

Minutes of the  
O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, April 17, 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	Jared Chang	
American Society of Civil Engineers	X	Kathleen Chu	
Beautiful Honolulu Foundation			X
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride	X	Rose Pou	
Committee for Balanced Transportation	X	Joseph Magaldi	
E Noa Transportation			X
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
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
NB#01 Hawai'i Kai	X	Roberta Mayor	
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki			X
NB#03 Wai'alae-Kahala	X	Les Fukuda	
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu	X	Bert Narita	
NB#07 Mānoa			X
NB#08 McCully-Mo'ili'ili			X
NB#09 Waikiki			X
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus			X
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kaka'ako	X	William Ammons	
NB#12 Nu'uauu-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
NB#24 Wai'anae Coast	X	Tim Riley	
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	X	Dick Poirier	
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	Richard Landford	
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	X	Antya Miller	
Pacific Resource Partnership	X	Frank Migliorato	
Palehua Townhouses	X	Michael Gologuch	
Waikiki Residents Association	X	Daisy Murai	

Guests	Rob Miyasaki, HDOT Whitney Birch, HART Marion Poirier, NB25 Kukana Kama-Tor, NB Waimanalo Trish La Chica, Hawaii Public Health Initiative Jaylen Murakami, HPHI Agnes Leineu, NB Aki Marceau, Elemental Exceleator Ed Sniffen, DOT Ryan Tam, HART Heidi Tsuneyoshi, City Councilmember Gil Riviere, State Senator Bob Meyer (?) Concerned Citizen
OahuMPO staff	Alvin Au, Kiana Otsuka, 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 3:03 p.m. and requested attendees to introduce themselves. The Chair announced that Tom Dinell will miss the meeting because he is not feeling well. He called for a moment for prayer for Tom's good health.

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

The minutes were approved with all in favor. There were no further questions or objections.

### **3. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The full report of ED Alvin Au is available via [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1551](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1551). There were no questions on the report.

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

On behalf of Tom Dinell, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand said that the Subcommittee met last April 10 and planned to meet again on May 1.

### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Joe Magaldi directed this to Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand. She updated that the March 20, 2019 CAC meeting motions will be considered in May after today's presentation by the State DOT.

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Overall Work Program (OWP) Presentation on Transit Fares Scenario Study Whitney Burch, HART**

For a background, Burch said that the study was started in the summer of 2016 to help HART recommend a fare policy. In 2017, a new law moved the responsibility of fare setting to the DTS. She pointed out that the transportation model has been calibrated to Oahu setting and it still available and useful for transportation planning. The model provides baseline impacts of different ridership and fare policy scenario on revenue. A copy of the PowerPoint slides for this presentation is available via [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1547](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1547)

Discussion:

1. Whether the model covered operation cost. Burch answered that the model did not focus on that. She added that subsidies are expected to cover part of the cost.
2. On running the models against different socio-economic statuses of people (e.g. 65 years and older, technological savvy required for other alternatives like Uber). Burch said "yes" in the sense that different elasticities of demand were considered (e.g. older people have more inelastic demand).
3. Assumption on decrease in bus ridership. Burch explained that gas was cheap at study time and it was assumed that this was a reason why people drove more. She noted that the national trend is being evaluated more closely.
4. On extrapolating for different geographic areas. Birch said that origin and destination of ridership takes into account geographic factor. For impact on riders who just stays in the region (e.g. Waimanalo), Birch said that the model accounts for how many of those are making a trip that involve rail only. As far as impact on fares, she said that it is the City that will determine policy.

Dick Poirier moved and several members audibly seconded to recommend Policy Board approval as evidence that the work was carried out and direct staff to use the study recommendations in the OahuMPO planning processes.

**B. OWP FY2020 Presentation  
Ed Sniffen and HDOT Team**

For a background, Sniffen explained that the presentation is a response related to CAC's proposed North Shore Corridor Study. Specifically, the presentation is about the State's Shoreline protection program. A copy of the PowerPoint slides for this presentation is available from: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=1553](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1553)

Discussion:

1. Traffic volume. Sniffen highlighted the DOT Highways webpage as an information resource not only for volume of traffic, conditions of roadways, fatality data, map of projects. He said that one can click the links or go to the pdf file. He said that the volume is 75,000 annual average per day. See <https://hishopgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=39e4d804242740a89d3fd0bc76d8d7de>
2. 2003 Shoreline Study Status or OS65. Sniffen affirmed that this was originally contracted with Army Corps of Engineers as consultant but it has been taken away. In place of this, the HDOT is doing the study with UH. He reiterated that the matter is complex.
3. Route 83 Hauula solution (Slide 8). He agreed with the description that it is a band-aid solution and a temporary one at the moment. He explained that this option was taken to avoid affecting the rest of the ocean and space around it. The long term options include the option of taking away the road. He reiterated the complexity of issues and that solutions are all based on land use and cost involved can be gleaned from a five-mile Lahaina Pass project.
4. Speculations on getting Congressional support. Hawaii is the pioneer user of the CRESI model (Slide 4). It will be helpful if other impacted States, like California and Maine, adopts it also. Members pointed out advantages in the issue being in rural areas or having relevance to military operations.
5. TIP \$23M for Kahana bridge taken out. Sniffen answered that HDOT's prioritization criteria shifted from absence of detour to structural soundness. This moved Kahana down in the priorities list.
6. Map (Slide 6) and absence of activity in Downtown to Ala Moana. Sniffen clarified that those are HDOT arteries but they are not in the priority (Slide 7).
7. For more questions, send email to [DOTPAO@hawaii.gov](mailto:DOTPAO@hawaii.gov) (Slide 10)

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

Bob Lenau, a member of the public, brought attention to Kamehameha Highway and the urgent need to address rock fall or sliding by Waimea Valley. In a 2000 Rock Fall Study, Waimea was identified as a number two priority. Makapuu was number one and a project has mitigated the situation there. He came to reiterate and plead the need to address the Kamehameha Highway now. Rock falling can put the highway out of commission for a long time.

Steve Melendres, CAC member, sought clarification about an HDOT white paper that was mentioned in the agenda. OahuMPO staff will follow up with HDOT and clarify.

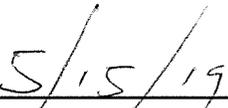
**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were three announcements namely: 1) OWP FY2020 Plan draft's intergovernmental review and public comment period runs from April 9 to May 17, 2019; 2) April 20 Community Meeting for Oahu's first pedestrian plan and hosted by DTS; and 3) May 16 CFADAR Quarterly Meeting to be held at the State Capitol Room 309 from 9:45 to 11:45 am.

**E. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m. with no objections. The next meeting will be on May 15, 2019.

  
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*CAC Secretary Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand*

  
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