

Minutes of the  
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.  
Honolulu Hale Room 301  
230 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**Attendance**

Organization	Present?	Represented by	Absent?
AARP	X	Elizabeth Chinn	
American Planning Association*	X	Dean Murakami	
American Society of Civil Engineers			X
Beautiful Honolulu Foundation*			X
Castle and Cooke Homes Hawaii*			X
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride	X	Rose Pou	
Committee for Balanced Transportation	X	Joseph Magaldi	
E Noa Corporation	X	Tom Dinell	
Gentry Homes, Ltd.	X	Deb Luning	
Hawaii Association of the Blind			X
Hawaii Bicycling League	X	Daniel Alexander	
Hawaii Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996*			X
Hui Kupuna VIP*			X
Hunt Companies			X
Institute of Transportation Engineers	X	Claire Fukuoka	
Kaaawa Community Association	X	Andrea Anixt	
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii*			X
League of Women Voters			X
Mestizo Association*	X	Arvid Youngquist	
NB#01 Hawai'i Kai*	X	Roberta Mayor	
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	X	Linda Starr	
NB#03 Waialae-Kahala	X	Les Fukuda	
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu	X	Bert Narita	
NB#07 Manoa			X
NB#08 McCully-Moiliili*			
NB#09 Waikiki*			X

NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	X	Charles Carole	
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kakaako*	X	William Ammons	
NB#12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl			X
NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown	X	Dolores Mollring	
NB#14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Hts.*			X
NB#15 Kalihi Palama*	X	Kendrick Farm	
NB#18 - Aliamanu - Salt Lake*			
NB#21 Pearl City*	X	Tad Tsuruma	
NB#22 Waipahu			X
NB#23 Ewa*	X	Rodney Boucher	
NB#24 Waianae Coast			X
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	X	Elsie Carmody	
NB#26 Wahiawa	X	Joe Francher	
NB#29 Kahaluu	X	Ken LeVasseur	
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	X	Frank Genadio	
NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley			X
NB#36 Nanakuli-Maili			X
North Shore Chamber of Commerce*			X
Pacific Resource Partnership	X	Paul Migliorato	
Palehua Townhouses			X
Waikiki Resident's Association	X	Daisy Murai	

*\*member is on probation and must attend at least four meetings within the final six months of 2018 to retain membership*

Guests	Dylan Armstrong, AECOM Marion Poirier
--------	--

Oahu MPO staff present	Alvin Au, Diane Dohm, Amy Ford-Wagner, Kiana Otsuka, Veronica Schack, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand
------------------------	---

Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

- **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 15, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

The Chair asked for any addition or correction to the Minutes. None was reported and the Minutes was accepted as is.

- **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

ED Alvin Au reported the following:

- Personnel changes effective October 15, 2018. Amy Ford Wagner, Senior Transportation Planner has accepted a vacant Community Planner position with the Federal Highways Administration office in Honolulu. Diane Dohm will vacate her current Planning Program Manager position and accept the Senior Transportation Planner position. Nicole Smith who is relocating from Atlanta, Georgia will accept the Planning Program Manager position. Lena Phomsouvanh, Oahu MPO Clerk Typist, who is also a Graduate student, has resigned to accept a Graduate Assistant position at the University of Hawaii Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
- The Policy Board met on August 31, 2018 and CAC Chair briefed the Board about the proposed changes to the CAC Bylaws. However, the PB tabled the Bylaw agenda item to the September 28, 2018 PB meeting for further discussion.
- The TAC met on September 14, 2018 and received a briefing on OMPO response to the Federal Performance Measure Targets on Pavement and Bridge Condition and Freight Performance. Also, the State HDOT presented their Draft Performance Based Project Prioritization called Smart TRAC which is a project evaluation process to assess how projects proposed for funding address a uniform set of measures. Projects seeking federal or state capital improvement program funds within the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) will be evaluated, scored numerically and ranked based on these measures.

Chair Poirier asked if there were any questions. There were no questions on any item in the ED report.

- **REPORTS FROM CAC SUB-COMMITTEES**

None

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Presentation – Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka**

- Pricing Solutions – A Case Study About London’s Congestion Charging.**

- Kiana Otsuka said that congestion charging has been looked at in the past via the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan. It was concluded then that further analysis is needed to see if pricing solutions will work here. She pointed out that traffic congestion has a lot of societal cost and pricing solutions are a set of non-traditional solutions to the problem. Pricing solutions come in three major schemes and all are designed to discourage people from using cars and instead, encourage their use of other modes and routes of transportation. Pricing solution schemes also generate public revenue that can be used to fund transit projects. For this presentation, Otsuka focused on London’s congestion charging system that was launched in 2003. The London system charges vehicles, with some exceptions (e.g. taxis, people with disabilities), for entering a 21 sq. mi. urban core between 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. The policy has been very successful in decongesting and generating revenues. London is currently revisiting what it has in place because of new congestion-contributing trends such as the increase use of uber and taxis.

