

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
Honolulu Hale, Room 301
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

Attendance

Member organization	Present?	Represented by	Absent?
AARP	X	John Goody	
American Planning Association	X	Suwan Shen	
American Society of Civil Engineers	X	Laura Karamatsu	
Beautiful Honolulu Foundation			X
Castle and Cook Homes Hawaii			X
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride	X	Rose Pou	
Committee for Balanced Transportation	X	Joseph Magaldi	
E Noa Corporation	X	Tom Dinell	
Gentry Homes, Ltd.			X
Hawaii Association of the Blind	X	Norman Ota	
Hawaii Bicycling League	X	Daniel Alexander	
Hawaii Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996			X
Hui Kupuna VIP			X
Hunt Companies			X
Institute of Transportation Engineers	X	Robert Nehmad	
Kaaawa Community Association	X	Andrea Anixt	
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii			
League of Women Voters	X	Marcia Linville	
Mestizo Association	X	Arvid Youngquist	
NB#01 Hawaii Kai	X	Herb Schreiner	
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	X	Linda Starr	
NB#03 Waialae-Kahala			X
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu	X	Bert Narita	
NB#07 Manoa	X	Jim Hayes	
NB#08 McCully-Moiliili			X
NB#09 Waikiki			X
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	X	Charles Carole	
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kakaako	X	Bob Armstrong	
NB#13 Downtown	X	Dolores Mollring	
NB#14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Hts.			X
NB#15 Kalihi Palama			X
NB#18 Aliamanu - Salt Lake			X
NB#21 Pearl City			X

Member organization	Present?	Represented by	Absent?
NB#22 Waipahu	X	Marcella Granquist	
NB#23 Ewa	X	Jessie Weinburger	
NB#24 Waianae Coast			X
NB#25 Millilani-Waipio-Melemanu	X	Elise Carmody	
NB#26 Wahiawa			X
NB#29 Kahaluu	X	Ken LeVasseur	
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	X	Frank Genadio	
NB#35 Millilani Mauka-Launani Valley	X	Steven Melendrez	
NB#36 Nanakuli-Mailii	X	Creighton Higa	
North Shore Chamber of Commerce			X
Pacific Resource Partnership	X	Paul Migliorato	
Palehua Townhouses	X	Michael Golojuch	
Waikiki Resident's Association	X	Daisy Murai	

Guests	Lisa Leandro (CCL), Renee Yamasaki (DTS), Richard Pentecctes (DTS), Joshua Takano (DTS), Nicole Hori (NB 12), Danae Khorodori (Public)
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OahuMPO staff present	Dylan Armstrong, Alvin Au, Taylor Ellis, Kiana Otsuka and Roni Schack
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Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Richard Dick Porier called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2017 MEETING MINUTE

Motion was made and seconded to accept the February 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Motion was passed unanimously.

3. REPORTS OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Interim Executive Director (IED) of OahuMPO, Alvin Au announced that OahuMPO met with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) last Friday, March 10th. IED Au reported that the TAC discussed two things. The first was a technical analysis of the traffic signal prioritization study from Ty Fukumitsu of the Department of Transportation Services (DTS), who would also be presenting at the CAC meeting, today. IED Au made note that the TAC approved the study. Second, the TAC was presented the FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision #15 from Dylan Armstrong, Planning Analyst of OahuMPO. IED Au noted that the TAC recommended the approval of Revision 15 to the current TIP. Finally, IED Au announced that there would be a Policy Board meeting on Friday, March 31st.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Poirier asked if there was any unfinished business, with no response.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Traffic Signal Prioritization Methodology Study – Department of Transportation Services

Ty Fukumitsu of DTS presented on the Traffic Signal Prioritization Methodology Study. This study establishes an objective, empirical means for the installation prioritization of pedestrian/traffic signals. This system will refine the method currently in use. Refining the current method will increase public confidence and better withstand legal challenges that may arise. More information can be found at: <http://www.oahumpo.org/projects/planning-studies/traffic-signal-prioritization-methodology/>

Discussion:

There was discussion regarding the list's ability to change, the software's use on state owned, but city managed traffic signals, the use of the software to remove traffic signals, how long the list is currently, whether traffic signals are federally funded, the city-state relationship with regards to corrections or modifications of traffic signals, and the management of the Kamehameha Highway/Kahekili transition.

There was a motion to approve the evidence of the work that was carried out, and direct OahuMPO staff to use the study recommendations in OahuMPO's planning process. A motion to second by Robert Nehmand of the Institute for Transportation Engineers was made. With no objections, the motion carried.

B. Transportation Improvement Program 2015-2017 Revision #15 – Dylan Armstrong

Dylan Armstrong, planning analyst of OahuMPO presented the amended projects to the Transportation Improvement Program Revision #15 for fiscal years 2015-2018, that was distributed for public comment and intergovernmental review.

Mr. Armstrong added that, during the intergovernmental review, the Office of Planning was very supportive of OS66. In addition, OahuMPO received a non-project specific comment asking whether we were considering using sugar access, a program used to evaluate the accessibility of a project.

Discussion:

There was discussion regarding the coordination of HB1378 and OS66 and further clarification of OS67.

In addition, John Goody of AARP stated that he strongly supports the OS14 project, as there has been many bicycle accidents in the area.

There was a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program 2015-2017 Revision #15. A motion to second was made by Marcia Linville of the League of Women Voters. There was one objection made by Frank Genadio of Neighborhood Board #34. As such, the motion carried.

