

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

State Capitol Room 016

415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Attendance

| Organization | Present? | Represented by | Absent? |
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| AARP | X | Elizabeth Chinn | |
| American Planning Association* | X | Dean Minakami | |
| American Society of Civil Engineers | X | Lara Karamatsu | |
| Beautiful Honolulu Foundation* | | | X |
| Castle and Cooke Homes Hawaii* | | | |
| Citizens for a Fair ADA ride | X | Rose Pou | |
| Committee for Balanced Transportation | X | Joseph Magaldi | |
| E Noa Transportation | X | Tom Dinell | |
| Gentry Homes, Ltd. | X | Deb Luning | |
| Hawaii Association of the Blind | | | X |
| Hawaii Bicycling League | | | X |
| 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 |
| Mestizo Association* | X | Arvid Youngquist | |
| NB#01 Hawai'i Kai* | X | Robert Mayor | |
| NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki | | | X |
| NB#03 Waialae-Kahala | | | X |
| NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu | | | X |
| NB#07 Manoa | | | X |
| NB#08 McCully-Moilili* | X | Raytan Vares | |
| NB#09 Waikiki* | | | X |
| NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus | | | X |
| NB#11 Ala Moana-Kakaako* | | | X |
| NB#12 Nuuanu-Punchbowl | X | Zack Stoddard | |
| NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown | X | Dolores Mollring | |
| NB#15 Kalihi Palama | X | Kendrick Farm | |

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| NB#14 Liliha-Puunui-Alewa-Kamehameha Hts.* | | | X |
| NB#18 - Aliamanu - Salt Lake* | | | X |
| NB#21 Pearl City | X | Larry Veray | |
| NB#22 Waipahu | | | X |
| NB#23 Ewa* | | | X |
| NB#24 Waianae Coast | | | X |
| NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu | X | Dick, Poirier | |
| 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 Golojuch | |
| 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*

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| Guests | Yamato Sasaki – C&C of Honolulu Department of Transportation Natalie Iwasa – Cycle on Hawaii John Canner – University of Hawaii at Manoa |
| OahuMPO staff present | Alvin Au, Roni Schack, Diane Dohm, Kiana Otsuka, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand, Nicole Smith |

Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

The Chair asked for any addition or correction to the minutes. An addition was requested regarding Q&A item #4 following Chip Fletcher’s presentation on “Climate Change and Transportation.” It was requested that the quote be changed to “If we don’t address sea level rise and climate change, drives along Kamehameha Highway in Kaaawa will be gone...”

There were no further discussions or objections and the minutes were approved as amended.

3. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Au shared that the OWP FY2020 Call for Projects was released to the Policy Board and agency department heads with a due date of November 30, 2018. He shared personnel changes at OahuMPO during the month of October including the addition of Victoria Larson as Clerk/Secretary and Nicole Smith as Planning Program Manager.

Executive Director Au reported that the Policy Board met on August 31st at which the CAC chair briefed the Policy Board about the proposed changes to the CAC bylaws and on November 26th the Policy Board approved the proposed changes to the CAC bylaws. Director Au also gave a brief summary of the November 26th Policy Board meeting.

Executive Director Au gave a brief summary of the business covered at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on November 8th.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1440

4. REPORTS FROM CAC SUB-COMMITTEES

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation on Safe Routes to School Program

