



Honolulu Liliha and Nuuanu Complete Streets Condominium/Apartment Association Meeting Summary

DATE: Tuesday December 5, 2017

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

LOCATIONS: Central Seventh Day Adventist Church

ATTENDEES: SSFM: Sue LeBrun, Melissa White, Lulu Chun

Facilitator: David Tarnas

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► **Participants:**

Name	Affiliation
1. Alan Suwa	AOAO 2033 Nuuanu Ave
2. Brian Conners	Nuuanu Place
3. Barbara Annis	38 S. Judd St
4. Robert Masuda	15 Craigsides Pl
5. Russell Kalo	AOAO Nuuanu Palms
6. TC Brady	Nuuanu Parkside
7. Robert Bellizzi	Craigsides Tower I
8. Dale Nakamatsu	Craigsides
9. Kartyn Tercy	Nuuanu Parkside
10. Sarah Baldwin	Nuuanu Parkside
11. Cynthia Garduque	Craigsides Tower I
12. Sherry Hill	Nuuanu Brookside
13. Clayton Hill	Nuuanu Brookside
14. Amy Muroshige	1634 Nuuanu Condo
15. Arthur Woo	2047 Nuuanu Ave
16. Joanne Ninomiya	Nuuanu Brookside
17. Brad Higgins	Nuuanu Brookside AOA



18. Jerry Zak	Nuuanu Brookside
19. Sherry Fieser	Sakura Condo
20. Ron Pike	Sakura Condo
21. Greg Swartz	Resident
22. Dane Minami	Nuuanu Palms Owner's Association
23. Blaine Tsugawa	2040 Nuuanu AOA
24. Masaru Abe	15 Craigsid PI
25. Kathy Breeden	15 Craigsid PI
26. Larry Stults	Former Treasurer of Nuuanu Parkside AOA
27. Lori Yasutaku	1634 Nuuanu
28. Jeannie Ayresman-Horie	1634 Nuuanu
29. Gregory Gonssalves	1634 Nuuanu

MEETING AGENDA:

- I. Introductions
- II. Complete streets and Project overview
- III. Questions
- IV. Issues, Ideas, Solutions Identified; Draft concepts
- V. Questions
- VI. Map table exercise - Concept Designs for Nuuanu and Liliha
- VII. Debrief
- VIII. Wrap up

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Communicate about the project and potential complete streets solutions
- 2. Provide input on preliminary concepts
- 3. Help spread the word and encourage community participation in events

The following notes summarize the participants' opinions and questions about the potential complete streets solutions and preliminary conceptual plans, and the SSFM team's corresponding answers.

Preliminary Concepts (SSFM team presented)

Liliha Street

1. Implement road diet, transitioning street from four to three vehicle lanes consisting of two through lanes and a center, two-way left-turn lane. The reduction of lane allows space within the roadway cross section to be reallocated for a bike lane on the uphill side, and 5' more space for widening sidewalks. The downhill travel lane will be a shared lane for cars and bikes with sharrow.
2. Off-set road to maintain on-street parking.
3. Add curb extensions to shorten crossing distances at intersections and mid-block locations.
4. Plant trees in curb extensions and along sidewalks where space allows to add shade and greenery.
5. Liliha at Kuakini: Designated left turn lane from Kuakini onto Liliha. This transition would not affect capacity, just would define the intersection better and make it easier for people to navigate.

Nuuanu Avenue

1. Reconfigure vehicular traffic into a three-lane cross section with one lane going Mauka and two lanes going Makai (Kuakini to School) and one lane each direction with center turn lane (Judd to Wyllie).
2. The freed-up space from removing one lane can be used to add a 5' climbing bike lane and sidewalk extension.
3. Parking spots will be retained on Ewa side of the road from School St to Kuakini St except during peak hour (like current condition)
4. Crosswalks less than 300 feet apart are not compliant with the Complete Streets manual, and some will be considerate.
5. There are two alternatives for Nuuanu Ave, one adds roundabouts at Nuuanu/Judd, Nuuanu/Pauoa, and Nuuanu/Wyllie (Alternative 1), and the other keeps these as signalized intersections, as they are today (Alternative 2), with some intersection improvements.

