

HONOLULU LILIHA AND NUUANU COMPLETE STREETS CONDOMINIUM/APARTMENT RESIDENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS MEETING SUMMARY

Time: 6:00pm- 8:00 pm

Date: May 17, 2018

Location: 15 Craigside Place

Event Description

The purpose of this condominium/apartment residents and associations meeting was to provide a follow-up to the community outreach that occurred in late 2017, during which initial draft concepts were shared through community meetings and online. Revised concepts and new alternatives had been prepared for Nuuanu Avenue and Liliha Street based on hundreds of community comments and technical input. At this meeting, the project team shared the revised concepts and invited input on the preferred alternatives for the Nuuanu and Liliha corridors. Attendees at the meeting were encouraged to provide input via the question and answer session, the open house/plan review, and the comment cards. Stakeholder input received at the meeting is described below.

Project Team Attendees

DTS: Kelly Akasaki, Jack Patterson

SSFM: Melissa White, Sue Lebrun, Lulu Chun, Abbey Seitz

Stakeholder Attendees

1. Al Morinaka
2. Alan Kota
3. Alan Su
4. Arleen Sunaga
5. Audrey H.
6. Bernice Valenzone
7. Betty Morikawa
8. Brad Higgins
9. Carmen Hanga
10. City Council Member Carol Fukunaga, District #6
11. Charles Wong
12. Dale Nakamatsu
13. Don Asuncion
14. Doris Mugiishi
15. Edna Nakashige
16. Egan Nishimoto
17. Ernest Miyaga
18. Esther Giel
19. Ethan Oki
20. Florence Nakamura



21. Gene Kaneshiro
22. Harriet Woods
23. Harry Stults
24. Irene Zane
25. James K. Iwamura
26. Janet Herota
27. Joe Herota
28. John Mihara
29. Juliette Lum
30. Kapono Ryan
31. Kathy Sakamoto
32. Keith Hanga
33. Mabel Sekuga
34. Marian Abe
35. Michael Tom
36. Mike Wong
37. Nancy Bartlet
38. Norma Reyes
39. Patricia Bilge
40. Regina Juarez
41. Robert Naikuda
42. Ron Pike
43. S. Ozawa
44. Sean Maeshiro
45. Sherry Fieser
46. Sueka Watanbe
47. T. Komato
48. TC Brady
49. Ted Ozawa
50. Terrance Arashiro
51. Tom Jones

Agenda

- 6:00- 6:05pm** Introductions and welcome
- 6:05- 6:35pm** Presentation
- 6:35- 7:10pm** Question and Answer Session
- 7:10- 8:00pm** Open House / Plan Review

Question and Answer Session

Following the meeting's presentation, attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions of the project team pertaining to the project. The question and answer session is summarized below.

1. **Q:** Sidewalks are narrow. Are you going to widen?
A: Yes. Many of the sidewalks today are less 4'. We're going to keep parking and widen sidewalks.

2. **Q:** Why did you include a shared bicycle lane? We have a shared lane now.
A: They are not the safest option, but they provide a visual reminder for drivers to share the road.
3. **Q:** Alternative 3 shows you're listening to us. Can you move the sidewalk a few feet makai and include a mandatory right turn on Pauoa Rd?
A: There is right turn in Alternative 3.
4. **Q:** I'm concerned about children in our neighborhood. What design changes help the children cross street?
A: Phasing of green arrow – can separate pedestrian crossing time with left lane turn signal for automobiles. There is a way to put in phase the green arrow specifically during school times.
5. **Q:** I'm concerned about street trees. Lots of leaves piling up when the trees get bigger. No one sweeps maintains the trees debris and damage from the tree's roots.
A: We are looking at smaller trees to use as street trees. The dept. of urban forestry has list of trees that don't uplift sidewalk.
6. **Q:** Please confirm what is being done at the Craigsid entrance – is parking being removed?
A: Yes, parking spaces near the entrance are being relocated.
7. **Q:** There will be loss of parking. This is a concerning as many people are working, and parking is at a premium.
A: No loss of parking in Alternative 3. We understand parking is important.
8. **Q:** In these concepts, will parking be restricted during peak times?
A: Yes, there will be tow-away parking in some areas during peak hours.
9. **Comment:** Every draft of the place considers bicycles. Biking is only recreational, we should not be moving parking for bicyclists. No one is considering our needs.
10. **Comment:** I am a biker, and I can bike safely as is. Moving parking mauka causes safety issues.

