

Minutes of the  
O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Honolulu Hale Room 301

530 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

**Attendance**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Present?</b>	<b>Represented by</b>	<b>Absent?</b>
AARP	X	Elizabeth Chinn	
American Planning Association			X
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	Deb Luning	
Hawai'i Association of the Blind	X	Anthony Akamaie	
Hawai'i Bicycling League	X	Daniel Alexander	
Hawai'i Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996	X	Barry Rice Jr.	
Hui Kupuna VIP			
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
NB#01 Hawai'i Kai	X	Roberta Mayor	
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki			X
NB#03 Waia'alaie-Kahala	X	Les Fukuda	
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
NB#12 Nu'uuanu-Punchbowl	X	Zack Stoddard	
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
NB#24 Wai'anae Coast			X
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu			X
NB#26 Wahiawā			X
NB#29 Kahalu'u	X	Ken LeVasseur	
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	X	Frank Genadio	
NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	X	Steven Melendrez	
NB#36 Nānākuli-Ma'ili			X
North Shore Chamber of Commerce			X
Pacific Resource Partnership	X	Frank Migliorato	
Palehua Townhouses	X	Michael Gologuch	
Waikiki Residents Association	X	Daisy Murai	

Guests	Chris Johnson DTS Thelma Narita NB#5 Carol Philips NB#27 Heidi Tsuneyoshi, City Councilmember Teri Otani, City Council Ben Trevino, HART
OahuMPO staff	Alvin Au, Diane Dohm, Tori Larson, Kiana Otsuka, Roni Schack, Nicki Smith, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand

Meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Joe Magaldi called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. and requested attendees to introduce themselves.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 20, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

L. Fukuda moved that the minutes be approved. R. Nehmad seconded. All were in favor. There were no further discussions or objections and the minutes were approved as presented.

**3. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The full Executive Director report is available at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1516](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1516)  
It was noted that the correct period for the TIP Rev#2 & #3 is FFYs 2019-2022, not FFYs 2019-2004.

#### 4. REPORTS FROM CAC SUB-COMMITTEES

Tom Dinell, chair of the subcommittee on pedestrian safety, reported that there are six CAC members who offered to be on the subcommittee. He announced that a meeting is scheduled for April 3 to articulate what the CAC subcommittee will do. He indicated the sub-committee membership is open to all CAC members, but total membership may not exceed the CAC quorum and if interested, to email Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand.

#### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### 6. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Emergency Proclamation to Address Erosion at North Shore Highway

###### Presentation by Honolulu Councilmember Heidi Tsuneyoshi

The City Council Resolution was distributed as a handout. A copy of the handout has been posted in [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1529](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1529). Councilmember Tsuneyoshi summed up that the City Council passed Resolution 19-20 FD1 requesting the Governor of Hawaii to proclaim a state of emergency for Kamehameha Highway from Kahalu'u to Laniākea due to damage to roadways and bridges caused by severe coastal erosion. She recognized the CAC as an important body for discussing matters such as this Resolution.

She acknowledged the three neighborhood board or community association members in attendance (A. Anixt, C. Philips, and K. LeVasseur) who are very aware of the issues from affected communities. She highlighted the 2017 Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report which stated that the Kamehameha Highway is one of the most vulnerable highways due to its susceptibility to coastal erosion. She pointed out the need to discuss what needs to be prioritized to address the situation, noting that realignment has long been thought as a long-term process. She explained that the City Council Resolution came about as Kamehameha Highway is the only route for area residents and businesses and one can no longer wait for repairs. She mentioned that because most of area covered by the City Resolution fall under the jurisdiction of the State, with only a small portion with the City, she has a scheduled meeting with the HDOT on Friday (March 22) to start the dialogue.

Discussion:

1. **Stabilization solutions like those engineered jacks that protect reef runways on the shoreline.** Councilmember Tsuneyoshi will be looking into this and other stabilization efforts when she meets with DOT. She mentioned her interest in learning more about how Japan is stabilizing coastal roads. She cited, for example, that there is a big hole opening up in the Kamehameha Highway in the Ka'a'awa area and, whenever there is a lot of rain, her biggest fear is communities' access being cut-off and the resulting loss of lives.
2. **Funding, going to the congressional delegation for funding, and what bodies like CAC can do.** Funding is a real issue, including for emergency repairs. The Councilmember has been in touch with Congresswoman Gabbard's office. There is a need for a concerted effort and to be one voice in highlighting the need to prioritize the areas that we know are most susceptible to serious damage.
3. **On short-term and long-term solutions.** The Councilmember's outlook is to look at both. The needed effort is to stabilize the roadways now even as we focus on long-

term realignment. The effort of the City Council Resolution is to look at stabilizing the roads now. Andrea Anixt opined that ORTP will not look at the roads until 2029 and the roads can be gone by then. She believed that realignment might not be what everyone wants and that current solutions (e.g. piling rocks) may hold for a while but can become a hazard in the long run.