- The entire powerpoint presentation is posted in the OahuMPO website via [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1403](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1403).

- During the five-minute open forum, the following were raised and/or shared:

- *Culture transition.* When London implemented its congestion charging system, transit issues were anticipated by adding 300 new buses and changing some bus routes. This helped with the cultural transition. Also, Londoners have a relatively strong walking culture.
      - *Transit philosophy.* The United States, particularly Hawaii, has a transit philosophy that needs to change. There is a need to recognize that service increases public transit ridership so money has to lead the way. Cut in services discourages ridership.

b. **FY2020 Overall Work Program Call for Candidate Planning Studies – Facilitated by OahuMPO staff Diane Dohm, Kiana Otsuka, and Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand**

Diane Dohm framed the Overall Work Program (OWP) from the perspective of federal compliance. She distinguished activities that are required, eligible, and not eligible as OWP work elements. She stated that the candidate work elements that CAC submitted this year fall under the eligible category. Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand reported that CAC members submitted a total of four candidate work elements in response to the call for CAC candidate work elements. The brief descriptions of the four candidate work elements were presented and said that the early participation in the FY2020 OWP process allows time for staff to consult with pertinent agencies.

The correct powerpoint slides for this agenda item can be found in [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1402](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1402)

During the ensuing open forum, the following concerns were raised or shared:

- *On pedestrian accessibility.* It will be good to take a blind person when studying these streets. Said person will know and can inform better about what works and what does not (e.g. bumps, useful and not useful for canes, and others).
- *On eliminating gridlock.* It was clarified that the CAC is not endorsing the London's congestion scheme. Rather, the previous presentation helps explain why the scheme needs to be studied. The CAC Central Oahu PIG is trying to come up with the rationale for this.
- *On North Shore study.* The North Shore is not only home to 50,000 residents but a destination for some 3.5 million tourists a year. The City Office of Climate Change, Resiliency and Sustainability may realize the Route 83 issues but the State is the one responsible for Route 83. It was suggested that the description for the proposed work element should include what the HI-DOT Deputy Director for Highway Ed Sniffen said to the Hawaii Business Magazine. He said, "*When we start looking at the system that we have and the projected sea level rise, we're looking at about 15 percent of our state's highway system being impacted in some way, shape or form. That's a big amount of roadway and bridges and infrastructure we have to either raise up, relocate or address in some way, shape or form....But if we don't address this, our drives along Kamehameha Highway in Kaaawa are gone. The homes that are out there will no longer be serviced...*"

- *On other concerns.* The CAC goes through OWP candidate prioritization every year but, inevitably, the DTS comes back rejecting them. We are always in this adversarial relationship and it should not be like that. We have seen the yearly routine of studies going nowhere. Perhaps the DTS and DOT should come and be at our meetings.
- *Taking concerns to heart.* The regular Policy Board meeting agenda includes time for an OahuMPO Executive Director report and a CAC report. These reports are short. One size does not fit all so, perhaps, the CAC can explore how specific concerns can be addressed better (e.g. disability concerns).

Chair Poirier explained that the dot vote will take place as soon as he adjourned the meeting. He explained that the voting is a straw poll to gather information on how the group feels about the four candidate work elements. Each eligible member organization present was given 3 stickers for this polling. In terms of results, all four candidate projects received votes as follows: North Shore Corridor Study (32 stickers), Island-wide Road Accessibility (17), Modernizing Oahu’s Ground Transportation to Eliminate Gridlock (12), and Islandwide Traffic Signal Evaluation (11).

- **INVITATION TO INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA**

The CAC presented Amy Ford-Wagner, outgoing senior transportation planner, a certificate of appreciation for her hard work, leadership, and support of the CAC.

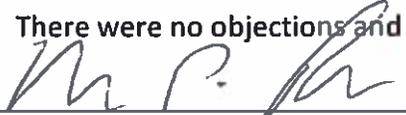
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

203.10 Additional access across the Ala Wai canal is being considered under the Ala Wai Crossing: City and County of Honolulu Complete Street initiative. Two public meetings have been scheduled for September 22 and 24. Additional information is available in <https://www.honolulu.gov/completestreets/alapono>

- **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 17, 2018 at 3:00 PM at Honolulu Hale, Room 301.

There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CAC Chair Dick Poirier

10/17/2018  
 Date

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CAC Secretary Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

10/17/2018  
 Date