Yamato Sasaki, Planner, Department of Transportation Services

1. Ms. Sasaki explained the purpose of Safe Routes to School, which is to encourage children to walk and bike to and from school more often and to make walking and biking safer and more appealing to children.
2. Ms. Sasaki presented the benefits for children using the safe routes to school program, including healthier and more active lifestyles, more socialization and independence, becoming more aware of their surroundings, and reduced tardiness.
3. Ms. Sasaki explained that this program follows a holistic approach and addresses the 6 E's: Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Enforcement, Evaluation, and Equity.
4. Ms. Sasaki used Kailua Intermediate as an example of a school successfully implementing the Safe Routes to School Program.
5. During the Q&A, the following were suggested, pointed out, or explained:
 - a) Responding to the question about how far the students walk to reach a bus stop or school, Ms. Sasaki explained that intermediate students walk about 1.5 miles and elementary students walk about one mile.
 - b) Responding to the question about recommendations Ms. Sasaki might have for an area that has more terrain or less walkable streets/sidewalks, Ms. Sasaki explained that each school has individual needs that would need to be taken into consideration by the Safe Routes to School Program and noted there could be site visits to explore those needs.

- c) Safe Routes to School would like to implement a watch dog system or create a stronger relationship with Hawaii Police Department to notify car owners if they are parked illegally or unsafely.
- d) A discussion ensued on the effects of replacing a car lane with a sidewalk or bike lane when there is already congestion on that road and whether there are other options such as alternate routes.
- e) Natalie Iwasa from Cycle-On-Oahu shared that there is a National Bike to School Day in May and National Walk to School Day in October. She also shared that there is still federal grant money on the state level that may be used if there were projects that interested parties wanted to submit.
- f) Responding to the question regarding presenting Safe Routes to School to the Department of Education (DOE) and who the contact would be, Ms. Sasaki informed the CAC that she personally has not spoken to anyone with the DOE but feels the DOE is an integral player in making this work.

The Safe Routes to School PowerPoint presentation is available at:
https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1443

B. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045

Senior Transportation Planner Diane Dohm provided a presentation on the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2045 which OahuMPO is currently working on and noted that the hard deadline for the ORTP 2045 is April 2021. Ms. Dohm presented brief background on the ORTP and a high-level look at the schedule for the next two years. Currently, OahuMPO is reviewing key existing plans around the island. Once the branding is finalized, OahuMPO will begin public outreach, beginning with vision and goals.

Ms. Dohm displayed two draft branding concepts being considered for the project and emphasized that OahuMPO want the designs to be engaging, readable, and professional. She welcomed feedback and any suggestions that the CAC may have about the designs. The committee gave their feedback about the two designs and after some discussion it was decided that a poll would be sent out by the OahuMPO staff to the CAC so they could vote on their preferred design or insert additional comments.

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

Ken Farm asked for the committee to strongly consider a study analyzing pedestrian safety. He noted that there needs to be a cultural change in the way people think about pedestrian safety. There was a discussion on programs that could be implemented to create safer pedestrian zones.

A suggestion was made that there should be a future session with the Department of Transportation Services Complete Streets Unit and it was agreed that this would be a good idea.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Canner from of the Urban and Regional Planning Department at University of Hawaii at Manoa informed the Policy Board that his department is conducting a survey on how coastal erosion, sea level rise, and coastal flooding is affecting people’s travel on Oahu and invited members and the public to participate. The survey can be found at

<http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/SLRTransHI.html>

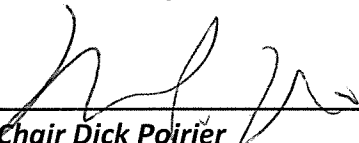
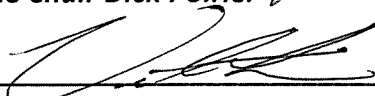
Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand made an announcement that there would be an evening presentation by Piet Dircke—Global Leader of Water Management for Arcadis in Rotterdam, Netherlands—who is considered a leading global expert in urban resilience, flood protection, water management, and climate change adaptation.

Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand also announced the ongoing Climate Action Plan Public Meetings and encouraged the CAC to attend the meetings to find out more information about how climate change effects their community. A schedule for the meetings can be found at:

<https://www.resilientoahu.org/calendar>

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

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|  _____ CAC Chair Dick Poirier | <u>2/15/19</u> Date |
|  _____ CAC Secretary Victoria Larson | <u>2/19/19</u> Date |

