

Minutes of the
O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
Honolulu Hale Room 301
530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Attendance

Organization	Present?	Represented by	Absent?
AARP	X	Elizabeth Chinn	
American Planning Association	X	Jared Chang	
American Society of Civil Engineers	X	Lara Karamatsu	
Beautiful Honolulu Foundation			X
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
Hawai'i Association of the Blind			X
Hawai'i Bicycling League	X	Daniel Alexander	
Hawai'i Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996	X	Barry Rice Jr.	
Hui Kupuna VIP			X
Hunt Companies			X
Institute of Transportation Engineers	X	Robert Nehmad	
Ka'a'awa Community Association	X	Andrea Anixt	
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawai'i			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 Wai'alaie-Kahala			X
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu	X	Bert Narita	
NB#07 Mānoa			X
NB#08 McCully-Mo'ili'ili	X	Raytan Vares	
NB#09 Waikiki			X
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus			X
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kaka'ako	X	William J. Ammons	
NB#12 Nu'uaniu-Punchbowl			X
NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown	X	Dolores Mollring	
NB#15 Kalihi Palama	X	Kendrick Farm	
NB#14 Liliha-Pu'unui-Alewa-Kamehameha Hts.			X

NB#18 Aliamanu - Salt Lake			X
NB#21 Pearl City	X	Tad Tsuruma	
NB#22 Waipahu			X
NB#23 'Ewa	X	David Aki	
NB#24 Wai'anae Coast			X
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	X	Dick Poirier, Elise Carmody	
NB#26 Wahiawā			X
NB#29 Kahalu'u			X
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	X	Frank Genadio	
NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley			X
NB#36 Nānākuli-Ma'ili	X	Richard Landford	
North Shore Chamber of Commerce			X
Pacific Resource Partnership			X
Palehua Townhouses			X
Waikiki Residents Association			X

Guests	Shirley Landford, 96792 Tiffany Patrick – Marine Corps Base Hawai'i
O'ahuMPO staff present	Alvin Au, Diane Dohm, Kiana Otsuka, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand, Nicole Smith, Dave Wade

Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. and requested attendees to introduce themselves.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019

For Chair, Robert Nehmad nominated Joe Magaldi and Elise Carmody nominated Andrea Anixt. There were 15 votes for Joe Magaldi and seven for Andrea Anixt. For Vice-Chair, Arvid Yonquist nominated Raytan Vares and Andrea Anixt nominated Dick Poirier. There were 19 votes for Dick Poirier and one vote for Raytan Vares.

Joe Magaldi took over as chair.

After the election, Joe Magaldi took over Dick Poirier as chair of the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 27, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Magaldi asked for any addition or correction to the minutes. There were no further discussions or objections and the minutes were approved.

4. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Alvin Au reported progress in O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan 2045 Phase 1, Transportation Improvement Program amendments covering federal fiscal years 2019 to 2022, and Public Participation Plan amendment. He said that the OahuMPO's FY2018 Annual Report was submitted to the State Legislature and that the report can be viewed at https://www.O'ahumpo.org/FY2018_AnnualRpt. The Oahu MPO Federal Certification Review Report, which the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration released last December 20, 2018, can be viewed at https://www.O'ahumpo.org/FY2018_AnnualRpt. He reported that the Policy Board met on November 26, 2018 and the Technical Advisory Committee on January 11, 2018. Among others, the Board approved the amendments to the CAC Bylaws. The Board also directed OahuMPO staff to respond to two State Department of Transportation targets, namely the 2018 Pavement and Bridge condition and 2018 Freight Performance. Meanwhile, the TAC recommended that the Board direct staff to use study recommendations the OahuMPO planning processes.

The Executive Director's report may be viewed at https://www.O'ahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1467.

5. REPORTS FROM CAC SUB-COMMITTEES

None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. CAC Year-in-Review presentation by Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand, community planner

The minutes of last year's meetings were used to highlight 2018 trends, accomplishments and areas of improvement. The presentation file can be viewed at https://www.O'ahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1473

The Q&A and comment period that followed were on the following topics:

1. OahuMPO website and acknowledgement of staff effort. The bylaws can now be accessed also via the resource page. See <https://www.O'ahumpo.org/resources/publications-and-reports/>
2. Mr. Rizzio's response to CAC feedback. The Federal Certification Review report has been received by OahuMPO last month but staff will look into more specific feedback to the CAC.
3. Verifying a media story that Hawai'i is the only State that did not receive a highway funding grant. Also, how an ongoing highway project, visible as one drives town-bound from Ewa, is being funded. Staff will research what this is all about and email an update.

B. 2019 OahuMPO Agenda and Public Participation presentation by Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand; Alvin Au; Nicole Smith, planning program manager; Diane Dohm, senior transportation planner; Kiana Otsuka, transportation planner; and David Wade, transportation impact analyst.

Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand said that OahuMPO staff is laying out a 2019 schedule of public involvement activities with the caveat that the schedule is subject to change. The lead and co-lead staff for each major work product were also reintroduced.

Alvin Au asked CAC members to continue sharing information from CAC meetings with their organizations or neighborhoods. He encouraged the audience to let him and staff know what else can make it easier to pass on information heard from CAC.

Nicole Smith explained the intention behind the color codes in the handout, *2019 OahuMPO Agenda & Public Participation*. Staff wanted to show OahuMPO's workload for the year across all major work products so that CAC member representatives can align these with their organizations' workflows. She encouraged all to pay attention especially to color code red, orange and gold (red for intergovernmental review and public comment period; orange for general public and community engagement; and gold for call for work elements, projects or ideas). She explained that as staff thinks ahead and decide what to put in the various committee and board agendas, it will also be good for member organizations to plan when OahuMPO work should be announced in newsletters or taken up at meetings. The handout can be viewed at https://www.Oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1474

ORTP. Diane Dohm reminded that the O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan 2045 was briefly presented at the November 28 CAC meeting. She reiterated that OahuMPO is kicking off the first phase of public engagement and this phase is around high-level vision and goals. She explained that the first material, in the form of a fact sheet, was prepared for public outreach at the January 9 Climate conference. She encouraged everyone to let staff know as soon as possible if they think that there should be changes made to said fact sheet or, if special fact sheets have to be created around other big topic areas. The next major phase of public engagement will be a call for big projects and ideas in September or October. It will a time for member organizations and the public to think of and share big ideas, projects, and program areas. Planners will review all the suggestions to see what is being supported by different agencies already and decide if more work elements need to be added.

Kiana Otsuka elaborated on ORTP Phase 1 and encouraged all to let staff know if there are public events that should be considered for reaching more people. She also brought attention to a display and activity board that is asking the public what our transportation goals should be through 2045. She encouraged attendees to check the board and participate in the dot sticker activity after the meeting.

TIP. Dave Wade pointed out that the public has a biannual chance to give input on the Transportation Improvement Program. For 2019, there is an ongoing public comment and intergovernmental review period for a TIP FFYs 2019-2022 revision. The said period

ends on January 24. The draft document has been sent to the public earlier, including to CAC members. He encouraged everyone to email him questions about specific projects. The second opportunity for public input on TIP projects will be after the midyear.

OWP. Nicole Smith reported that the current OWP annual cycle will end in the end of June. She encouraged members, starting mid-March, to raise awareness about a final draft of the OWP FY2020. The draft will be up for public comment and intergovernmental review in April. In May, the final draft will be presented to the committees and the Policy Board. In June, the approved plan will be submitted to the FHWA/FTA.

The Q&A and comments under this agenda item covered the following:

1. Staff contact information. Current OahuMPO staff members, their email addresses and contact numbers are listed in the OahuMPO website. See <https://www.Oahumpo.org/about-mpo/staff/>
2. Passing on information from CAC to organizations and community: Frank Genadio said that he shares the summary of CAC meeting minutes with members of his neighborhood board. It is an idea that others can follow.
3. ORTP 2045 brand/logo and CAC comments: Changes to the “U” in “O’AHU” were made to make the letter and the rail image clearer. All comments, including those from the CAC, were shared with DTL (consultant) and the final logo brings elements from the two options that were presented to the CAC. The logo now reads “*Ke Ala I Mua O’ahu.*” To pass on ORTP information to others, downloadable materials are available from <https://www.oahumpo.org/plans-and-programs/Oahu-regional-transportation-plan-ortp/>
4. “Low-comfort bikeways” and “high-comfort bikeways,” terms that were used in the first ORTP 2045 fact sheet: “High-comfort bikeways” are protected bikeways, like trails and off streets networks. “Low-comfort bikeways” are traditional lanes, with no protection or buffer. Bikers will not be comfortable but will still bike anyway, such as biking while sharing a lane with a vehicle.
5. ORTP 2045 presentations, neighborhood board meetings, and competing meeting times. Staff will respond to invitations to present at neighborhood board meetings and will divide the work as needed. Presentation will not take more than ten minutes and it can be less than that. The goal of staff is to engage the public and this can be through activities before or after a neighborhood board meeting.
6. On what will qualify as bridge project in TIP. The question is an engineering question and the DOT has its set of criteria for its top 30 priority projects. Dave encouraged the CAC member to email the question so that he can give a more rounded answer.
7. Aftermath of CAC’s request to include complete street aspect in TIP projects. The idea is a great one and it is in the TIP itself. However, actually, there was little that hit this aspect because most were highway projects.
8. Crosswalks that are being moved or removed. As a result, in communities like Waimanalo and Waianae, people end up crossing everywhere. The City Council passed a resolution so that anytime a crosswalk is removed, the public should be consulted. When said resolution went into (Council) committee, the sentiment and the response of the DTS at that time was that the Neighborhood Board are told.