4. **On whether the Friday meeting with HDOT is a public meeting.** The Councilmember said it is not and it is an initial meeting to get the dialogue started. The CAC will be alerted of any public meeting in the future.
5. **On whether CAC can assist with a resolution to support this endeavor.** Steve Melendrez pointed out there has been a good presentation on this in the past and the CAC has been looking at this off and on. Joe Magaldi was asked whether the CAC can do a resolution. Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand said that staff will research further.
6. **On taking the bus around the island and watching the ocean from the window.** Rose Pou pointed out potential lawsuits if any car or bus falls into the water because roads are not stable. Councilmember Tsuneyoshi commented that this is part of why attention to the emergency situation is needed. For example, Polynesian Cultural Center is in the area and big buses and vehicles are traversing the area all the time. Residents and tourists alike need the roadway.
7. **Emergency as the issue.** Ken LeVasseur stated that the study is so urgent for the area and the study itself is an emergency. He recommended that the CAC resolution should recognize that the study is the emergency itself and that the study needs to look at immediate repairs and long-term considerations together. Citing the situation with the Kahaluu stream and bridge in 2011 and 2013, he noted that implementation of solution and an approach to repairing things back to pre-emergency status quo caused problems. There is a need to study the infrastructure in times of actual emergency, when roads and bridges are being wiped out and address resiliency. He reiterated that waiting to study the situation in 2029 and anticipating project implementation in 2050 just won't cut it.

## **B. Overall Work Program Fiscal Year 2020 (OWP FY2020)**

### **Presentation by Nicki Smith, OahuMPO**

Nicki Smith gave an update on the OWP timeline, noting that the Intergovernmental review and public comment period will be April 5<sup>th</sup> to May 17, instead of March 18 to April 18. She reminded the CAC that this is a period to provide feedback. For FY 2020, the criteria for choosing proposals is the same as last year. Another consideration was the availability of local match and staffing. The prioritization showed the resulting projects to be funded and not funded. The PowerPoint for this presentation can be viewed at:

[https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1519](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1519)

Discussion:

1. **Supporting the first five projects in the list and putting off the North Shore Corridor Study.** Nicki Smith noted that comments from partner agencies have not been received. Comments received from them will be included in the OWP FY 2020 draft.
2. **Islandwide Traffic Signal and what it will take to increase its priority level.** Nicki Smith reported that there will be more information about that in the draft. She also

reminded the CAC that TIP projects that address CAC-proposed work elements will be identified in the draft.

3. **Can Councilmember Tsuneyoshi or Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard up the priority level of the North Shore Corridor Study.** Councilmember Tsuneyoshi said she will look into that.
4. **What CAC can do to move up the North Shore Corridor Study to Priority 1.** Ms. Smith remarked that OahuMPO's response in the OWP will make reference to the TIP projects that addresses some of the CAC's concerns and suggested that one way to help raise the project's priority level is to provide feedback and comment as individuals during the TIP revision process. Ken LeVasseur questioned what actions can the CAC, as a community entity, take to raise the priority of the North Shore Corridor Study. Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand said that staff will check on what options are available to the CAC. Ken LeVasseur added that HDOT's proposed study is rated as priority #2 and the North Shore Corridor Study as Priority #3. He suggested combining the HDOT proposal and the North Shore Corridor study and linking these to the City Council Resolution to raise both to Priority #1 level.
5. **Point of clarification about the North Shore Corridor Study.** The City Council resolution specifically mentions from Kahalu'u to Laniākea while it was recognized that it was a challenge to come up with a name for the North Shore Corridor Study. There was a suggestion that it be called the North Shore/Windward Corridor Study since it covers 40 miles of the north and east shoreline. Regarding the North Shore area, it was pointed out that the Sunset Beach area where the bike path is falling into the ocean is a significant problem area included in the proposed Study.
6. **Other comments.** It was brought to Councilmember Tsuneyoshi's attention that clarification is needed from HDOT about TIP funds taken out of projects. Andrea Anixt opined that she believes \$60M was taken out of the TIP -\$21M from Punaluu/Kaaawa/Hauula and \$38M from Kahana Bay. It was suggested that another "whereas" for the CAC resolution is the 2017 study.
7. **Members** were encouraged to email Nicki Smith if they have additional questions and comments.

