

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.
Honolulu Hale, Room 301
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Committee for Balanced Transportation
Palehua Townhouse Association
American Society of Civil Engineers
Beautiful Honolulu Foundation
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride
E Noa Corporation
Gentry Homes, Ltd.
Hawaii Association of the Blind
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Kaaawa Community Association
League of Women Voters
Mestizo Association
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 #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako
NB #13 Downtown
NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #29 Kahaluu
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili
Pacific Resource Partnership
Waikiki Residents Association

Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Chair
Michael Golojuch, Vice Chair
Lara Karamatsu
Hannah Miyamoto
Rose Pou
Tom Dinell
Deb Luning
Landa Phelan
Daniel Alexander
Wayne Kaululaau
Robert Nehmad
Andrea Anixt
Marcia Linville
Arvid Youngquist
Linda Starr
Barbra Armentrout
Jim Hayes
Janet Grace
Charles Carole
Aaron Landry
Tom Smyth
Al Frenzel
Dick Poirier
Ken LeVasseur
Frank Genadio
James Manaku, Sr.
Paul Migliorato
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

AARP
American Planning Association Hawaii
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Hui Kupuna VIP
Hunt Companies
Land Use Research Foundation

John Goody
John Valera
Laura Kodama
Mel Nakapoi
Alan Ong
Dave Arakawa

NB #01 Hawaii Kai	Greg Knudsen
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala	Lester Fukuda
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili	Joseph Bonin
NB #14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Heights	Brandon Mitsuda
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Lynne Gutierrez
NB #21 Pearl City	Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
NB #22 Waipahu	Braunsen Kalaikai
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village	Jeanne Ishikawa
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	Alan Suwa
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	Bob Schieve

Guests Present:

Jan Bappe	Citizen
Janet Inamine	Citizen
Dan Purcell	Citizen
Michael Murphy	Department of Transportation Services
Lynn Millner	Hawaii Association of the Blind

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson and Marian Yasuda

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

I. King Street Protected Bicycle Lane Update

Chair Magaldi introduced Chris Sayers, Bicycle Coordinator, Department of Transportation Services (DTS). Mr. Sayers said that the protected bicycle lane has had a positive impact on the numbers of cyclists using the lane as well as the number of cyclists not using the sidewalks. Travel time studies have shown very little impact on vehicular traffic. Bicycle counts taken at the intersection of King Street and Kalakaua Avenue have shown a 71 percent increase of cyclists and a 53 percent decrease of cyclists riding on the sidewalk.

Conversion of the cycle track to a 2-way facility will be implemented when the signals arrive. There will be additional public education efforts that coincide with the conversion. Plans for connections to the King Street facility will likely include South, McCully, and Piikoi Streets.

Discussion:

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

- In response to a question by Linda Starr: DTS is working on an Americans with Disabilities Act parking plan now. Parking restrictions on King Street during peak afternoon hours have not changed with the addition of the cycle track. DTS will continue to look at the parking situation along the cycle track.
- In response to a question by Jim Hayes: The vehicular travel time studies were conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. every thirty minutes. Travel times from end-to-end of the cycle track corridor ranged from 6 to 12 minutes. There was virtually no change to those times after the cycle track installation.

- In response to a question by Robert Nehmad: Data and traffic counts will be posted to DTS' website once they are finished compiling everything.
- In response to a question by Tom Dinell: Plans for increasing connectivity to the cycle track do require time to actually implement. The City is working as quickly and efficiently as possible to get this important piece in place to allow for the cycle track to be successful.
- In response to a question by Brian Gibson: Beretania Street will have a conventional bike lane on the mauka side of the roadway done with the next resurfacing. The King Street cycle track is already being used in both directions, even before it is legal to do so.
- In response to a question by Daisy Murai: Sharrows on Piikoi and South Streets would not be the most effective solution for helping to make a cyclist feel safe and comfortable in traffic. These connectivity efforts will dovetail with the future Honolulu Bikeshare.
- In response to a question by Daniel Alexander: Sidewalk riding went from 70 percent to 14 percent (currently). Riders feel safe enough with the cycle track to stay on the street.
- In response to a question by James Manaku: The cycle track has no speed limits for bicyclists; the conflict between faster riders and those that travel at a more leisurely pace can be a problem.
- In response to a question by Paul Migliorato: DTS will be counting bicycles and cars on Kapiolani Boulevard, and Young and King Streets to try to capture the numbers of vehicle drivers that may now be cycling instead.
- In response to a question by Andrea Anixt: Signage for the cycle track and other bicycle facilities primarily use universal graphics which are recognizable regardless of language spoken. DTS did produce a Japanese public service announcement that plays on KIKU.
- In response to a question by Ms. Starr: Cyclists in the cycle track will need to stop for cars that block the lane trying to get in and out of driveways. Both drivers and cyclists need to vigilantly pay attention and use caution in the conflict zones.
- In response to a question by Hannah Miyamoto: The width of the cycle track complies with the National Association of City Transportation Officials guidelines for a two-way cycle track.
- In response to a question by Barbrea Armentrout: DTS will be seeking to change the City ordinance that disallows two-way traffic on a one-way street.

II. Approval of the February 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chair Magaldi announced a correction to the draft minutes, noting that Joseph Bonin, McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board #8, was present at the meeting.

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

III. Certification Review Action Committee Report (CRAC)

Mr. Dinell reported that he and Mr. Magaldi met with the Policy Committee Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to present their arguments for CAC membership on the Policy Board. They were not persuasive enough; the PIG will not be recommending a CAC member in its recommendation to the full committee at its upcoming meeting.

The CRAC members will continue to contact Policy Committee members, will testify at the PIG's presentation of its recommendations, and will testify at the following meeting where the committee may take action.

Al Frenzel moved and Tom Smyth seconded that Tom Dinell may represent the CAC and provide testimony at the Policy Committee meeting on March 30, 2015 supporting the CAC having a voting member on the Policy Board. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Frenzel encouraged other members to attend the meeting and testify, and to contact any Policy Committee member to advocate for a CAC member on the Policy Board.

IV. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights

Marian Yasuda announced that:

- The Technical Advisory Committee met on March 13, 2015. At that meeting, they:
 - Considered the Draft Comprehensive Agreement
- The Policy Committee met on Friday, February 20, 2015. At that meeting, they:
 - Presented Certificates of Appreciation to CAC member organizations;
 - Approved Revisions #2 and #3 to the FFYs 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
 - Heard a first Draft FYs 2016-2017 Overall Work Program (OWP);
 - Reviewed the MPO Bill as introduced at the Legislature;
 - Heard a report on 2014 Certification Review Action Plan; and
 - Heard the CAC Chair's Report.
- The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, March 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room #205. The agenda for that meeting has not yet been set.

IV. Announcements

There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.