

Meeting Summary of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 18, 2012, 3:30 p.m.  
Mayor's Conference Room 301, Honolulu Hale  
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

***Members Present:***

Committee for Balanced Transportation  
Land Use Research Foundation  
American Planning Association Hawaii  
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii  
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride  
E Noa Corporation  
Hawaii Bicycling League  
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996  
Hui Kupuna VIP  
Institute of Transportation Engineers  
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 #07 Manoa  
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus  
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kakaako  
NB #13 Downtown  
NB #21 Pearl City  
NB #22 Waipahu  
NB #23 Ewa  
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu  
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale  
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley  
NB #36 Nanakuli-Maili  
North Shore Chamber of Commerce  
Waikiki Residents Association

Joseph Magaldi, Jr., Chair  
Dave Arakawa, Vice Chair  
John Valera  
Laura Kodama  
Laureen Kukino  
Tom Dinell  
Chad Taniguchi  
Michael Costa  
Rose Pou  
I. Robert Nehmad  
Marcia Linville  
Arvid Youngquist  
Greg Knudsen  
Linda Starr  
Lester Fukuda  
Bert Narita  
Tom Heinrich  
Charles Carole  
Larry Hurst  
Tom Smyth  
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.  
Braunsen Kalaikai  
John Gollner  
Dick Poirier  
Jame Schaedel  
Alan Suwa  
Richard Landford  
Bob Schieve  
Daisy Murai

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

AARP  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living  
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association  
NB #08 McCully-Moiliili

Jackie Boland  
Tiffany Hamada  
Kimo Keawe  
Wynde Yamamoto  
Ron Lockwood

NB #09 Waikiki	Robert Finley
NB #14 Liliha	Chad Atkins
NB #15 Kalihi-Palama	Fetu Kolio
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village	Constante Domingo
NB #24 Waianae Coast	Bob Smith
NB #26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village	Jeanne Ishikawa
NB #29 Kahaluu	Ken LeVasseur
Pacific Resource Partnership	Paul Migliorato
Palehua Townhouse Association	Michael Golojuch
Tax Foundation of Hawaii	Randall Hiu

***Guests Present:***

Frank Genadio	Citizen
Debra Luning	Gentry Homes, Ltd.
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland	Hawaii State Senate
Tiffany Patrick	Marine Corps Base Hawaii
Tiffany Wang	Office of Senator Chun Oakland

***OahuMPO Staff Present:*** Brian Gibson, Randolph Sykes, and Marian Yasuda

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

**1. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2040**

Chair Magaldi introduced Brian Gibson, OahuMPO. Mr. Gibson explained that OahuMPO has begun work on developing the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2040. This early effort involves collecting input from the CAC about transportation issues which will help to illustrate current conditions on Oahu. Following the collection of all input, the CAC will participate in a voting exercise to prioritize the list of issues. Comments will then be consolidated and priorities will be tallied. The prioritized listing will be distributed to the membership.

Mr. Gibson provided some data on Oahu population, visitor volumes, resident demographics, vehicle miles traveled, traffic-related injuries, and vehicle ownership.

**Comments Received:**

*[Randolph Sykes recorded all comments (including those received prior to this meeting) on large-format paper, and then placed the papers along the front of the room.]*

- TheHandi-Van should improve customer service by eliminating long waits and long rides.
- Scheduling of TheHandi-Van is neither reliable nor responsive to the needs of the community, because it lacks sufficient resources to handle the “take all comers” ordinance. The vans are given unrealistic orders to pick up multiple riders from different locations at the same time. More vans and drivers are needed; 25% of the fleet needs repairs; and there are not enough mechanics.
- Transportation is the first priority for seniors. There is a need to supplement and expand TheHandi-Van fleet; more should be done to partner with the private sector.