Questions and Concerns from participants

1. What are the chances of not having the road diet on Nuuanu Ave? I don't like the concept of converting existing 4 lanes to 2 lanes.
2. Nuuanu is not a "wide road".
3. Make it clear how current efforts will affect the future plan. Define the end goal of this project and how will it serve the community.
4. Parking now is problematic on Nuuanu Ave. The existing parking needs to stay.
5. I went to the Neighborhood Meeting last year regarding the Nuuanu Ave improvements, the option of having roundabouts on Nuuanu Ave had been rejected. Why has this topic been put back on the table again?
6. Have you done the research/survey of what percentage of population in this community are bike users?
7. I think an uphill bike lane on Nuuanu Ave is unnecessary. Nuuanu community has a relative high percentage of elderly people, and they don't ride a bike.
8. Liliha community has approved the bike lane concept, so put the bike lane on Liliha St all the way to Wyllie St and leave Nuuanu Ave to traffic/pedestrian uses.
9. When will implementation be conducted? Will we get to see the plan before it starts?
10. Condominium residents on Nuuanu are against roundabouts.
11. We signed petitions about not taking away parking last March, were we listened to?
12. Is disaster management being considered?
13. Nuuanu Ave needs maintenance and to be repaved now.
14. Traffic study needs to define who the users are. Nuuanu Ave does not belong to local residents at 7:30-8:30 in morning when it's been used by commuters going on/off H1. Is this for residents or commuters? If it is for residents, focus on slowing down traffic to discourage commuters speeding through.
15. With the trends of transit oriented developments and mode share for transit, biking, and walking going on in Honolulu, planners need to also think ahead for younger generations when designing the plans for the roadways.
16. Is it necessary to do a wholesale redesign of two major commuter routes of Honolulu? Instead of making a wholesale changes, why don't you prioritize the immediate needs (roadway maintenance) and leave the rest as it is?
17. When is the final project coming?



Comments from Comment Card

Comments cards were handing out at meeting for attendees to write down their comments. The comments collected are summarized below:

1. It should be abundantly clear that those who live on the affected areas on Nuuanu do not want to lose essential parking lanes that convert to rush hour traffic lanes; installing bicycle lanes that would take space for less one percent of pedestrian traffic, and roundabouts at a school without traffic control will result pedestrian/child injuries and fatalities. Roundabouts will reduce response for emergency vehicles; fire, ambulance and police – seconds mean lives! Enforcement of laws will reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities – altering Nuuanu to accommodate bikes and install roundabouts will not reduce accidents.
2. - The plan with roundabouts at Nuuanu Ave was rejected over a year ago. Why is it back?
- Stop the tour buses from using Nuuanu. We rejected bike lanes in the plan a year ago, bikes account for 1% of traffic-not a justification.
- Pave Nuuanu Ave.
- Put in dedicated left turn signals at Nuuanu and Kuakini.
- The grade on Nuuanu does not support wheelchairs/walkers.
- Who are the final decision makerS? When will they meet with us?
3. NOT against Complete Streets. We must share accessibility more proportionally than imposing loss of it to vast majority of users to give it to minuscule percentage of travelers on a street. That is especially true on a street with very limited lanes per direction, e.g. Nuuanu Ave. So put bike lane(s) on Mauka/Makai Liliha St from King St up to Wyllie St; cross over to Nuuanu Pali on it.
4. - No bulbouts on Nuuanu
-How do students safely cross Nuuanu/Pauoa during school rush hour?



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS:



5. Please do not take away parking on Nuuanu Ave! Use the budget to fix sidewalks on Liliha, Nuuanu and Kuakini. Pave the streets, and add greenery if you have enough funds.
6. I think it is obvious that the proposed designs were developed by people who do not live in this area. We don't need bike lanes and roundabouts. We like our area as it is. That's why we bought here. Please just leave us alone. Why do you say we are the experts? All these plans were developed before anyone asked us. I think this is just a mandatory meeting to say you had one with Condo residents. It seems like a done deal already.

If traffic is limited to 2 lanes on Nuuanu, the cars coming off the Pali will need to go somewhere else. This means fewer accessible routes. If there is an accident or a water main break, this would be horrendous to the commuters. This is so rude to these commuters. It is not a problem to have the traffic for an hour in the morning. This is the ALOHA state, don't push our problems onto someone/somewhere else.

The initial plan for Nuuanu is an "F" (LOS result) and the alternate plan is a "D". Why waste 4 million dollars on changes that none of the residents want while there are so many areas in our community need help?

Map Exercise:

Participants reviewed large maps showing preliminary concepts for Liliha St and Nuuanu Ave. Participants recorded their comments and suggestions on the map. The comments are summarized below:

Liliha or Nuuanu	Alternative	General/ not location specific	Intersection/Location	Parking	Pedestrian	Crosswalks and crossings	Bike Lanes	Traffic & Signals	Roundabout	Sidewalks	Character/ Aesthetics	Speed	Safety	Bus Stops	Comments	
Liliha		General										X			Like the idea of slowing traffic down	
		General									X				Trees might be the problem in future, like the monkeypod trees now	
		General									X				Liliha is less congested than Nuuanu, small business very different community than Nuuanu can't use the same standard on Nuuanu.	
		General										X			Speed table to slow down traffic	
		General					X								Won't use Liliha for bikes because uphill	
		General											X		Fire truck/ ambulance able to get through?	
		General					X								RRFB for midblock crosswalks	
			Analu St				X									Add crosswalk at the bus stops
			Judd St						X							Having dedicated lanes for left turn & right turn movements
			Judd St						X							In the morning peak have left turn arrow to remove conflicts with through and left turn
			Judd St								X					Lack of sidewalks on Judd St on both sides
			N Kuakini St											X		Move bus stops closer to intersection
			N Kuakini St				X									Good idea - pedestrian islands
		N Kuakini St							X						Why no roundabouts?	
		N School St				X									Solutions to keep pedestrians safer from the right turning traffic	
		N School St & Holokaha		X											Parking is an issue (no parking) at small business.	

