

Meeting Summary of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, November 19, 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  
AARP  
American Planning Association Hawaii  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
Beautiful Honolulu Foundation  
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii  
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride  
E Noa Corporation  
Gentry Homes, Ltd.  
Hawaii Bicycling League  
Institute of Transportation Engineers  
Kaaawa Community Association  
Land Use Research Foundation  
League of Women Voters  
Mestizo Association  
NB #01 Hawaii Kai  
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki  
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights  
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili  
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus  
NB #13 Downtown  
NB #14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights  
NB #22 Waipahu  
NB #24 Waianae Coast  
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu  
NB #29 Kahaluu  
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale  
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley  
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili  
Pacific Resource Partnership  
Waikiki Residents Association

Michael Golojuch, Chair  
Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair  
John Goody  
John Valera  
Lara Karamatsu  
Hannah Miyamoto  
Laura Kodama  
Rose Pou  
Tom Dinell  
Deb Luning  
Daniel Alexander  
Robert Nehmad  
Andrea Anixt  
Dave Arakawa  
Marcia Linville  
Arvid Youngquist  
Herb Schreiner  
Linda Starr  
Bert Narita  
Joseph Bonin  
Charles Carole  
Tom Smyth  
Brandon Mitsuda  
Braunsen Kalaikai  
Al Frenzel  
Dick Poirier  
Ken LeVasseur  
Frank Genadio  
Alan Suwa  
James Manaku, Sr.  
Paul Migliorato  
Daisy Murai

***Members Absent (Reps):***

Hawaii Association of the Blind  
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996

Landa Phelan  
Michael Costa

Hui Kupuna VIP  
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala  
NB #07 Manoa  
NB #09 Waikiki  
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village  
NB #21 Pearl City  
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village  
North Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Mel Nakapoi  
Lester Fukuda  
Jim Hayes  
Robert Finley  
Lynne Gutierrez  
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.  
Jeanne Ishikawa  
Bob Schieve  
Randall Hiu

***Guests Present:***

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| Dan Purcell      | Citizen                  |
| Kathleen Iriarte | Hunt Companies, Inc.     |
| 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 3:30 p.m.

**I. CAC Certification Review Action Committee**

Chair Golojuch introduced Tom Dinell, Chair of the Certification Review Action Committee (CRAC). Mr. Dinell summarized the first meeting of the CRAC, as the first step in integrating the CAC into the overall OahuMPO processes. Consensus of the CRAC members is that the CAC has been overlooked in the Certification Review Action Plan and needs to be considered an essential part of OahuMPO.

The CRAC meeting resulted in three action items:

1. A motion was passed to request that the CAC is a voting member of the Policy Board and a non-voting member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).
2. Members of the CRAC will review the November 12 version of the Certification Review Action Plan and submit comments to the OahuMPO by December 8 for incorporation.
3. A request will be made to have Tom Smyth, Chair of the CAC Legislative Committee, involved in the Policy Committee Permitted Interaction Group meeting.

*Mr. Dinell moved and Marcia Linville seconded that CAC endorse the CRAC's request to make the CAC a voting member of the Policy Board and a non-voting member of the TAC.*

**Discussion:**

Greg Knudsen asked how the CAC member representative would be designated, if that person's input to the Policy Board would require additional time to gather full CAC input on an issue, and the impact that might have upon the timing of decision-making. Chair Dinell explained that the CRAC did not delve into details, but felt that the regular meetings of the CAC would allow for CAC input prior to decision-making.

Ms. Linville asked whether testimony of support would be helpful during the legislative process.

Ms. Yasuda reminded the members of testimony rules as defined in the Bylaws of the CAC:

*The CAC shall request and receive the approval of the Policy Committee or Executive Committee before testifying before a legislative body as representing the CAC. If said request is approved, the testimony shall be submitted to the Chair of the Policy Committee, through the OahuMPO Executive Director, for approval prior to being publicly released. The approved testimony shall reflect a majority opinion of the CAC membership. Nothing in these rules shall prevent a member organization from presenting independent testimony on behalf of its own organization without reference to its CAC affiliation.*

The motion passed with one objection by David Arakawa. Mr. Arakawa stated that OahuMPO has separate committees for a reason; each has its unique role, perspective, background, and experience to contribute to the process. The elected officials have knowledge and expertise of budgets and finances to bring to the table. The technical experts from OahuMPO's partner agencies bring the knowledge and expertise of planners and engineers.

## **II. Draft Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)**

Mr. Gibson updated the CAC on the status of the draft TAP guide. He explained that the draft guide was considered by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at its last meeting and numerous changes were requested.

In response to a question by Daniel Alexander, Mr. Gibson said that there is two years' worth of TAP funds available for use. The biggest changes requested by the TAC were clarification of requirements by sponsor agencies; responsibilities and roles of sponsors, applicants, and the OahuMPO; more detailed information about criteria and evaluation of project proposals.

John Goody expressed his concern that the draft TAP guide requirement of projects being shovel-ready will limit the applications to projects that the agencies have already decided they would like to do. Mr. Gibson explained that this draft was drafted by an inter-agency working group with the intent of facilitating projects that are ready-to-go and simply waiting for a funding source. The community will benefit from these types of projects being completed as well as not losing an existing source of monies for non-motorized transportation projects.

Mr. Alexander asked about necessary changes to move this program forward. Mr. Gibson stated that the only authority for TAP granted to the MPO is project selection. The implementing agency (i.e., project sponsor) and the grantee (Hawaii Department of Transportation) will be responsible for construction oversight and grant compliance. OahuMPO is not a sub-grantee of these funds, nor is OahuMPO an implementing agency. OahuMPO needs to clarify with the State if they are indicating that they wish to delegate part of their responsibility to OahuMPO.

*Robert Nehmad moved and Mr. Frenzel seconded to recommend the Policy Committee's approval of the draft Transportation Alternatives Program Guide as distributed.*

Discussion:

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

- In response to a question by Hannah Miyamoto: Mr. Gibson responded that the guide's appendices will be developed after the approval of the final guide.
- In response to a question by Joseph Bonin: The draft guide will be revised in response to the TAC comments with additional clarification of Federal requirements and responsibilities of sponsors, applicants, and the OahuMPO.
- Mr. Arakawa clarified that the motion made and seconded was to recommend approval the draft guide without revision as requested by the TAC. The CAC's recommendation will differ from the TAC's.
- Mr. Goody expressed concern about the restrictive nature of the current draft precluding projects of any significant size. The TAC is an advisory body, as is the CAC. Mr. Goody recommended removing some requirements, such as completion of the environmental process prior to application for the TAP funds.
- Ms. Miyamoto stated that CAC's recommendation comes from the public's perspective, which should be considered equally along with the perspective of the TAC.
- Mr. Alexander feels that the program details as drafted are more restrictive than he would like, but the broader issue of seeing this program implemented and funds obligated should be a priority. The CAC should send a clear message that this program should move forward and improvements to the process and broadening of the program can come at a future time.

Mr. Goody offered a friendly amendment stating that the program should go forward and enable the funds to benefit the public good. Mr. Nehmad and Mr. Frenzel agreed to the amendment.

Mr. Nehmad restated the motion: *The motion is to recommend the Policy Committee's approval of the draft Transportation Alternatives Program Guide as distributed with a statement that CAC would like to see the TAP funds utilized for public benefit and not lost due to inaction. The motion passed with one objection by Mr. Bonin.*

### **III. Consideration of December Recess**

The majority of CAC members present supported holding their next meeting on December 17.

### **IV. Approval of October 15, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

*Hearing no objections, the October 15, 2014 minutes were approved as distributed.*

## **V. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights**

Marian Yasuda announced The Technical Advisory Committee met on November 14, 2014. At that meeting, they:

- Considered the Draft Transportation Alternatives Program,
- Heard a report from the TAC Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)
- Heard an update on the Status of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2040, and
- Formed three additional Permitted Interaction Groups:
  - Comprehensive Agreement PIG
  - Sub-agreement PIG
  - Bylaws PIG.

The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, November 25 at 2:30 p.m. in the Hawaii State Capitol Room 309. At that meeting it is likely they will:

- Elect a new Vice Chair for the rest of this term,
- Re-establish a PIG for the Comprehensive Agreement, Sub-agreements, and Bylaws.
- Consider a membership reinstatement application for Ala Moana Kakaako Neighborhood Board,
- Hear a report from Policy Committee Permitted Interaction Group, and
- Hear the CAC update.

The Technical Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on Friday, December 12, 2014. The time, location, and agenda for that meeting have yet to be determined.

## **VI. Announcements**

Tiffany Patrick distributed a flyer providing information on community impacts and benefits provided by Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Frank Genadio requested that the CRAC address the naming of a Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee representative from the CAC at its next meeting.

Daisy Murai announced the opening of the South King Street Cycle Track on December 6 and a project on Diamond Head Road adding a bicycle lane and sharrows.

Ms. Miyamoto announced a climate change summit on Saturday, November 22 in Kaneohe. She has developed a website – [waianaedirect.com](http://waianaedirect.com) – with maps, ridership predictions, and financial plans for the exploration of a rail connection to the Leeward coast.

## **VII. Other Business**

There was no other business.

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