

Meeting Summary of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 16, 2005, 4:00 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room
Honolulu Hale, Room 301
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Members Present:

Committee for Balanced Transportation
NB #10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus
American Planning Association
American Society of Civil Engineers
Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii
Committee for Balanced Transportation
E Noa Corporation
Eye of the Pacific
Hawaii Bicycling League
Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers, Local 996
Honolulu Community Action Program
Institute of Transportation Engineers
Interagency Coordination Councils Organization
Neighborhood Board (NB) #01 Hawaii Kai
NB #03 Waialae-Kahala
NB #05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu-Saint Louis Heights
NB #13 Downtown
NB #14 Liliha-Alewa-Puunui-Kamehameha Heights
NB #18 Aliamanu-Salt Lake-Foster Village
NB #21 Pearl City

NB #24 Waianae Coast
NB #25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu
NB #30 Kaneohe
NB #34 Makakilo-Kapolei-Honokai Hale
NB #35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley
Pacific Resource Partnership
Sierra Club Hawaii Chapter
Waianae Coast Transportation Concerns Group
Waikiki Residents Association

Joe Magaldi, Chair
Charles Carole, Vice Chair
Bob McGraw
Joy Wasai
Alan Suwa
Frank Genadio
Tom Dinell
Patricia Blum
Scott Snider
Michael Costa
Jose Villa
HongLong Li
CC Curry
Don Huff
Lester Fukuda
Joe Otto
Burton White
Donald Nitta
Larry Baird
David Lemon
Cruz J. Vina, Jr.
Karen Awana
David Aki
Wendell Lum
Mike Golojuch
Pamela Young
Richard Kane
Marilyn Gates
Dick Boddy
Daisy Murai

Members Absent (Reps):

American Society of Landscape Architects
Charley's Taxi
Hawaii Local Technical Assistance Program
Hawaii Transportation Association
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii
League of Women Voters
Leeward Oahu Transportation Management Association
National Federation of the Blind
NB #02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki
NB #08 McCully Moiliili
NB #09 Waikiki
NB #12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl
NB #22 Waipahu
NB #26 Wahiawa
Tax Foundation of Hawaii

Wendie McAllaster
Dale Evans
Juli Kobayashi
Gareth Sakakida
Paul Schwind
Jacqueline Parnell
Laura Kodama
Brandon Young
Linda Starr
Janet Inamine
Robert Finley
Rae Gee
Craig Richter
Robert Kent
Randall Hiu

Guests Present:

Toru Hamayasu
Alfred Tanaka
Ruth M. Belmodis
Louise Horio
Russel Oshiro
Rose Pou
Terry Jasper
Lela M. Hubbard
Alan R. Gano
Antya Miller
Gil Riviere
Grant Kawaguchi
Mark Scheibe
James Horio
Michelle Jaffe
Kamuela Kaaikala
Rudy Poke

Department of Transportation Services
Department of Transportation Services
Hale Mohalu Senior Apartments
Hawaii Association of the Blind
Hawaii Association of the Blind
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living
Hawaii Centers for Independent Living
Hui of Bus and HandiVan Users
Leeward Infrastructure Coalition
NB #27 North Shore
North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Office of Council Chair Donovan Dela Cruz
Parsons Brinckerhoff

OMPO Staff Present:

Pamela Toyooka and Laureen Brennan

Handouts:

1. *Cancellation of December 2005 CAC meeting (flyer)*
2. *Overall Work Program: Work Element Proposal Forms*

1. Call to Order

Chair Joe Magaldi called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. A quorum was present.

Chair Magaldi welcomed Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Acting Director Alfred Tanaka.

2. Approval of the October 19, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Pat Blum moved and Marilyn Gates seconded that the October 19, 2005 meeting minutes be approved as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

3. DTS Presentation: Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Study

[Handouts: None]

Mark Scheibe, Project Manager with Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) for the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Study, gave a presentation about the project on behalf of DTS.

[Note: Unless otherwise specified, questions were fielded by Mr. Scheibe (PB).]

Discussion Highlights:

- In response to a question from Scott Snider: A range of public transit options will be looked at during the study. The alternatives will probably include expansion of the bus service, different rail alignments, some new roadway construction to be used by buses, and a combination of alternatives including ferry.
- In response to a series of questions from Rich Kane: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires a number of performance measures to be used when evaluating a “New Starts” program. Among these performance measures are number of riders, changes in travel time, capital costs, operating and maintenance costs, and environmental impacts. FTA also looks at how well the alternative serves the land use plans and opportunities for future development around transit stations.
- In response to a question from Wendell Lum: Land use issues can be addressed by the City Council to encourage development, although the City Council is under no obligation to do so as part of this project.
- In response to a series of questions from Terry Jasper: The needs of the disabled will be considered by directly involving a representative of the disabled. The system will be easily accessible. The alignment and siting of stations will also address disabled needs.
- In response to a question from Tom Dinell: Discussions with representatives of the private transportation providers are welcomed. When the planning team is developing alternatives, they will look at parts of the system that can be operated privately and will work cooperatively with private providers to decide what each entity can do best. While the consultants will be contacting the providers, the providers can also contact them.
- In response to a question from Ruth Belmodis: The federal money for Alternatives Analysis Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AADEIS) has been obligated. This money will not

lapse. When the AADEIS is completed and a locally preferred alternative has been selected, the City will apply to FTA for funding to begin construction.

