
Waipahu Town Action Plan Community Meeting #2

SUMMARY REPORT

March 21, 2017 – Waipahu High School Cafeteria Lanai

Summary

Community Meeting #2 for the Waipahu Town Action Plan (Action Plan) was held on March 21, 2017, to present the Draft Action Plan and follow up on comments and ideas discussed at the Community Meeting #1, which was held in the summer of 2016. The Draft Action Plan consists of relatively short-term, feasible “actions” identified by community and government partners. The purpose of this meeting was to receive feedback and prioritize these actions. The meeting also served as an opportunity to solicit any additional ideas not addressed by the Draft Action Plan. This summary outlines the comments received and the next steps to be taken in developing the final version of the Action Plan.

Meeting Overview

The community meeting took place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on March 21, 2017, on the outdoor lanai of the Waipahu High School Cafeteria. The format of the event included a formal presentation, presentation boards, and group discussions. Approximately 30 individuals attended the meeting. In addition to residents and landowners from Waipahu and surrounding communities, participant affiliations included local neighborhood boards and community associations, non-profit groups, and government agencies.



Draft Action Plan summaries (see Figure 1) and table copies of the Draft Action Plan were shared with attendees. There were also project posters on display for the public to gain information and provide input. The Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation brought informational posters to share as well.

Renee Espiau, Lead Transit-Oriented Development Planner for the City, began the meeting with a welcome, introduction of the project, and the recognition of the various partners and stakeholders that have been involved in this community process: public, community organizations, and elected officials. Councilmember Brandon Elefante followed with welcoming remarks.

The presentation explained each of the 11 actions included in the Draft Action Plan. A work session followed the presentation, and it consisted of two elements: a dot-voting exercise to identify priority projects and a group table discussion. The group discussion was based on two actions from the Draft Action Plan that needed further community feedback: the master plan for Hans L'Orange Park and the improvement of Waipahu Depot Road. Time was given at the end for discussion of any other topics the participants wanted to address. Each table was accompanied by City staff or a volunteer who facilitated discussion and recorded key points. The table discussions are described in Part 2 of this document. In addition, participants were provided with comment cards to ensure everyone had a chance to provide their feedback.

Group Discussion Questions

1. What are your top priority physical improvements for Hans L'Orange Park?
2. Brainstorm ideas for improvement of Waipahu Depot Road.
3. Is anything missing from the Draft Action Plan?

Figure 1 – Draft Waipahu Town Action Plan Summary Handout



The WAIPAHAU TOWN ACTION PLAN is a set of near-term strategies identified by the community for improving the neighborhood in preparation for rail transit service. It includes the following actions to be led by various public agencies and community partners.

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WAIPAHAU TOWN
ACTION PLAN

SUMMARY
MARCH 2017

Site Specific Action
 Area-wide Action
 Future Rail Station

- 1 Implement a Network of Connected Bicycle Facilities
- 2 Upgrade Waipahu Transit Center
- 3 Redesign Moloalo Street
- ④ Upgrade Street Lighting
- 5 Connect Hawai'i Plantation Village to Waipahu Town Core
- ⑥ Implement Placemaking Strategies
- 7 Connect Waipahu District Park to Waipahu Town Core
- 8 Develop a Master Plan for Hans L'Orange Park
- ⑨ Address Areawide Flooding
- ⑩ Establish Areawide Wayfinding
- 11 Develop Pouhala Marsh Educational Signage

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Community Input

Dot-Voting Exercise

The dot-voting exercise allowed participants to prioritize actions in the Draft Action Plan. Each participant was given three green dots to mark their favorite actions and one red dot to mark their least favorite action. Voting took place after the presentation. The overall results are found in Table 1, and the top three actions (those that received the most green dots) are found in Table 2.



There were a total of 62 votes cast, including four red dots. The low number of red dots suggests that, overall, the participants generally approve of the actions included in the Plan. Some actions were clear favorites, and the actions included in the top two had more than 14 positive votes. “Develop Pouhala Marsh Educational Signage” was the only action that received three negative votes.

DOT VOTING:
WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

● next to your favorite (3)
● next to your least favorite (1)

 <p>1 IMPLEMENT A NETWORK OF CONNECTED BICYCLE FACILITIES</p> <p>●●●●●●●●</p>	 <p>2 CONNECT WAIPAHU DISTRICT PARK TO WAIPAHU TOWN CORE</p> <p>●●</p>
 <p>3 UPGRADE WAIPAHU TRANSIT CENTER</p> <p>●●●●●●●●</p>	 <p>4 DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN FOR HANS L'ORANGE PARK</p> <p>●● ●</p>
 <p>5 REDESIGN MOLOALO STREET</p> <p>●</p>	 <p>6 ADDRESS AREA-WIDE FLOODING</p> <p>●●●●●●●● ●●</p>
 <p>7 UPGRADE STREET LIGHTING</p> <p>●●●●●●●●</p>	 <p>8 ESTABLISH AREA-WIDE WAYFINDING</p> <p>●●●●●●●●</p>
 <p>9 CONNECT HAWAII PLANTATION VILLAGE TO WAIPAHU TOWN CORE</p> <p>●●●●●●●● ●●</p>	 <p>10 DEVELOP POUHALA MARSH EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE</p> <p>●●●</p>
 <p>11 IMPLEMENT A NETWORK OF CONNECTED BICYCLE FACILITIES</p> <p>●●</p>	

