



CENTRAL OAHU TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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COMMUNITY MEETING – NOVEMBER 30, 2016



Thank you for your participation!

The Central Oahu Transportation Study (COTS) team held a Community Meeting on November 30, 2016 at the Mililani High School Cafeteria. Opening statements and greetings were made by Chris Clark of OahuMPO and Representative Yamane, Chair of the OahuMPO Policy Board. A Study Presentation was made by Wes Frysztacki.

The meeting was open-house style with stations showing study information, demographics, travel characteristics, performance measures, and previously identified projects. In addition, TheBus, HART, the Department of Planning & Permitting, RideShare, Drive Aloha, and Walk Wise Hawaii had information tables.

The interactive stations encouraged attendees to provide input on travel modes, performance measures, and alternatives that they would like to see considered in the study. Copies of the boards can be found at www.oahumpo.org/CentralOahu.

Thank you to everyone who came out and provided input on the study.

How was input received? Can you still provide input?

The COTS team received input in a variety of ways:

- (1) posted on the interactive boards at the stations;
- (2) verbal comments; and
- (3) written comments.

You may still provide comments by mail, email, and on the COTS website. The COTS team will continue to review incoming comments to ensure that your concerns are considered as the study moves forward.

We heard you!

Based on the comments received, here are some of the most important issues to you:

Study Area

"Please explain the Study Area."

The COTS team recognizes that projects within the study area are influenced by activity outside the study area and will consider this.

Travel Modes and Issues

"Please focus on Congestion Relief, Access to the Rail System, and Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities."

The objective of this study is to assess the multi-modal transportation needs of the Central Oahu region. The study will identify key transportation improvements, strategies, and policies that can improve regional transportation mobility (e.g., reduce congestion) and access (e.g., rail/transit, bicycle/pedestrian facilities) in a sustainable way.

Performance Measures

"Please consider travel needs for seniors."

An important goal for the Study is "Ensuring equity between and among population groups over generations." The COTS team recognizes



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that projects and strategies must consider differing needs.

Alternatives

"Please consider these additional alternatives and project ideas."

- *New sidewalk along northbound Kamehameha Highway between Lanikuhana Avenue and Meheula Parkway*
- *New bike path along California Avenue between Kilea Place and Nonohe Street*
- *Secondary access for Mauka*
- *Flyover North H-2 and Ka Uka Blvd.*
- *Bike path on Cane Haul Road between H-2 and Kamehameha Highway at Pearl Highlands Station*
- *Aerial Gondola between Pearl Highlands Station and Waipio and between Waipio and Wahiawa*
- *Pedestrian/Bike Path between Kamehameha Hwy/H-1 Interchange and Leeward Community College*
- *Rail from Leeward Community College up Kamehameha Highway and northeast along Meheula Parkway to Mililani Park and Ride*
- *Direct Kipapa Gulch Bike Path*
- *Parallel bridge over Kipapa Gulch*
- *Bicycle infrastructure around H-2 section of Meheula Parkway*
- *Connector from Wikao Street to Mililani Park and Ride*
- *Second Access between H-2 and Mililani Park and Ride*
- *Safe bicycle routes between Mililani and Mililani Mauka; between Mililani and the Pearl Harbor Bike Path and rail system; and between Mililani and Schofield Barracks, Wahiawa, and Haleiwa (bike path)*
- *Secondary on/off ramps for Ka Uka Boulevard*
- *Dedicated left turn light from Lanikuhana Avenue to Kuahelani Avenue and from Meheula Parkway to Kuahelani Avenue.*
- *Dedicated "speedy morning" bus routes from set points in Mililani to Mililani High School.*
- *Exit from Upper Mauka through Mililani Tech Park or Mililani Valley.*
- *Tolls vs. No Tolls on H-1, H-2, and H-3 to incentivize carpooling*

The COTS team will analyze alternatives previously identified in other studies, as well as those identified by the public. Alternatives will be evaluated to determine the extent to which they meet regional transportation needs. Those that provide transportation benefits will be analyzed to see if they are if they are technically feasible, financially realistic, and sustainable.

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