11. **Q:** Who is making the ultimate decision?

A: The City has core team that will review and make final decision based on community input.

12. **Comment:** Bicycling is not safe or reasonable.

13. **Q:** How much will cost, and how much will cost in 2020?

A: Not budgeted at the moment – need to give DDC to budget and assess the feasibility of the concept designs.

14. **Q:** The Craigside facility is open 24/7. We have 2,000 visitors. We proposed to have crosswalk – the city has not replied to us. The Neighborhood Board said the review showed no need for a flashing beacon – it’s a shame no one has presented safety measures. Traffic is bad is dangerous. I’m afraid we won’t have crosswalk – we want a safe exit.

A: We care about pedestrians, but there are certain tests that must be used to determine where crosswalks should go. We need to count the amount of people who are using the crossing, or wait until complete street improvements are implemented.

15. **Q:** Under the HRS, we cannot have unmarked crosswalks. Can this be changes when safety issues are present?

A: You won’t get ticketed at any signalized intersection – it is legal to cross. There are certain criteria that tells us when to mark a crosswalk. We are trying to make it safer for pedestrians. It’s sometimes more dangerous to add more crosswalks.

16. **Q:** In all of the design plans, there is one only lane of vehicle traffic in some areas. I’m concerned about traffic congestion.

A: We are working with The Bus to consolidate bus stops. At the median, everyone is backed up – increasing the efficiency of the intersection will help traffic congestion. During off peak hours, the streets are underutilized for the most part.

17. **Q:** How much are we paying consultants for this unfunded project?

A: The study is \$450,000 (Both Nuuanu and Liliha). It includes traffic, topography, and right of way surveys, as well as the outreach.

18. **Q:** What are complete street standards?

A: You can access them online. There are different standards for different types of streets – they are context sensitive.

19. **Q:** How will one vehicle lane handle traffic?

A: From Judd Street down there is one lane of traffic. Intersections are being improved to handle traffic.

20. Comment: In preparation for this meeting we had meeting with the Craigsides residents. 145 residents said they wanted parking removed.

21. Q: I am concerned for speeding. I am pro having a single lane of traffic. I am less concerned about traffic congestion than I am about people speeding during off-peak times. What is being done to slow people down? We need be certain sensitive to our seniors and vulnerable users. Need to amend our laws so there can be crosswalks when there are safety issues.

A: The elderly and children count double when conducting pedestrian counts.

Written Input Submitted on Comment Cards

Throughout the meeting, attendees were given the opportunity to provide input via comment cards. Received comments are transcribed below.

- Thank you for keeping us informed. However, this was the first time we've heard about this and have lived on Nuuanu Street for nearly ten years. There are no public notices, and no information given on TV or in the papers. Grateful to Carol Fukunaga for letting us know.
- Please don't take away net parking spaces. Crosswalk at Bates and Nuuanu is crucial for the Nuuanu Baptist School. Children use it everyday.
- Nuuanu Alternative 3 is great! Thanks for listening over past months.
- Mauka bound right lane at Pauoa should be mandatory right turn only. Currently straight through traffic is dangerous to those entering Nuuanu from Pauoa and Makai bound left turners on Nuuanu.
- Move Bates crosswalk on Nuuanu to the bulb-out under the big monkey pod tree.
- Consider connecting Liliha bike lanes to the corridor on Wylie (toward HPU upper Campus).
- Check out San Clemente, California: crosswalk without traffic signals are outlined with flashing light imbedded in pavements that automatically turn on when pedestrian leaves curb. Ideal for Nuuanu, e.g at Bates and near Soto academy.
- Nuuanu – I'm for alternative #3. Do not put in bulbouts.
- All we need is to have our street paved and maybe left turn arrows at Judd, Pauoa, and Kuakini. We don't need bicycle lanes. We don't need trees blocking the ability to see. We need all of the existing parking spaces. Please stop trying to tell us what's good for us. We live here. You don't. Leave us alone. Fix something that needs fixing. Like repairs to the public schools.
- Forget about bikes on Nuuanu. They are a tiny fraction of pedestrians and cars – because Nuuanu is so steep (if we had lots of car lanes, then allowing a bike lane would be good, but with our narrow, busy steep street, it makes no sense). So good for