Table 1 – Overall Dot Voting Results

	Green Dots #	Red Dots #
DRAFT WAIPAHU TOWN ACTION PLAN ACTIONS		
1. Implement a Network of Connected Bicycle Facilities	7	0
2. Upgrade Waipahu Transit Center	14	0
3. Redesign Moloalo Street	1	0
4. Upgrade Street Lighting	7	0
5. Connect Hawaii Plantation Village to Waipahu Town Core	9	0
6. Implement a Network of Connected Bicycle Facilities	2	0
7. Connect Waipahu District Park to Waipahu Town Core	2	0
8. Develop a Master Plan for Hans L'Orange Park	2	1
9. Address Areawide Flooding	17	0
10. Establish Areawide Wayfinding	0	0
11. Develop Pouhala Marsh Educational Signage	1	3
Total Votes	62	4

The results of the dot voting activity helps prioritize actions proposed in the Draft Action Plan. The top three actions are: **Address Areawide Flooding, Upgrade Waipahu Transit Center, and Connect Hawaii Plantation Village to Waipahu Town Core.** Upgrade Street Lighting and Implement a Network of Connected Bicycle Facilities also got a considerable amount of support.

Table 2 - Top 3 Priority Actions

	Green Dots #
9. Address Areawide Flooding	17
2. Upgrade Waipahu Transit Center	14
5. Connect Hawaii Plantation Village to Waipahu Town Core	9

Table Discussion

Small group exercises allowed participants to discuss specific actions from the Draft Action Plan. The discussions are summarized below.



1. What are your top priority physical improvements for Hans L'Orange Park?

Participants were asked to brainstorm physical improvements for Hans L'Orange Park. These ideas will help inform the upcoming Hans L'Orange Park Master Plan. The following ideas and issues were raised:

- Improve lighting, as it is currently dark and unwelcoming
- Security and perception of safety
- New playground equipment
- Baseball games as tourist attraction
- Better comfort amenities for cyclists, pedestrians, and transit users
- Concessions and more activities would help attract people from the transit center to the park
- Wider sidewalks
- Homelessness requires attention
- "Start" Pearl Harbor Historic Trail at Hans L'Orange Park
- Use parking lot more efficiently – farmers' market, evening food trucks near playground
- Preserve the quality of the baseball field, by not having events such as carnivals
- Improve parking lot with more stalls and better paving
- Better restroom facilities (with gates)
- Address current drug activities

2. Brainstorm ideas for improvement of Waipahu Depot Road.

Participants were asked to brainstorm physical improvements for Waipahu Depot Road. The following ideas and issues were raised:

- Improve lighting
- Wayfinding signs

- More trees and shade
- Manage traffic
- Why is there a bus stop on the corner next to the transit center?
- Be more selective about street trees planted – roots uplift sidewalk, others drop tons of debris
- Trees placed recently (about 10 years ago) take away parking
- Connect to the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail
- Enforce illegal parking
- Make sure there is enough space for bike lanes
- Encourage redevelopment of buildings along the road
- Cars from outside park on neighborhood streets
- Consider a pedestrian-only street
- Need delivery (loading) for local businesses and restaurants
- Connect to soccer stadium – create loop trail around soccer park and golf course
- Better maintenance of Pearl Harbor Historic Trail

3. What is missing from the Draft Action Plan?

Participants were asked if they felt any ideas are missing from the Draft Action Plan. Although some of the items were already addressed by the Draft Action Plan, the following ideas and issues were raised:

- Bicycle route from station to Waipahu Depot Street
- Short-and long-term infrastructure needs
- Bike lanes on Farrington Highway
- Historic walking tour/trail
- Waikele outlet bus – add Waipahu stop
- Bike rentals
- Cultural tourism
- Waipahu Depot Street and Farrington Highway area floods when it rains
- Missing sidewalks on makai side of Farrington Highway from Chevron to Waipahu Depot Street
- How will the design of flood solutions impact other plans for the area?
- “Locker” facility warehouse (facilities with social support for homeless)
- Facilities open to the homeless at night

Next Steps

The feedback from Community Meeting #2 will be used to update and finalize the Action Plan, and the priorities identified in this report will be used to inform implementation actions. The City will then use the Action Plan as a road map for ongoing improvements in the coming years.