

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 17, 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	Jason Kage	
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
Gentry Homes, Ltd.			X
Hawaii Association of the Blind	X	Anthony Akamine; Norman Ota	
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	Robert Nehmad	
Kaaawa Community Association	X	Andrea Anixt	
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii*			X
League of Women Voters	X	Marcia Linville	
Mestizo Association*	X	Arvid Youngquist	
NB#01 Hawai'i Kai*	X	Greg Knudsen	
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*			X

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	Zack Stoddard	
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*			X
NB#21 Pearl City			X
NB#22 Waipahu			X
NB#23 Ewa*			X
NB#24 Waianae Coast			X
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	X	Dick, Poirier, Elsie Carmody	
NB#26 Wahiawa	X	Joe Francher	
NB#29 Kahaluu			X
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	X	Frank Genadio	
NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	X	Steven Melendrez	
NB#36 Nanakuli-Maili			X
North Shore Chamber of Commerce*			X
Pacific Resource Partnership	X	Paul Migliorato	
Palehua Townhouses	X	Michael Gologuch	
Waikiki Resident's Association	X	Daisy Murai	

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Guests	Chris Clark, DTS Dane Sjoblom, Makiki Shellie Habel, DLNR Anu Hittle, DLNR Rose Hara, UHM Geology Department Tiffany Patrick, MLB Hawaii
Oahu MPO staff present	Diane Dohm, Kiana Otsuka, Veronica Schack, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

The Chair asked for any addition or correction to the Minutes.

Andrea Anixt had a question on the entry under North Shore Study. She asked if there was a need for more specifics, such as details that have been used to describe the proposed study in previous years. She asked when the scoping of OWP studies will be and whether the details in the minutes are sufficient at this time. Senior transportation planner, Diane Dohm, clarified that scoping for OWP studies is way down the line. No addition or correction to the Minutes was requested. The Minutes was accepted as is.

3. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Diane Dohm commented on behalf of Alvin Au who was on vacation leave. She mentioned that the Policy Board and TAC did not hold meetings since the last CAC meeting. She reported that OahuMPO's newest staff members will be on board by October 22. Victoria "Tori" Larson will be the new secretary/clerk and Nicole Smith will be the new planning program manager. She noted that Nicole Smith is coming from the Atlanta region metropolitan planning area but is originally from Maui.

4. REPORTS FROM CAC SUB-COMMITTEES

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Presentation on Climate Change and Transportation

Charles "Chip" Fletcher, UHM SOEST and Honolulu Climate Change Commission

Chair Poirier introduced Chip Fletcher and noted that he gave a very good presentation at the August 31 Policy Board meeting. Dr. Fletcher's presentation to the CAC focused on climate change and transportation, sea level rise and inundation, planning principles, and Miami Beach's engineering solutions to the complex mosaic of flooding styles. A pdf file of the powerpoint presentation notes is posted in: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1417

During the Q&A, the following were asked, discussed or pointed out:

1. The online resource, Hawaii sea level rise viewer, provides maps of hazard exposure areas with sea level rise for Oahu, Kauai and Maui. Anyone can explore

their particular areas of interest by following this resource link:
<https://www.pacioos.hawaii.edu/shoreline/slr-hawaii/>
The state portal, climate.hawaii.gov, also links to this resource.

2. Asked about a spot in Iwilei where the results of a modeling exercise appear to show that it will not be flooded, Chip Fletcher said not to overly interpret the precision of the maps as presented in the powerpoint. He explained that the particular land appears to be a little bit higher. The canal nearby might overflow. In terms of the maps, he explained that the areas in blue are certainly going to be flooded. There is less certainty about the areas in yellow.
3. Asked to comment about mangroves being taken out in Kaneohe and Kahaluu but being incorporated in Miami Beach, he explained that mangroves can be invasive species. He stated that everything should be on the table and considered. Maybe some urbanized setting, like along the Ala Wai, will be appropriate for mangroves but in a very controlled way. Many other places in the Pacific Islands have mangroves as protected species and are valued around the world for various ecosystem services.
4. Responding to a question about interagency talk, specifically to DOT Ed Sniffen's statement in the Hawaii business magazine where he said that "If we don't address sea level rise and climate change, drives along Kamehameha Highway in Kaaawa will be gone...", Chip Fletcher commented that it is not whether those roads are gone but a question of when. The worst case scenario will be over a decade or two. The best case scenario will be the second half of the century.
5. Responding to a request to put the Miami Beach's pumping station solution in perspective, he ventured that for Waikiki, one can imagine 20 pumping stations and maybe 80 from Waikiki to Kakaako.