your plan to recognize that. A sidewalk on Judd is essential for pedestrian safety. It would be good to have a crosswalk at Craigsid e place.

- I was glad to hear that there will be parking removed from each side of Craigsid e place to allow visibility for cars exiting Craigsid e place. It is dangerous with cars parked there. Please remove those unsafe parked cars now. Don't wait until we get new streets.

Comments on Preliminary Concept Designs

Participants had the opportunity to study and provide comments on large maps of the revised concept designs for Liliha Street and Nuuanu Avenue during the open house/plan review. Facilitators at each station assisted with recording comments on post-it notes placed on the maps. Comments provided were tabulated according to street, topic, and whether they were general or location-specific. The comments received at the open house/plan review are included on the table on the following page.



General/ not location specific	Intersection/Location	Parking	Pedestrian	Crosswalks and crossings	Bike Lanes	Traffic & Signals	Roundabout	Sidewalks	Character/ Aesthetics	Speed	Safety	Bus Stops	Comments
	Nuuanu Ave/School St					X							Why not make far right Makai-bond lane a dedicated right onto School St? Lots of people trying to catch H1-West.
General					X								Define the logic of prioritizing recreational bike ridings over business along the street and thousands of citizens.
	Diamond head side of Nuuanu	X											Removing traffic/Parking lanes will be devastating to business and residents. (1600-1700 Nuuanu).
General					X								Placing children bike riders on bike lanes in the street is dangerous.
General		X				X							Removing parking/traffic lanes anywhere on Nuuanu will congest traffic.
	Iliahi St	X											Parking on Makai of Iliahi St is more important than Mauka of Iliahi.
	Kuakini St					X							Why not make far right Makai-bond lane a dedicated right onto Kuakini St?
	Kuakini St					X							Makai-bound three lanes will be good
	Pauoa Rd			X		X					X		More safe crossing time for children before/after school; can traffic lights at Pauoa be timed to help stop/slow down traffic so children can cross safely?
	Pauoa Rd					X							Prefer protected permissive lane
	Pauoa Rd					X							Left turn signal (Pauoa Rd onto Nuuanu Ave) will expedite the flow of traffic
	Pauoa Rd					X							Agree with dedicated right turn up Nuuanu by Pauoa, helps those driving Makai to judge when to turn left
General		X											Restrict on-street parking, look as what Kalihi is doing with parking
	Judd St	X											Do not remove any parking stalls
	Judd St					X							Make Judd St diamond head bound two lanes, people are using it like that anyway
	Judd St					X							Left turn signal (Nuuanu onto Judd) will expedite the flow of traffic
	Judd St							X					Put sidewalk on Judd st for pedestrian safety
	After Judd St	X											Do not remove any street parking
	Craigside Pl			X									Need flashing beacon for pedestrian safety
	Craigside Pl											X	Would like bus stop to be moved to Craigside and install protected pedestrian crossing
	Craigside Pl	X											Support removing parking at Craigside
	Craigside Pl	X											Against removing parking by Craigside
	Craigside Pl										X		Don't place trees too close to Craigside, will block sign line
	Makai of Robinson St	X											Keep existing parking here since 10' sidewalk is unnecessary

Meeting Photos