- TheBus routes and schedule cuts to cover the HART project are hurting those who are transit-dependent.
- Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has not provided sufficient outreach concerning the ongoing changes to bus routes that are affecting residents, visitors, seniors, immigrants, and school children. The planning of these changes appears to have been very sketchy and not well thought through.
- Access to TheBus in Ewa is bad in some areas; approximately 5,000 residents must walk more than 2 miles to get to the nearest bus stop along a treacherous and poorly maintained roadway.
- Building more bike lanes will increase cycling trips; need safe and continuous bike lanes.
- Lack of continuity of bike lanes in many places is unsafe for cyclists; Kalanianaʻole Highway is a good example.
- Ewa bears the brunt of traffic congestion on Interstate H-1.
- Traffic congestion in West Oahu is terrible. They should build managed (HOT) lanes.
- Need dedicated left-turn lanes and bus pullouts islandwide to minimize congestion caused by cars and buses stopped in traffic lanes.
- Lack of dedicated left-turn lanes causes significant congestion along Farrington Highway in Nanakuli.
- Inadequate sidewalks and crosswalks are a problem islandwide.
- Pedestrian crossings are unsafe, especially in locations where there are no signals or pedestrian safety islands. Wide avenues are especially problematic. Stop lines for automobiles are often too close to crosswalks. Sidewalks are inadequate or non-existent.
- The roads are dilapidated; they need to eliminate the backlog of repairs and maintain the roads systematically.
- Some key concepts to consider are:
  - Safety
  - Connectivity for all modes
  - Implementation
  - Community Integrity
  - Resiliency
- Need a dedicated lane on Interstate H-2 from Ka Uka Boulevard to the Pearl Highlands transit center.
- Need a second-access road from Waianae. Residents can go mauka in an emergency, such as a tsunami, but the only medical facility is at shoreline.
- Pedestrian “countdown” signage is not visible to drivers and, in many cases, by pedestrians because of buses and trucks that stop in the crosswalk. Need to raise signage so they are visible to both drivers and pedestrians.

- Need to ensure that roadways are safe for all users. Install cameras to catch drivers that run red lights and speed.
- Change existing City policy that calls for wider streets in Downtown and immediately surrounding districts and explore the potential of installing speed bumps as a means of improving pedestrian safety by slowing traffic. Seniors are especially vulnerable and represent a disproportionately high number of citizens residing in these areas.
- The population needs more drivers' education training, so that they know the rules of the road. It would speed things up if people knew how to drive.
- Traffic lights should be synchronized to help traffic congestion in Urban Honolulu.
- School children need more buses; the bus maintenance yard is maxed out; and we need a better bus plan.
- Makakilo Drive remains a single-access roadway despite numerous promises to provide a second access (included in 2025 long-range plan and FFY 2006 TIP). Traffic has grown and multiple Neighborhood Board resolutions to DTS have been ignored.
- Turtle Beach is being heavily marketed as a destination to visitors, which has resulted in consistent and significant congestion along the highway from pedestrians who are crossing the highway. One solution might be to market the turtle population in Haleiwa Town at the War Memorial Beach where there are better parking and viewing conditions. The present situation is unsafe for both pedestrians and motorists; it may be wise to consider a timed pedestrian signal at Turtle Beach or to widen about a quarter-mile stretch for those watching turtles along the North Shore. There is a need for a bypass or to develop a parking area; there is a similar problem in Kapahulu where there is heavy marketing to tourists and transit/pedestrian facilities are inadequate.
- The City's Bill 11 – which would restrict commercial activities in Kailua Beach Park and Kalama Beach Park – is of concern to residents because of additional congestion being pushed toward the Lanikai end of the beach. A request was made to DTS to install a traffic circle at the intersection of Kailua Road and Kalaheo Avenue. There is significant pedestrian traffic, as well as concern about timely access for emergency vehicles.
- The recently-installed continuous right-turn lane from Keahole Street to Kalaniana'ole Highway in Hawaii Kai is not working because of insufficient striping; the project cost \$4 million and took 10 years to complete. Hawaii Department of Transportation has indicated there is no more that can be done to improve the existing configuration.
- Foolish spending: address real needs and problems; don't make them up; the percentages for transit/highways is *kapakahi* – reverse to 40% transit/60% highways.
- Congestion along Kalaniana'ole Highway (Hawaii Kai to Downtown) is the result of too many drivers for the capacity of the highway; consider double-decking.
- The transit system is too expensive; cut costs by farming out to the private sector.

## **2. Approval of the June 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chair Arakawa took the gavel for the approval of the June 20 meeting minutes.

Vice Chair Arakawa noted that his affiliation with the Scenic Byways Advisory Committee was announced at the June 20 meeting, but not required to be noted in the minutes.

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as circulated.

## **3. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights**

Marian Yasuda stated that the Policy Committee has not met since the CAC last met. There is no meeting scheduled at this time.

The Technical Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m. At that meeting, they:

- Heard the 2040 population and employment projections for Oahu by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
- Heard a presentation on the Land Use Model by Urban Analytics

There is no meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee scheduled at this time.

## **4. Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **5. Announcements**

Tiffany Patrick announced the Kaneohe Bay Air Show, September 29-30, on the Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The celebration is to honor the centennial of Marine Corps Aviation. The Blue Angels and other shows will occur throughout the 2 days.

Tom Heinrich announced a community workshop for the Ala Moana Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the McKinley High School Cafeteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.