

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.
Honolulu Hale, Room 301
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
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
E Noa Corporation
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Kaaawa Community Association
League of Women Voters
Mestizo Association
NB #01 Hawaii Kai
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #08 McCully-Moilili
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
NB #13 Downtown
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
Waikiki Residents Association

Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Chair
John Goody
John Valera
Lara Karamatsu
Hannah Miyamoto
Laura Kodama
Rose Pou
Tom Dinell
Daniel Alexander
Michael Costa
Andrea Anixt
Marcia Linville
Arvid Youngquist
Greg Knudsen
Linda Starr
Lester Fukuda
Bert Narita
Joseph Bonin
Charles Carole
Tom Smyth
Al Frenzel
Dick Poirier
Jeanne Ishikawa
Ken LeVasseur
Frank Genadio
Alan Suwa
James Manaku, Sr.
Paul Migliorato
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

Gentry Homes, Ltd.
Hawaii Association of the Blind
Hui Kupuna VIP
Hunt Companies
Institute of Transportation Engineers

Deb Luning
Landa Phelan
Mel Nakapoi
Alan Ong
Robert Nehmad

Land Use Research Foundation
NB #07 Manoa
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako
NB #14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #21 Pearl City
NB #22 Waipahu
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Palehua Townhouse Association
Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Dave Arakawa
Jim Hayes
Janet Grace
Aaron Landry
Brandon Mitsuda
Lynne Gutierrez
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Braunsen Kalaikai
Bob Schieve
Michael Golojuch, Vice Chair
Randall Hiu

Guests Present:

Jan Bappe	Citizen
Jack De Feo	Citizen
Hal Senter	Department of Planning and Permitting
Michael Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Walter Herron	FutureNet Group
Wayne Kaululaau	Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Valerie Strom	NAVFAC HI
Gary Tasato	NAVFAC HI
Barbra Armentrout	Neighborhood Board #5

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson, Chris Clark, and Marian Yasuda

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

I. Honolulu Rail Transit

Chair Magaldi introduced Lorenzo Garrido, Director of Design and Construction, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART). Mr. Garrido's presentation information focused on construction progress to date and future steps and timelines.

Mr. Garrido stated that there are more than 140 columns, 200 foundations, 2200 pre-cast segments, and 86 spans completed to date. There are now more than 2 miles of guideway completed. Mr. Garrido explained the unique column design wraps that will be implemented at each transit station reflecting the ahupuaa in which a station is located. He also explained the process of assembling columns, segments, and spans.

Mr. Garrido gave information about the Rail Operations Center, which will house the Maintenance of Way, the Wheel Truing, and the Operations Services Buildings. He explained the balanced cantilever work that will allow the guideway to be built out from columns that cross over existing roadways without requiring the roadway to be completely closed during construction. This cantilevered work will be done only at night to minimize the impact to traffic.

Discussion:

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

- In response to a question by Rose Pou: Local construction workers are performing the majority of the craft labor for the project. There is a challenge with meeting demands due to the amount of construction work currently on Oahu.
- In response to a question by Linda Starr: The operation hours of the train are a decision made by the HART Board. Should the demand for service hours be greater than initially offered, increasing the operational hours can be considered. The station designs have been influenced by cultural context of each community and there is an Arts in Transit program that will give each station a sense of place. Ms. Starr suggested that each station should take the natural winds into consideration.
- In response to a question by Al Frenzel: The December report by the Project Management Oversight Contractor – which monitors large projects to make sure they're progressing on time, within budget, and in accordance with approved plans and specifications – references a physical completion percentage that may not take into account the lag due to contractor billing and processing of invoices. Mr. Garrido explained that there are upfront expenditures required that may skew the ratio of the percentage of monies expended to the percentage of physical completion of the project.
- In response to a question by James Manaku: The University of Hawaii West Oahu station location is a result of the preliminary engineering and environmental phase of the design. There was no desire to align the rail to connect directly to the campus. The station noise was evaluated during the environmental phase of the planning. Noise mitigation, such as wayside lubricators, will be implemented near the schools.
- In response to a question by Paul Migliorato: The pre-cast yard, currently leased by Kiewit Construction, can be assigned directly to HART, or another site can be leased, should the contract for the final 9 miles of guideway be awarded to a different contractor.
- In response to a question by Hal Senter: Construction oversight is done by a separate consultant contracted by HART. The contractor is required to meet all requirements before acceptance of their work.
- In response to a question by Arvid Youngquist: Ansaldo Honolulu Joint Venture – the company contracted for operations and maintenance – is working with Leeward Community College to start a training program for operations and maintenance of the system, which would help to keep future employment local.
- In response to a question by Tom Dinell: HART is seeking to compile information about the amount of money spent on the project that actually stays in Hawaii, but it is not currently available.
- In response to a question by Hannah Miyamoto: The first train car is currently being manufactured. The aluminum shell of the car is being fabricated in Italy; the parts will then be shipped to and assembled in Pittsburg, California. It will be shipped to Hawaii in early 2016.
- In response to a question by Daisy Murai: The joints of the spans will be aligned and finished with a closure pour before being accepted as complete. Drainage from the

guideway will travel through inlets on the deck, through the columns, and will tie into a storm drain or outlet into a grass swale in the median.

- In response to a question by John Goody: Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition is progressing. Some areas within the city center and the airport ROW have yet to be acquired.
- In response to a question by Joseph Bonin: Project cost overruns to date are forecast to be \$190 million; the amount of that which is attributable to lawsuits is available. That information will be relayed following the meeting.
- Frank Genadio expressed a desire for access to the actual rail car design.
- In response to a question by Ms. Starr: HART coordinates with Oahu Transit Services to allow for buses feeding into the transit stations. Most stations will accommodate a kiss-and-ride drop off area. Park-and-ride lots will be less frequent due to property constraints. Each train car will be completely accessible for persons with disabilities.
- In response to a question by Jack De Feo: HART projects ridership of 119,000 riders per day and a 30 to 40 percent fare box recovery.

II. Approval of the January 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as circulated.

III. Certification Review Action Committee Report (CRAC)

Brian Gibson summarized the status of SB 1180, the Senate bill regarding MPOs. It was approved with amendments yesterday by the Senate Transportation Committee. The draft bill will go before the Ways and Means Committee next. That has not yet been scheduled.

Mr. Dinell stated that testimony was submitted. Next steps are for members of the CRAC to meet with the Policy Committee PIG in March and lobby members of the Policy Committee to allow a CAC member a seat on the Policy Committee.

IV. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that:

- The Technical Advisory Committee met on February 13, 2015. At that meeting, they:
 - Elected Ken Tatsuguchi as Chair and Brian Suzuki as Vice Chair for 2015;
 - Recommended approval of Revision #3 to FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program;
 - Reviewed the first Draft FYs 2016-2017 Overall Work Program (OWP);
 - Reviewed a comparison of the two HRS 279 Bills;
 - Heard an update on Certification Review Action Plan;
 - Reviewed the status of the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2040; and
 - Reviewed the Congestion Mitigation Process Update.

- The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room #205 in Honolulu Hale. At that meeting it is likely they will:
 - Present Certificates of Appreciation to CAC member organizations;
 - Consider Revisions #2 and #3 to the FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
 - Be presented with a first Draft FYs 2016-2017 Overall Work Program (OWP);
 - Review a comparison of the MPO Bills as Introduced at the Legislature;
 - Hear a report on 2014 Certification Review Action Plan; and
 - Hear the CAC Chair's Report.

V. Announcements

Mr. Genadio announced a meeting of the Transportation Committee for Neighborhood Board #34 on February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kapolei High School Teacher's Lounge.

Mr. Youngquist announced that Mike Golojuch has been approved as a member of the Hawaii Community Development Authority Board.

Mr. Gibson introduced OahuMPO's new Senior Planner, Chris Clark.

Andrea Anixt announced a Department of Planning and Permitting hearing regarding development on the Windward coast on March 5 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.