- In response to a question from Don Huff: The scoping meetings for the AADEIS will be held on December 13th at Blaisdell Center, and December 14th at Kapolei Middle School.
- In response to a question from Lela Hubbard: There are examples of ridership forecasts being either over- or under-estimated. FTA has been working for several years to review the forecasting procedures throughout the country. As a result, FTA has become increasingly strict in their guidelines for forecasting estimates. The latest transportation appropriation bill includes language for reporting the accuracy of the forecasts.
- In response to a question from Burton White: The consulting team (i.e., PB) will be working with DTS to develop the forecasts.
- In response to a question from Tom Dinell: Most appropriations for transit projects have been around \$500-600 million; and many of the systems have been built in segments and have received more than one appropriation. The costs, and whether or not to build the system in phases, have not yet been determined.

4. Task Force to Attend ORTP Islandwide Meeting

[Handouts: None]

Pamela Toyooka read the following from a memo sent to CAC members on November 9, 2005:

The identification of the task force members will be placed on the January 2006 CAC agenda. To prepare for this CAC meeting, please ensure that the relevant requirements are met with respect to your organizations' procedures in identifying its CAC representative to participate on a Task Force. Note, too, that the membership on a Task Force cannot exceed a quorum. In this case, the CAC Task Force will be comprised of no more than 12 members.

Discussion Highlights:

- In response to a question from Mr. Kane, Ms. Toyooka said that the Office of Information Practices has determined that CAC members cannot "remove their CAC hats" and, therefore, cannot attend a community meeting as a private citizen.

David Lemon moved and CC Curry seconded that the CAC schedule a joint meeting for the same date, time, and location as the ORTP islandwide meeting; and appoint, at the January CAC meeting, a task force to attend the same islandwide meeting in the event a quorum is not present. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CAC Member Organization Presentation: Committee for Balanced Transportation

[Handouts: None]

Frank Genadio gave a presentation about the Committee for Balanced Transportation (CBT). He said that the mission of CBT is to educate the community about the need for major public

transportation investments. The CBT is committed to supporting those Legislative efforts at all levels of government designed to enact the institutional framework and funding mechanisms needed for a better public transportation system on Oahu. He said that the CBT website was www.saveoahu.org, and that anyone interested in joining the CBT can send him an email at genadioF001@hawaii.rr.com.

6. Overall Work Program (OWP)

[Handouts: Overall Work Program: Work Element Proposal Forms]

Laureen Brennan announced that proposed work elements for the FY 2007 OWP are being accepted by OMPO until November 30, 2005. Proposal forms can be downloaded from the OMPO website. She suggested that anyone interested in submitting a work element, work with the agency that would do the study to gain their support.

Discussion Highlights:

- In response to a comment from Rudy Poke, Chair Magaldi said that DTS is the agency responsible for changes to two bus stops that would enable better access to express buses by the disabled riders. Chair Magaldi added that OMPO will forward the suggestions to DTS.

7. OMPO Meeting Highlights – Policy Committee & Technical Advisory Committee

7.a Policy Committee

No Policy Committee meetings were held in the month since the last CAC meeting. The next two Policy Committee meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, December 20, 2005, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Committee Room, room 205, 530 South King Street, Honolulu
- Thursday, January 5, 2006, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the City Council Committee Room, room 205, 530 South King Street, Honolulu

7.b Technical Advisory Committee

A Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held on Friday, November 4, 2005. Assumptions to financially constrain the 2030 ORTP were discussed: funding of the bikeway facilities; developer share of funding regional transportation facilities; portion of the statewide set aside of STP Flex funds available to Oahu; City & State “must have” projects; and funding for system preservation of the transportation system over the next 25 years.

The next two TAC meetings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, December 8, 2005, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the Department of Transportation (DOT) 5th floor conference room, 869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu
- Thursday, December 15, 2005, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., in the DOT 5th floor conference room, 869 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu

8. Announcements

8.a. ORTP Community Outreach Program Task Force

Mike Golojuch summarized the November 16, 2005 meeting of the ORTP Community Outreach Program (COP) Task Force by highlighting the following:

- A large number of questionnaires have been returned;
- The location of the islandwide meeting that will be held in February or March 2006 is being considered; and
- The time of the islandwide meeting may be on a Saturday morning or a weekday evening.

8.b Upcoming CAC meetings

[Handout: Cancellation of December 2005 CAC meeting (flyer)]

There will be NO December 2005 CAC meeting. The next two CAC meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2006 and Wednesday, February 15, 2006.

8.c Scoping Meetings: Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Study

Two scoping meetings for the Honolulu High Capacity Transit Corridor Study are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, December 13, 2005, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Neal Blaisdell Center
- Wednesday, December 14, 2005, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Kapolei Middle School

Additional information for this project is available at the City's website:
www.honolulutransit.org.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.