### C. **Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Initiative**

#### **Presentation by Chris Johnson, DTS Regional Planning Studies Branch**

Chris Johnson described this as a presentation that addresses one of the CAC-proposed OWP work elements. TDM recognizes the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address traffic congestion, and manage scarce urban space. The goals of TDM and outcomes from two other cities were outlined. The PowerPoint for this presentation is available at:

[https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1518](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1518)

Discussion:

1. **Inclusion of screenline counters in reporting.** Chris Johnson said this is of interest but the details on what will be included has not yet been determined.
2. **Including neighborhood boards in community outreach.** Mr. Johnson said the City is interested in a robust outreach but have no specifics yet.
3. **Changing narratives about "owning vehicles means independence" and others.** TDM's core is not around specific mode advocacy but about sustainability. TDM

recognizes the disproportionate reliance on single-ride vehicles and, rather than aiming to reduce this to zero, TDM aims to lower the rate of single-ride vehicles.

4. **Businesses looking for jobseekers with reliable transportation.** There is no official plan yet, but from Mr. Johnson's perspective, creating work culture where there is flexibility of work hours is one possible solution.
5. **Inclusion of bike lanes, bike pathways, and rethinking what has been done recently.** There was a comment that there is a need to re-study Monserrat Avenue's bike lane and congestion as well as Date Street's left-turn only. Chris Johnson reminded the CAC about the 6E's from last month's presentation where one of the 6Es is evaluation. There is a need to evaluate or measure a situation to determine where a problem exists and then to address problems on the ground level.
6. **Reiteration.** Nicki Smith reiterated that the DTS presentations are part of the OWP feedback loop on CAC-proposed work elements to demonstrate how existing plans and programs of partner agencies are addressing these CAC proposals. This presentation relates to the CAC's gridlock proposal.

Chair Magaldi indicated members can email any additional comments and questions to OahuMPO.

**D. Ke Ala I Mua Oahu aka ORTP 2045  
Presentation by Kiana Otsuka, OahuMPO**

Kiana Otsuka reported that the purpose of today's presentation is to give the CAC an update at the halfway point of phase 1 of public involvement for the ORTP. During phase 1 of public involvement, staff have been asking people around the island about their transportation vision and goals. CAC members were encouraged to take the survey and suggest community events in their neighborhoods, where staff could engage people. The PowerPoint for this presentation can be viewed at:

[https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1520](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1520)

The ORTP survey may be taken here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ortp2045-goals>

There were no questions and further discussion. Attendees were encouraged to email questions or comments to OahuMPO staff.

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

None

At this point in the meeting, Ken LeVasseur requested that A&B agenda items be re-opened. It was deemed that there was no need for a vote or motion to reopen since these items are on the agenda and therefore actionable.

Under both agenda times, the following motion was moved by Ken LeVasseur and seconded by Rose Pou. There were no objections or abstentions and the motion passed.

Motion 1: Move that the HDOT’s proposal “Oahu Climate Change and Adaptation Transportation Study” and the North Shore Corridor Study be merged with the intent of binding both studies to Honolulu City Council Resolution 19-20 FD 1 and placing them in higher priority level in the OWP FY2020. This motion includes asking the OahuMPO staff to do whatever process it takes to merge the two studies into one item and the subject matter will be the “North Shore and Windward 40-mile Sea Level Rise Emergency Transportation Plan.” The North Shore Corridor Study as a project title is qualified for clarity and referred to as the “North Shore and Windward 40-mile Sea Level Rise Emergency Transportation Plan” and oriented as a plan-of-action.

During the ensuing discussion, it was clarified that the desired Study is a comprehensive plan as may be contrasted to scenario planning. Chair Magaldi said exact wording can be worked out.

There was discussion on the question that was raised asking what the difference between the Pali Highway emergency and the North Shore/Windward emergency was. Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand said that she has not followed up on this question and asked if Councilmember Tsuneyoshi can provide further information. Councilmember Tsuneyoshi said that this is one of the matters she will be discussing with HDOT.

The following motion was moved by Steve Melendres and seconded by Robert Nemhad. There were no objections and the motion was passed.

Motion 2: The CAC develops a resolution in support of City Council Resolution 19-20 FD1.

#### 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reiterated that the draft OWP2020 intergovernmental review and public comment period has been changed to April 5<sup>th</sup> – May 17<sup>th</sup>; that UH Manoa, supported by Center for Safety Equity in Transportation has a survey on sea level rise /coastal hazards’ impact on Oahu transportation. The survey can be found at: <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/YPCN7Q>  
It was also announced that HDOT is scheduling public meetings on the Road Usage Charge. One is scheduled that evening, March 20, 2019, at the Kapolei High School Cafeteria at 6p-8p.

#### 9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m. The next meeting will be on April 17, 2019.

*Signed 4/17/2019*  
*CAC Chair Joe Magaldi*

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*CAC Secretary Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand*