

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 309
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Palehua Townhouse Association
Committee for Balanced Transportation
American Planning Association Hawaii
American Society of Civil Engineers
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
E Noa Corporation
Hawaii Association of the Blind
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Kaaawa Community Association
League of Women Voters
NB #01 Hawaii Kai
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #08 McCully-Moilili
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako
NB #13 Downtown
NB #14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights
NB #21 Pearl City
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
Pacific Resource Partnership
Waikiki Residents Association

Michael Golojuch, Chair
Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Vice Chair
John Valera
Lara Karamatsu
Laura Kodama
Rose Pou
Tom Dinell
Landa Phelan
Robert Nehmad
Andrea Anixt
Marcia Linville
Greg Knudsen
Linda Starr
Bert Narita
Joseph Bonin
Aaron Landry
Tom Smyth
Brandon Mitsuda
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Al Frenzel
Dick Poirier
Jeanne Ishikawa
Ken LeVasseur
Frank Genadio
Alan Suwa
Paul Migliorato
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

AARP
Beautiful Honolulu Foundation
Gentry Homes, Ltd.
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Hui Kupuna VIP
Land Use Research Foundation

John Goody
Hannah Miyamoto
Deb Luning
Daniel Alexander
Michael Costa
Mel Nakapoi
Dave Arakawa

Mestizo Association
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #07 Manoa
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Arvid Youngquist
Lester Fukuda
Jim Hayes
Robert Finley
Charles Carole
Lynne Gutierrez
Braunsen Kalaikai
James Manaku, Sr.
Bob Schieve
Randall Hiu

Guests Present:

Dan Purcell	Citizen
Peter Hirai	Department of Emergency Management
Renee Yamasaki	Department of Transportation Services
Hal Senter	Department of Planning and Permitting
Kathleen Iriarte	Hunt Companies, Inc.
Barbra Armentrout	Neighborhood Board #5

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson and Marian Yasuda

Chair Michael Golojuch called the meeting to order at 3:29 p.m.

I. Draft Extreme Tsunami Evacuation Maps

Chair Golojuch introduced Peter Hirai, Deputy Director, Department of Emergency Management (DEM). Mr. Hirai explained that the major earthquake and resulting tsunami that devastated Japan in 2011 has prompted DEM to develop maps to address the possibility of an extreme tsunami event (one-in-1,000-year event) in Hawaii. Hawaii's worst case scenario tsunami would most likely come from an earthquake in the Aleutian Islands. A major earthquake and tsunami from the Aleutian Islands would have a travel time to Hawaii of only 5 hours, as opposed to a tsunami from Chile with travel time of up to 15 hours.

During a tsunami warning, all coastlines are evacuated. Residents are notified of evacuation orders through the sirens, media, and through text messages from nixle.com. Vertical evacuations above the fourth floor are ordered for buildings that are at least 10-stories tall. Mr. Hirai showed the difference between the existing tsunami zones and the extreme zones. The extreme tsunami maps are available at <http://www.honolulu.gov/dem/default.html>.

Discussion:

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

- In response to a question by Joseph Bonin: DEM has not discussed the possibility of building a bridge over the Ala Wai Canal that could accommodate vehicular traffic as an emergency egress from Waikiki. Much of the evacuation from Waikiki would be vertical and pedestrian evacuation.

- In response to a question by Hal Senter: Hawaii has neither subduction zones (tectonic plates meeting) nor a continental shelf surrounding the Islands, so no earthquake within the Hawaiian Islands would generate an extreme tsunami. The mega-tsunami as depicted by National Geographic could be a one-in-10,000-year event; and the actual possibility of that occurring is questionable.
- In response to a question by Greg Knudsen: The maps show the evacuation zone that includes a buffer zone extending beyond the inundation zone. Some of the maps utilize an existing road as a boundary for evacuation.

II. CAC Certification Review Action Committee

Chair Golojuch introduced Tom Dinell, Chair of the Certification Review Action Committee (CRAC). Mr. Dinell stated that the CRAC is proposing that the CAC endorse its recommendation for the amendment of the draft bill before the Policy Committee to read (underlined text indicates additional proposed wording from CRAC):

§279E-3 Metropolitan Planning Organization membership. The MPO shall consist of a policy board. The MPO policy board membership shall be identified in the formal written comprehensive agreement between the Governor, policy board, public transportation operator, and the county(.), provided that the Citizen Advisory Committee of the Oahu MPO shall select one of its members to serve as a voting member of OahuMPO Policy Committee and another of its members to be a non-voting member of the OahuMPO Technical Advisory Committee.

Mr. Dinell moved and Ken LeVasseur seconded that CAC endorse the CRAC's recommendation that the CAC submit testimony for the amendment of the draft bill before the Policy Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Frank Genadio mentioned that Neighborhood Board #34 passed a resolution supporting the CAC's amendment.

III. Approval of the November 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Chair Golojuch announced that the representative for Neighborhood Board #1 was mistakenly identified in the November 19, 2014 minutes. The minutes have been corrected to show Greg Knudsen as the representative present.

Hearing no other corrections, the minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

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

- Considered the draft HRS 279,
- Considered the Draft Transportation Alternatives Program,
- Heard an update on the draft FYs 2015-2016 Overall Work Program, and
- Heard an update on the Status of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2040.

The Policy Committee met on Tuesday, November 25 at 2:30 p.m. in the Hawaii State Capitol Room 309. At that meeting, they:

- Elected Councilmember Joey Manahan as Vice Chair for the remainder of this term,
- Established a Permitted Interaction Group for the Comprehensive Agreement, Sub-agreements, and Bylaws,
- Approved the membership reinstatement application for Ala Moana-Kakaako Neighborhood Board,
- Heard a report from Policy Committee Permitted Interaction Group, and
- Heard the CAC Update.

The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, December 19, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Hawaii State Capitol, Room 325. At that meeting, they will:

- Consider the CAC membership application of Hunt Companies,
- Consider the recommendation regarding HRS 279,
- Hear a report on the 2014 Certification Review Action Plan, and
- Hear the CAC update.

V. Announcements

Chair Golojuch announced that the January 21 CAC meeting agenda will include the election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2015.

VI. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.