the meeting is the presentation of the Federal Certification Review Report.

V. Announcements

There were no announcements.

VI. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.