Nuuanu

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Nuuanu	Alternative 1	General									X				Trees roots crack sidewalks; select better		
		General									X				Service vehicles, Oceanic, post office, trash, problematic		
		General										X				We said no to this plan over a year ago. Listen to the residents	
		General							X							Roundabout at middle school w/o traffic school is a recipe for disaster	
		General											X			Reduced speed comes from enforcement not street design (21 years as police officer I reduced accident injuries and no fatalities)	
		General					X									Bicycle traffic on Nuuanu is less than 1% of pedestrian traffic. A lane for bikes is not needed.	
		General			X											Removing parking lanes reduces traffic lanes, place for residents to park, any visitors to park, deliveries, repair, services, and ministires, meals on wheels, medical services, etc	
		General					X									No bike lanes on Nuaanu	
		General					X									No bike lanes on Nuaanu	
		General			X											Service vehicles, USPS, Fedex, Ups, plumbers, elevators repairman, taxis - no guest parking in the Sakura bldg	
		General			X			X		X						We need our parking spaces. We don't need bike lanes. Please no roundabouts	
		General						X								How many bikers going north of Nuuanu	
		General			X											Displaced parking bleeding over to capacity side streets	
		General			X											Please don't take away any parking spaces on Nuuanu	
		General								X						No rounabouts on Nuuanu	
		General										X				This proposal needs to be presented to Kailua & Kaneohe for their input & being aware of this proposal	
					Craigside Pl			X									add Crosswalk here
					Hialoa St & Kauila st			X									People run across road here. Need crosswalk
					Judd St						X						Roundabouts are great. No left turns!
					Judd St						X						Concern with tight space on judd
			Judd St				X								How do bikers get from before Judd St to after Judd St? don't need bike lanes		
			Judd St & Craigside Pl	X											Parking spaces needed @Judd and Craigside		
			Judd St & Craigside Pl										X		at Makiki & Keeaumoku roundabout, fire trucks can't make turn		
			Keana Ln							X					Do not allow outdoor or any other citizens' group select trees		
			Kuakini St											X	Move bus stop closer to Kuakini st		
			Pauoa Rd						X						roundabouts slow response time for emergency vehicles, seconds means lives		
			Pauoa Rd						X						Ensure emergency vehicles can go thru roundabouts		
			Pauoa Rd & Judd st	X											If you take away the parking from Pauoa to Judd, those cars will need to go somewhere else, there is no other place to go. Please respect us. We are the residents who live here.		

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Nuuanu	Alternative 2	General			X										More important to prioritize pedestrians, more of them than bikes.		
					X											Ped deaths are high in Hawaii because we have perfect weather.	
						X											Most intersections are skewed, Monoa lane on Alakea
													X				Who uses the streets?
									X								Bike lanes on King Street, bikes swerving around parked cars
												X					Fix sidewalks instead of digging them up
										X							Traffic won't get better going from 4 to 3 lanes.
									X								Bikes don't follow the road rules
													X				Wider sidewalks are important than the bike lanes.
						X											Parking shift is okay. But keep tow away hours. 2 lanes makai.
								X								X	Have to cross street to go to bus stop. Encourages jay walking
									X								Why bike lanes on Nuuanu if we have them on Liliha
													X				Some sidewalks would be safer if they were wider
																	I like what I see; we need more work
																X	This transition is strange Fast 2 to 1 lane conversion. Needs to demarcated clearly.
												X					Prefer signal over roundabout
											X						Rush hour traffic reduced to one lane would be a problem.
									X					No roundabouts, they will slow down the emergency vehicles			
														Green bike lanes are distracting causing congestion to thru passing vehicles.			
											X			Power Lines, tree problems			

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Nuuanu	Alternative 2	General	X											If you remove parking from one segment, where will it go?			
										X					Sidewalks too narrow.		
											X					Sidewalk narrow, a lot of obstructions	
			X					X								If this is for redirecting, create more off street parking, slow down traffic, so pass through takes another route	
							X										Why bike lanes only in one direction
											X						Good to have sidewalk go around tree
												X		X			Homeless living under bridges, on sidewalks. Middle of roundabouts would be homeless camp.
								X									Won't use bike lanes because of elevation gain. School kids won't push bikes uphill.
									X								Traffic capacity - close exit from Pali onto Nuuanu, has that been looked at?
			Bates Rd			X								X	Need crossing closer to bus stop or move bus stop by tree.		
			Bates Rd			X							X		Need flashing beacon for kids/parents crossing		
			Bates Rd	X											Sakura don't have delivery/visitor loading areas		
			Bates Rd & Judd St					X			X				Centre left turn lane is useless, waste of space.		
			Judd St							X					Sidewalk needed on Judd St		
		Judd St	X											If you take (away) parking on Nuuanu, people will park on Judd.			
		Judd St						X						No roundabout on Judd St, too tight.			
		Judd St					X							Need green arrow for turning left onto Judd from Nuuanu			
		Pauoa Rd					X							Need Left turn signal at Pauoa & Kuakini			
		Pauoa Rd											X	Bus stop inconvenient			



