

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
COMMITTEE FOR ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

**Minutes of the Meeting**

Date, Time, Place: December 18, 2007, 10:30 a.m.  
Fasi Municipal Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
650 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Voting Members Present:

Catholic Charities Hawaii: Tom Baty  
Ho'opono: Sam Fisk  
Lanakila Rehabilitation Center: Dawn Burgener

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Department of Transportation Services: James Burke, Eileen  
Mark, Scott Ishiyama, Tony Talat, Jackie Shen  
Oahu Transit Services, Inc.: Patricia Nielsen, John Black  
Disability and Communication Access Board: Judy Paik  
Honolulu Committee on Aging (EAD): Doug Gilman  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization: Marian Yasuda

At-Large Member Excused:

Alicia Maluafiti

Voting Members Excused:

Kokua Program, U.H. at Manoa: Ann Ito  
Hawaii Disability Rights Center: Ann Collins  
Easter Seals Hawaii: Linda Guess

Voting Members Unexcused:

Hawaii Centers for Independent Living: Phillip Ana

Ex-Officio Members Unexcused:

Department of Health: Wilfred Young

## 1. Call to Order

Chair Baty called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The attendees introduced themselves.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 6 and September 5, 2007 meetings were not approved due to a lack of quorum.

## 3. Old Business

Follow-Up Discussion on the Inclusion of Restrooms at Honolulu High Capacity Corridor Stations.

T. Baty opened the discussion. He stated that in cities where public transit station restrooms were not provided, certain groups of people were unable to use the system as a result.

Locked transit station restrooms that would require users to obtain keys from security staff would not be a satisfactory solution. Requiring commercial developments around transit stations to provide public restrooms has not worked, as developers often lock their restrooms to the public after receiving building permits. Contributing to the lack of public restrooms is their use by homeless individuals and businesses' unwillingness to hire more staff to clean the restrooms. The lack of adequate signage directing people to the restrooms should also be addressed. T. Baty asked members to decide whether or not the CAT should take a stand on this issue.

S. Fisk agreed that the lack of restrooms would particularly affect elderly individuals, the disabled community, and young mothers. He asked members if there are other organizations with which the CAT can partner to pursue this issue, and suggested that if expense is a problem, a small number of janitors can be hired to service bathrooms on multiple stations.

J. Burke encouraged the CAT to express its position to the DTS Director. There will be security issues, sewer, plumbing and other infrastructure impacts that must be considered. If the CAT decides to support this measure, it can then invite other groups, such as AARP, to be involved.

T. Baty passed out copies of a draft recommendation letter from the

CAT to the DTS Directors. He requested CAT members' suggestions and DTS staff support to finalize the letter for approval at the next CAT meeting.

#### 4. Other Business

J. Shen disseminated information packets including a copy of the By-laws for discussion at the next meeting. T. Baty will ask the CAT to move to delete from the by-laws the specification by name of the individual appointed to serve the Member At-Large position.

#### 5. Announcement

J. Burke announced that Mr. Wayne Yoshioka is now the acting director of DTS. His background is in traffic engineering and he has been involved with many transportation projects. Mr. Yoshioka supports TheBus system and is a bus rider himself.

J. Shen reported that since CAT members are appointed to a term that is co-terminus with the DTS Director, PTD is recommending that the current CAT to serve the Acting Director until further notice.

T. Baty thanked E. Mark for preparing Christmas refreshments for the meeting.

#### Next CAT Meeting Date

The next CAT meeting is set for March 5, 2008. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.