

Sustainable Transportation Forum
December 7, 2016
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Planning Conference Room, Kalani Pukui Building
250 South High Street
Wailuku, Hawaii

AGENDA

1:30 pm Welcome and Introduction

The Forum brings together stakeholders to discuss how our transportation system can be transformed to achieve sustainability goals. Introductions of the participants, including key Federal and State representatives, will take place.

38 participants.

1:40 pm Purpose and Goals of the Sustainable Transportation Forum

Partnerships and Available Resources: Creating Synergy through Collaboration

HDOT (Hawaii Department of Transportation) will provide an overview on their energy and mobility goals and initiatives, including a “mode shift” that changes the focus from moving vehicles to moving people and goods to save fuel and to increase bicycle, pedestrian and transit use. Transportation 4 America, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Hawai'i Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition (NPAC) will discuss their roles and the resources they bring to assist us in achieving these goals.

Transportation 4 America, Beth Osbourne provided an overview of her organization who share common goals of sustainable communities and transportation choices and the importance of responding to local demands for transportation and development that add to our quality of life. To learn more, visit: <http://t4america.org/>

HDOT, Deputy Director, Ed Sniffen, highlighted “sustainable” in the new DOT mission statement which reads:

“To provide a safe, efficient, accessible, and sustainable inter-modal transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, and enhances and/or preserves economic prosperity and the quality of life.”

It is time to change the culture of transportation. With the current support of Governor Ige, the State Legislature, Counties, Federal partners and HDOT, the shift towards sustainable transportation is now.

The EPA and NPAC offered no comments.

2:00 pm Moderated Discussion: Identifying the Challenges and Opportunities to Achieve Transportation Sustainability Goals in Maui County

Maui participants will be asked to identify obstacles and challenges to achieving energy and mobility goals on the state and county levels. Then the group will collectively identify how to overcome these obstacles and create opportunities to achieve these goals.

Beth Osbourne facilitated the discussion on barriers and opportunities. See photo enclosures #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5.

① Sustainable Transpo. Forum

Barriers

- West Maui Greenway lack of progress
- long term funding process
- obstacles: bypass cnxn., move road
- project scoping takes time, esp if not part of master plan

Lack of stated goals / conflicting
do we want more or less cars?

Safety concerns about biking + walking

Lack of tools/info to overcome barriers

Developer exemptions - eg sidewalks
need for affordable housing

Vicious cycle - lack of demand for active
transpo, need updated zoning code
create desirable destinations
land use key

High cost of housing + transpo needs to
be considered together. "Livability Index"