Time constraint prevented further discussion and a comment was made that Dr. Fletcher need to be invited back in the future.

**b. Presentation on Ewa Transportation Impact Fee Program Update
Chris Clark, Interim Chief Planner of DTS**

Chris Clark started by mentioning that the slide presentation and the detailed report are posted online. He went over the concept of impact fees, the timeline of this study, and the 10 projects that resulted from it. He noted that this is the oldest of all OWP studies and that it is finally completed. He mentioned that the study supports the fee recommendation that is now in a draft bill that the mayor has sent to the City Council. The powerpoint presentation is made available via the following link:
https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1413.

The final report that has been transmitted to the City Council is available via the following link:

http://www4.honolulu.gov/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-206072/Ewa_20Final_20Report_2017_20Update_20171005%5b1%5d.pdf

During the Q&A, the following were suggested, pointed out, or explained:

1. Transportation studies need to be reviewed more frequently during the first five years. Chris Clark said that DTS has received similar comments about the need to look at transportation issues more frequently, not just every five years.
2. There is interest in a more island-wide application of impact fees. He mentioned that other mechanisms are certainly being discussed, such as those that might be associated with rail corridor development. Giving pause are the counterarguments that such mechanisms are penalizing developers when they should be motivated to build. Also, it is recognized that there is a need for a more regional-based calculation of fee levels. Ewa is the only place with impact fee development in the island. He also clarified that fees are not waived for anyone but that credits are awarded to affordable housing developers or 201HF. The impact fees are very prescriptive as to how they can be used so one cannot swap out improvements.
3. Responding to a question about total fees raised, he said that he did not have the numbers but said it was low. He estimated that it was somewhere around \$1M a year. He explained that impact fees were set in 2002 at \$2,000 per unit when the need today would be \$5,000 to \$8,000. He opined that this is a major flaw in the scheme.
4. There was a request to please look into the status of the Kapahulu Master Plan. It was explained that interest in a Kapahulu corridor study (ingress/egress to Waikiki) has been held back because DTS says that things are under control, do not need additional funds nor OWP study. Chris Clark agreed to research the matter.

Approval of motion: A motion was made by Ken Farm and seconded by Steven Melendres to recommend Policy Board approval of study as evidence that the work was carried out and direct staff to use the study recommendations in the OahuMPO's planning processes.

7. INVITATION TO INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

As a reaction to the presentation today, there was a suggestion to also have a presentation on what is being done about the island's water system. Chair Poirier commented that the Board of Water Supply is working on this. Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand said that staff will follow up in the context of CAC's role.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kiana Otsuka, transportation planner, announced that there are quite a bit of community events and public involvement opportunities that CAC members are encouraged to look into. She demonstrated how one can leave comments about pedestrian concerns via <https://arcg.is/OS8GzT> and then she showed what the public have said so far in <http://arcg.is/2nydvnv4>

She also announced the following;

1. Free Biki Social Rides for Oahu Residents ages 50+
<https://gobiki.org/biki-leaks/aarp-social-rides/>
2. Complete Streets Ala Wai Alternative Analysis
Survey and info at www.honolulu.gov/completestreets/alapono
3. Honolulu Complete Streets Project Community Meeting
October 25, 2018 Thursday, 6-8 pm Pearl City Public Library
<http://www.honolulu.gov/completestreets/pearlcity>
4. Climate Action Plan Community Meetings calendar and upcoming dates
<https://www.resilientoahu.org/calendar/?view=calendar&month=October-2018>

Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand agreed to email the links to the members.

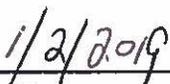
9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be in November, the date and place will be finalized and announced later.

There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



CAC Chair Dick Poirier



Date



CAC Secretary Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand



Date