

Meeting Notes

Policy Committee

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

2:00-3:30 PM

Fasi Municipal Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Honolulu

Attendance

Wayne Yoshioka, Honolulu Department of Transportation Services

Debbie Kim Morikawa, Honolulu Department of Community Services

James Burke, Honolulu Department of Transportation Services

Eileen Mark, Honolulu Department of Transportation Services

Scott Ishiyama, Honolulu Department of Transportation Services

Lydia Hemmings, Med-QUEST Division, Hawaii Department of Human Services

Faith Trimble, FLT Consulting, Inc.

Meagan Eliot, FLT Consulting, Inc.

Phil McGuire, Innovative Paradigms

Welcome and Introductions

Faith Trimble opened the meeting. Lydia Hemmings, Med-QUEST Clinical Standards Office Administrator, joined the meeting.

Honolulu Town Hall Results

The consultant team presented the top five transportation needs identified at the Honolulu town hall meeting for persons with disabilities, older adults, and persons with low incomes. They were:

- Cannot afford private transportation,
- Cannot afford a car,
- Lack of evacuation planning,
- Lack of late night buses, and
- The bus being full at peak periods.

The consultants noted that needs varied by type of rider. For instance, the top transportation challenge for TheHandi-Van riders was the lack of same day reservations for TheHandi-Van.

In response, the CTSO has recommended seven goal areas. Listed from highest to lowest priority, they are:

- Get Coordinated— reduce duplication and inefficiencies in the transportation delivery system
- Get Connected— increase access to transit/other mobility options in rural and urban fringe areas
- Get Compliant— improve TheHandi-Van timeliness and trip lengths
- Get the Word Out— increase awareness of the transportation options
- Get Support— provide extra assistance to frail older adults and individuals with disabilities

- Get a Cab— improve accessible transportation provided by private companies
- Get Safe— improve safety and security while waiting for and riding TheBus

The consultant team reported that the CTSO discussed a concept by which a mobility management center would facilitate the coordination of multiple entities to achieve the long-term vision of: "Get there! Working together to make sure all people can get where they need to go."

Report on Transportation Resources

The consultants gave a summary of the transportation inventory developed through the public outreach process. This inventory identified over 55 different transportation service providers on the island. Most provide demand response transportation, and most are private providers such as taxi companies and specialized medical transport companies. Approximately \$230 million is spent annually on transportation for older adults, individuals with disabilities and low-income residents on Oahu.

Potential Projects

The consultant team presented a list of approximately 30 potential projects that were identified by the consultants and the CTSO Committee. The potentially most viable projects include a local shuttle service, transfer of TheHandi-Van subscription trips to agency transportation providers, and a mobility management center.

Potential Issues & Challenges

The consultant team believes the City is the entity best suited to establish and ensure a commitment to ongoing coordination on Oahu, due to its familiarity in dealing with FTA funds and its relative neutrality in dealing with subrecipient agencies.

The CTSO also agreed that the City was the best suited entity to serve as the mobility management center. Policy Committee members asked for more detail on the requirements for establishing a mobility management center within the City and discussed potential challenges, including cost and staffing required.

Next Milestones

The next milestone is to develop a prioritized list of projects recommended for FFY2007 FTA funding.