② **Barriers**

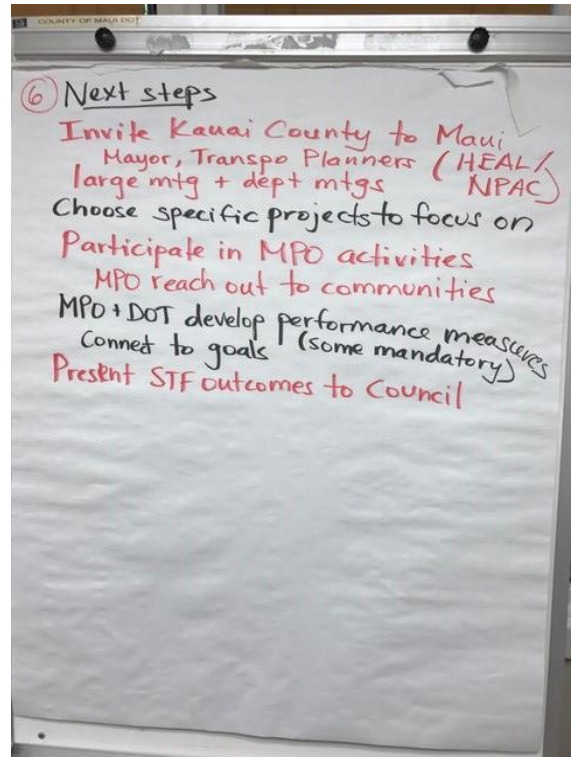
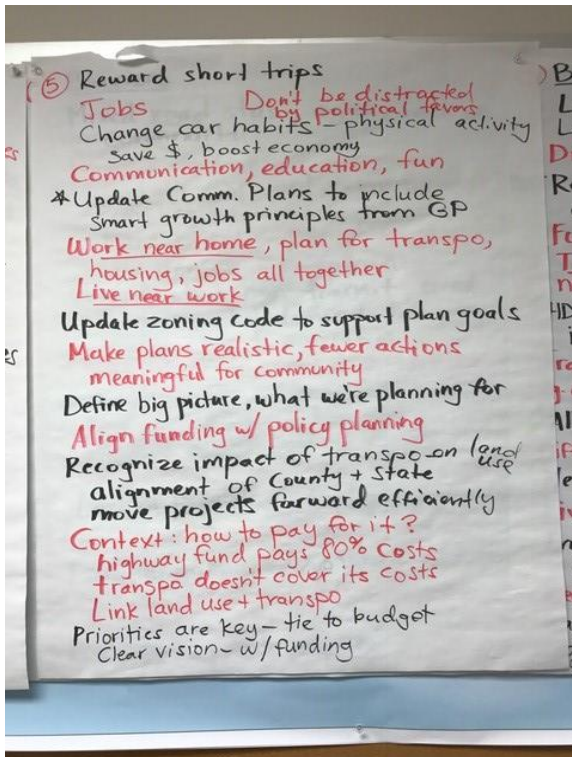
- Mixed road stds., ages, lack of continuity
- People's preference for rural lifestyle - sprawl, need for cars
- conflict with goals of smart growth
- hard to get political traction for denser development
- Gentrification near transit, need to meet market demand - housing smaller, close to amenities
- Lack of data on market preference
- Extremes btwn single family + apts need more options in between overcome mindset against variety
- Zoning doesn't support multi family reality
- Lack of population + employment density
- Long commutes, lack of housing near jobs
- Everyone/too many w/ own vehicle - parking
- Don't include buses in planning, ~~esp~~
- can't fit in subdivisions
- Liability on private property

③ **Barriers**

- Lack of education for motorists
- Lack of road markings - sharrows, etc
- Different bicycle skill levels - consider all
- HDOT Requirement to underground utilities cost prohibitive to Kahului Center
- Focus areas can detract from whole
- "Transportation cultures" lump bike-ped need to look @ all road users
- more cars than ppl in HI
- HDOT project delivery group, shifting to include operation + maintenance
- Traditional measure to justify projects eg congestion, speed - count people instead push toward objectives anyway
- "All or nothing" w/ standards - need pilots
- Different needs - tourism, jobs, recreation
- Need for infrastructure to support active transpo
- Live w/in our means.
- Inequity in transpo investments bias toward cars
- Need to link transpo + energy goals
- Lack of goal / legislation to move toward zero emissions transpo - gov't fleet Mode share leg.

④ **Opportunities**

- Participate in planning processes
- Work near home, housing, jobs all in one place
- Implement plans, stick to principles
- Leadership among everyone
- Give up special exceptions in dev.
- Break down silos w/in gov't
- Public drive collaboration btwn depts.
- Set consistent priorities - fewer plans
- De politicize process
- Projects that meet performance measures quality for funding (beyond allocation)
- Pilot projects - test new ideas, gather data make sure they turn into policy, show success
- Look at desired outcome w/ community connect pilot to goals, ensure path forward
- Peer-to-peer, learn from successful projects (Kauai County transpo)
- Provide citizens w/ planning info transpo-sensitive data, respect CAC support
- Leaders respect/empower citizen process
- Neighborhood businesses reduced trips bus stop, community ctr - zoning



3:00 pm Open Discussion: Next Steps

The group will discuss the next steps needed to move forward, and which individuals, organizations or entities would be responsible. This should identify "who, what, when and where" and could include the creation of action plans or the suggestion of pilot projects.

See photo enclosure #6.

3:50 pm Wrap-Up

Summary remarks and final comments are welcome.

Mahalo to Lauren Armstrong for our poster notes and for volunteering to continue the conversation of the Sustainable Transportation Forum on Maui.

The next Sustainable Transportation Forum will be held sometime during Spring 2017 in Honolulu.