

Hawaii Energy Policy Forum

Hawai'i Energy Policy Forum - Act 254 Working Group Meeting

- June 18, 2008 - 10:00 am to 1:30 pm - Oahu Country Club

In Attendance:

Mark Glick, Francis Keeno, Gordon Lum, Clyde Omija, Tom Quinn, David Rolf, Gareth Sakakida, Anne Horiuchi for Gary Slovin, Maria Tome, Sharon Miyashiro

Resource staff: Peter Flachsbart, Chelsea Phlegar, Kim Suman, Susan Char

Status of Funding (Sharon Miyashiro)

We are still in touch with the congressional delegation regarding the FHWA grants (TCSP). Other Federal funding could come from HR 6052, which seeks to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil by encouraging public transportation.

We need State DOT support for the matching 80/20 funds and will need to discuss with Francis Keeno/Glenn Soma when they arrive later. OMPO has some funding available but this funding can only be used for Oahu, not statewide.

Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative Update (Maria Tome)

There are 4 working groups set up within the HCEI. Maria Tome is co-chair of the Transportation Working Group for the HCEI. HCEI is working to put together a framework for supplying 70% of Hawaii's energy needs through energy efficiency and renewables by 2030. However, still need to establish the baseline for measuring these benchmarks. HCEI is working to identify technologies, policies, and projects that would substantially change the current energy mix. The focus began on the electricity sector because this is a major category that is finite. HCEI recently announced a partnership with UPC on Maui for energy storage as well as the Big Island grid study. We are getting a lot of support on the federal lab side. The objective is to develop a policy package by the end of this year as well as some long-term goals.

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There is an HCEI meeting tomorrow during which Booz Allen will present their draft wedge analysis report and McKinsey will present their report on GHG. We are working to have 6 plug-in hybrid vehicles in Hawaii by the end of the year, and are hoping to work with Oakridge National Lab on the efficiency side. On the biofuels side, the Bioenergy Master Plan is underway following the kick-off meeting on May 21, 2008. DBEDT sent out a survey to solicit early comments and then will split the tasks based on the comments that come back. There was recent commissioning of the PV system at the Navy's Halsey housing this past Monday. It appears this was DOE funded, not by the Navy. There was some discussion about the latest RPS report (renewable portfolio standards) so this will be sent out to the Act 254 WG.

Makena Coffman/Peter Flachsbart Presentations

Data regarding Hawaii's occupancy info may be available from Karl Kim rather than using national data and applying this to Hawaii vmt. Peter will follow up with Karl to obtain this data. Interesting fact: Hawaii's carpool rate is 20% versus the national rate, which is 12%.

Regarding the proposed survey, we might do a small sample survey that would take 20 minutes tops by telephone. The two main areas we want to hit are vehicle modes and choices, and consumer information and behavioral changes. A question was asked about what the purpose of the survey was going to be. It was suggested that we ask the implementers of the information what kind of data they want and need, for example the vanpool service. Depending on what we want to do with this information, it will determine how our survey and questions are developed. Another suggestion was made, proposing to survey the policy we want, for example, relief from prices.

Next steps

Transportation survey: Please send suggestions/comments to Peter and Makena by email.

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Will follow up with Francis Keeno and Glenn Soma about the federal matching money.