

Meeting Summary of the
 Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
 CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.
 Honolulu Hale, Room 301
 530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members present

AARP	Elizabeth Chinn
American Planning Association	John Valera
Beautiful Honolulu Foundation	Hannah Miyamoto
Castle and Cook Homes Hawaii	Laura Kodama
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride	Rose Pou
E Noa Corporation	Tom Dinell
Kaaawa Community Association	Andrea Anixt
League of Women Voters	Marcia Linville
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	Linda Starr
NB#03 Waialae-Kahala	Les Fukuda
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu	Bert Narita
NB#07 Manoa	Jim Hayes
NB#08 McCully-Moilili	Larie Manutai
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	Aaron Landry for William J. Ammons
NB#14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha hts.	Brandon Mitsuda
NB#22 Waipahu	Marcella Granquist
NB#24 Waianae Coast	Al Frenzel
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	Dick Poirier
NB#26 Wahiawa	Joe Francher
NB#29 Kahaluu	Ken LeVasseur
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	Frank Genadio
NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	Steven Melendrez

Committee for Balanced Transportation	Joseph Magaldi
NB#36 Nanakuli-Maili	Richard Landford
North Shore Chamber Of Commerce	Ed Korybski
Palehua Townhouses	Michael Golojuch
Waikiki Resident's Association	Daisy Murai

Members Absent

American Society of Civil Engineers	Lara Karamatsu
Institute of Transportation Engineers	Robert Nehmad
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	David Arakawa
Mestizo Association	Arvid Yongquist
NB#01 Hawaii Kai	Greg Knudsen
NB#09 Waikiki	Janet Grace
NB#13 Downtown	Tom Smyth
NB#21 Pearl City	Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Pacific Resource Partnership	Paul Migliorato

Guests Present

MCB Hawaii	Tiffany Patrick
DTS	Michael Murphy
DTS	Chris Sayers
Windward Ahupua'a Alliance	Shannon Wood

OahuMPO Staff Present: Brian Gibson, Taylor Ellis, Veronica Schack

Chair Joseph Magaldi Called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and asked that all attendees introduce themselves.

1. Approval of the September 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Hearing no objections, the minutes for the September 16th, 2015 CAC meeting were approved.

2. Bike/Ped: The Federal View – Elizabeth Fischer FHWA

Elizabeth Fischer of the Federal Highway Administration opened the floor for questions and discussion on bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure on Oahu from the federal perspective.

Discussion:

Ken LeVasseur asked if there is a way that the federal government can push state and city governments to adopt bike infrastructure.

Liz Fischer responded that HDOT Director Ford Fuchigami and others in local government are interested in bike/ped projects. She stated that Federal funds at many levels provide a funding source for a wide range of bicycle/pedestrian facilities.

She stated that Taylor Ellis of OahuMPO had information on federal programs for bicycle infrastructure available for interested members of the community.

She mentioned that the Leeward Bike Path is clearing issues with right-of-way and other requirements and may be moving forward. The Leeward Bike path holds strong support from the community as an alternative commuting route into downtown.

Richard Landford asked about the possibility of adding rumble strips or some other form of safety feature to protect cyclist on Farrington Highway.

Liz Fischer responded that that kind of project would be appropriate under the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HISP) and that there are funds available. Those activities are also identified under the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

Ken LeVasseur asked about alternative striping materials that have a higher traction level.

Liz Fischer stated that that technology exists it's simply a matter of whether or not it is compatible with tropical climate and weather and whether or not the participating agencies are aware of their capabilities.

Linda Starr stated that she feels that parked cars shouldn't be incorporated into a protected bike path as is the example in the King St. Protected Bike Path.

Liz Fischer stated that the King St. Protected Bike Path is a pilot program and that there are lessons to be learned for future programs.

Linda Starr followed up with a question about whether federal funds could be used to acquire right-of-way to widen bike paths.

Liz Fischer responded that federal funds could be used for that.

Ken LeVasseur asked a follow up question about the hazard of cars opening doors into a protected bike path.

Chris Sayers of DTS' Bike Program answered that there is a buffer zone built into the King St. Protected Bike Path to prevent an open door from striking a cyclist.

Hannah Miyamoto stated her concerns about the hazard created by the high speeds in the protected bike path and asked questions about a construction project in Nanakuli and a question about what can be done with the rail right-of-way.

Liz Fischer responded that that was a complicated question and suggested they continue that conversation with the relevant parties to that area of responsibility.

Rose Pou asked a question about whether a section of missing sidewalk by the airport was within federal jurisdiction.

Liz Fischer deferred to Tiffany Patrick of MCB Hawaii who stated that she could put Rose Pou in contact with the necessary people at the Navy.