C. Changing Oahu Transportation Study Permitted Interaction Group to a Non-Standing Committee

Chair Porier announced that the Central Oahu Transportation Study permitted interaction group would remain a permitted interaction group, rather than a non-standing committee. Bert Narita of Neighborhood Board #5 clarified that the committee would be a special committee. During the discussion, it was also asked when the next meeting for the

committee would be, to which Chair Porier said the next meeting date is still being determined.

D. CAC Self-Evaluation

Chair Porier announced that he'd like the CAC to partake in a self-evaluation. Members have until March 23rd to submit comments to OahuMPO. OahuMPO will then compile the comments and send them back to the CAC and lead a discussion about the comments at next month's meeting. Chair Porier then facilitated a discussion about the role of the CAC, what member organizations hope to get out of the CAC, and how to improve the efficiency and efficacy of the CAC going forward.

When asked, what members liked best about the CAC, Ken LeVasseur of Neighborhood Board #29 replied that he appreciated that the CAC was a forum for community voices to be heard, even though issues discussed aren't always acted upon. Marcia Linville of the League of Women Voters added to that, as she said that the CAC gives its members the chance to hear, know about and discuss issues. Herb Schreiner of Neighborhood Board #1 said that the CAC provides an outlet for education, to know about the issues and to take them back to their respective organizations.

When asked, what members liked least about the CAC, Ken LeVasseur of Neighborhood Board #29 replied that, the lack of respect from the Policy Board was what he liked least. Herb Schreiner of Neighborhood Board #1 said that he felt meetings were rushed through, and there wasn't adequate time to get involved. Bert Narita of Neighborhood Board #5 said that it was appalling that the public doesn't know what OahuMPO stands for, and feels that thus the public doesn't want to be involved, even though there are many complaints about transportation-related issues.

When asked, what members thought the CAC did well, Frank Genadio of Neighborhood Board #34 said that, he thinks the organization operates in very cooperative and collegial manner. Robert Nehmad of Institute for Transportation Engineers said that OahuMPO does an excellent job in keeping the CAC organized and making sure funding comes through from the Federal Government. He added that he hopes OahuMPO can do the same with State funding. Andrea Anixt of the Ka'a'awa Community Association commented that the CAC has done well in getting the North Shore to Hale'iwa to Kahalu'u study on the priority list, but what the CAC does, does not get followed up with at the State.

When asked, what members thought the CAC could do better and should change, Bert Narita of Neighborhood Board #5 thought that timeframes need to be more clear, so that members may respond on a timely basis. He specified that the website was confusing on this matter and thought a clearer calendar could help mitigate the problem. Andrea Anixt of the Ka'a'awa Community Association said that the CAC needs a better form of publicity, so they may get better input from the public. John Goody of the AARP stated that there is a need to get information to the CAC quicker, so that members may have more time to look over documents, have better discussions and get feedback to the Policy Board in a timely manner.

Self-evaluation of the CAC was further discussed with John Goody of the AARP commending the group's geographic diversity. Ken LeVasseur of Neighborhood Board #29 added that, the CAC should be getting more respect due to its geographic diversity.

6. INVITATION TO INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT INLCUDED ON THE AGENDA

None

7. ANNOUCEMENTS

Bert Narita of Neighborhood Board #5 announced that, he and Neighborhood Board #5 have been working with Taylor Ellis, Community Planner at OahuMPO on issues regarding Bikeshare. The two issues are governance and Federal/State funds solicited for 501c3. The 501c3 was waived by the legislature, which doesn't allow the public to view their governance principles, bylaws, and incorporation documents. In addition, the Neighborhood Board has raised concerns that the Bikeshare stations will be placed in Kapi'olani Park, which is governed by crownlands. The bikeshare terminals are against the covenance of the crownlands. These issues are pertinent to TIP, as it was reported that federal funds have gone to Bikeshare/501c3, as requested by DTS. Mr. Narita added that, Bikeshare will be making a series of presentations to hopefully resolve these issues and learn more about the program. In conclusion, Mr. Narita said that, he and Neighborhood Board #5 will be considering this further and report back to the CAC.

IED Alvin Au announced that OahuMPO's Community Planner, Taylor Ellis will be leaving temporarily for military training, and that staff member Kiana Otsuka will be taking on his responsibilities while he is gone.

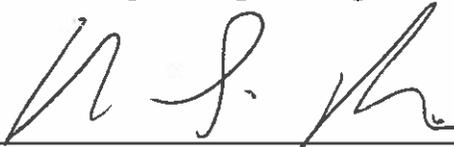
OahuMPO's Community Planner, Taylor Ellis announced that the Honolulu Complete Streets Symposium and Expo will be held this evening (March 15, 2017) from 5:00PM to 8:00PM at the Laniakea YWCA.

Andrea Anixt of the Ka'a'awa Community Association announced that the O'ahu General Plan is looking for public feedback, and encouraged everyone to submit feedback. IED Alvin Au announced that Bikeshare would be happy to conduct presentations at organization's meetings. Contact Bikeshare to schedule presentations for your meetings.

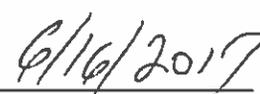
8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be on April 19, 2017 at 3:00PM at Honolulu Hale.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Creighton Higa of Neighborhood Board #36. The meeting concluded at 3:57PM.



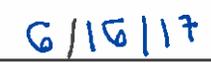
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CAC Secretary Kiana Otsuka



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