Jim Hayes asked if there is standard for bike path design for federally funded projects.

Liz Fischer responded that it is typically on a case by case basis but there are basic bicycle/pedestrian safety guidelines. She stated that there are several local state and city guides and that HDOT has one of the best pedestrian plans in the country.

Brian Gibson of OahuMPO stated that there is no design book at the federal level. However, at the state level, there are several good design manuals. He cited Minnesota as having a good design book the most appropriate type of bike infrastructure according to vehicle speeds.

Liz Fischer continued that states may adopt their own standards and there are a number of resources and design books that local governments can draw from.

Tim Dinell asked about FHWA's approach to climate change.

Liz Fischer responded that there is a secretarial level directive at USDOT and FTA for climate change mitigation.

She quoted

“The USDOT policy is to incorporate safe and convenient walking and bicycling facilities into transportation projects. Every transportation agency including DOT has the responsibility to improve conditions and opportunities for walking and bicycling and to integrate walking and bicycling into their transportation systems. Because of the numerous individual and community benefits that walking and bicycling provide including health, safety, environment, transportation, and quality of life, transportation agencies are encouraged to go beyond minimum standards to provide safe and convenient facilities for these modes. Walking and bicycling are considered transportation modes just as freight, just as motor vehicle, just and air, and just and marine.”

Frank Genadio asked if federal funds can be used for *bikeshare*. To which Liz Fischer responded in the affirmative. He followed up with a question on whether or not golf carts are allowed on bike paths. Liz Fischer responded that it depended on the local facilities and what type of golf cart it is.

Ed Korybski asked if the possibility exists for the path from Haleiwa to Waimea Bay if it was too narrow to accommodate a bike path.

Liz Fischer responded that in addition to terrain restrictions, it's an issue of right-of-way and that acquisition is perhaps cost prohibitive.

Ken Levasseur discussed the nature of Kahekili highway and the terrain's effect on traffic patterns.

Les Fukuda stated that he felt that the biggest issue with bike infrastructure is connectivity and that the individual paths aren't connected.

Brian Gibson stated that in 1991 FHWA began providing federal funds and that local governments began taking every opportunity to build bike paths. They faced initial criticism because the paths didn't connect, however after many years of individual paths being constructed, they began to meet up.

Chris Sayers of DTS' Bike Program added that the city looks for opportunities to incorporate bike lanes into the restriping when roads are repaved for minimal cost.

Tiffany Patrick of MCBH asked what the best way to connect city, state, and federal roads specifically related to connectivity to Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Liz Fischer responded that the main issue is that the base's main gate connects with H-3 and that there are no bike paths allowed on interstate highways. The possibility remains open for other gates that don't connect to federal highways. She stated that there are opportunities and interest for conversations between the state, city, and base about getting those networks in place.

Hannah stated that she felt that the signage and *wayfinding* of bike paths is more important than the actual construction of bike paths.

Chris Sayers stated that the city is looking into more *wayfinding* for the routes.

Michael Goluchi provided testimony on the bike and pedestrian infrastructure of Rochester New York.

3. OahuMPO Meeting Highlights – Brian Gibson

Brian Gibson summarized the OahuMPO Technical Advisory Committee meeting held on October 9th, 2015 and the Policy Board meeting on September 21, 2015.

1. The Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the Overall Work Program Processes and Procedures. The TAC continued their discussion and approval of the OWP Processes and Procedures for the next meeting.
2. The next Policy Board Meeting is to be held on November 6th to discuss the OahuMPO Planning Process Review and Short-Term Staffing Plan, and schedule of the Long-Range Transportation Plan.

Discussion:

Andrea Anixt asked if the Department of Planning and Permitting had submitted their comments to the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan Processes and Procedures.

Brian Gibson replied that OahuMPO staff has received DPP's comments and that the TAC has continued discussion on the ORTP for a later meeting.

Brian Gibson stated that there are no deadlines associated with the TAC's decisions.

4. Announcements

Brian Gibson announced that Veronica Schack has joined the OahuMPO staff as an Administrative Assistant.

Daisy Murai announced that there will be meeting on TheBus and TheHandi-van systems at the State Capitol Auditorium on Tuesday November 10th from 5:45am to 11:00am on any concerns people have on concerning them.

Daisy Murai announced that the Army Corps of Engineers is taking comments on the Ala Wai Canal project on November 9th.

There was discussion on upcoming HART meetings. The CAC was referred to the HART website.

5. Other Business

Frank Genadio asked how to put in a request for a screen line count for Makakilo Drive.

Chris Sayers of DTS stated that there is a section in the city that handles traffic studies. He stated that he could follow up on how to file a formal request.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:26PM.