

**Minutes of the
O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization**

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 17, 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
American Society of Civil Engineers			X
Beautiful Honolulu Foundation			X
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride			X
Committee for Balanced Transportation	X	Joseph Magaldi	
E Noa Transportation			X
Gentry Homes, Ltd.	X	Deb Luning	
Hawai'i Association of the Blind			X
Hawai'i Bicycling League	X	Chad Taniguchi	
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	Arvid Youngquist	
NB#01 Hawai'i Kai	X	Roberta Mayor	
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki			X
NB#03 Wai'alaie-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	Kathryn Henski	
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus			X
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kaka'ako			X
NB#12 Nu'uuanu-Punchbowl			X
NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown	X	Dolores Mollring	
NB#14 Liliha-Pu'unui-Alewa-Kamehameha Hts			X
NB#15 Kalihi-Palama .	X	Kendrick Farm	
NB#18 Aliamanu - Salt Lake	X	Chace Shigemasa	

NB#21 Pearl City	X	Tad Tsuruma	
NB#22 Waipahu			X
NB#23 'Ewa	X	David Aki	
NB#24 Wai'anae Coast	X	Tim Riley	
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	X	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
North Shore Chamber of Commerce			X
Pacific Resource Partnership	X	Paul Migliorato	
Palehua Townhouses	X	Michael Gologuch	
Waikiki Residents Association	X	Daisy Murai	

Others	Scot Urada, Hawaii DOT John Roger, NB#23 Jo Jordan, WCNB Presentation Sharlette Poe Marian Yasuda, DTS Trevor Nagamine Marcel Honore, Civil Beat		
OahuMPO staff	Alvin Au Nicki Smith Roni Schack	Logan Takeda Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand	

Meeting was properly noticed per State law.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joe Magaldi called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. All in attendance introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 19, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting was approved based on the condition that the changes which were circulated before the meeting were incorporated.

3. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The full report of the Executive Director Alvin Au is available at https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1627

4. REPORTS FROM CAC SUB-COMMITTEES

Ken Farm thanked members of the CAC and the public who came to the July 9 meeting. He reported that there was healthy discussion, including about Vision Zero. He urged all to sense how much neighborhoods understand or know about Vision Zero. He invited the audience to come to the next meeting to be held on August 13, 2019, 1:00 pm, at the OahuMPO office. The CAC Subcommittee meeting minutes have been posted on http://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1632

Discussion, Q&A

Consider community experts, like bus drivers, who have years of experience on the topic. For example, CAC member David Aki has lots of insight as a city bus driver for forty years.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Clarification was sought on the issue of absences. This agenda was taken up last May and it will be addressed again in August. Anyone can contact the Community Planner, Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand, to understand the implementation of the CAC Bylaws on this matter. The CAC bylaws is posted on https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1442.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hawaii Road User Charge (HiRUC) Scot Urada, HDOT

This presentation covered a brief overview of HiRUC and its current status, feedback from the community meetings, and upcoming project events/activities. The PowerPoint slides are posted on https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1619

Future revenue sources are something to look at now. As vehicles are becoming more fuel efficient and more residents are buying electric vehicles, the funding towards the maintenance of Hawaii's roads have been decreasing. With the Road User Charge (RUC), drivers pay taxes based on how many miles driven rather than the amount of gas they burn. If implemented, drivers will not pay both the gas tax and the RUC. HiRUC is holding a 3-year research project, funded by the federal government. Later in 2019, residents will receive a custom RUC mock-statement in the mail with a survey. In 2020, up to 2,000 volunteer vehicle owners will be recruited to experiment with new forms of technology that will determine the RUC amount. The public can follow the progress of this project via its website, hiruc.org.

Discussions, Q&A

- On top of regular revenue sources like the gas tax, there are other grants, such as the competitive TIGER grant, for various infrastructure.
- In 2015, the US Congress recognized the need for this project and made funding available to States. Hawaii applied and received \$4M. This is based on the recognition that all States are different. RUC is just one of the policy alternatives that can be looked into.
- There is some contradiction between the idea of taxing clean energy vehicles in the future while incentivizing people today to buy and drive them.

- Revenue, whether from gas tax or road use or other means, will be spent on operations and maintenance. Revenues goes to State Highway funds and administered by the State.

B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2019-2022 Revision #6

Alvin Au, OahuMPO Executive Director

TIP revision #6 consists of five projects. One is a city project and four are State projects. The PowerPoint presents these five projects and posted on https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1623

The presentation was shortened due to time constraints. There is no CAC action required.

C. New Makaha Development and Traffic Issues

Tim Riley, CAC member

Tim Riley introduced Jo Jordan who presented in his place. Jo Jordan lives in Makaha and has served in the neighborhood board and State House of Representatives for over 20 years. To set this presentation on roadways and transportation system, Jordan pointed at that Pearl City has six lanes and this narrows to two lanes in Kapolei. The two lanes start near Costco on Kalaeola Boulevard. This point is where residents start crawling into the Waianae Coast in the evening to get home and crawling out from in the morning to get to work in Honolulu. The population of the Waianae Coast has grown from 5,000 in 1950 and to around 44,000 in the latest census. There will be thousands of more people using the roads and transportation system. The relevant questions from the community include: "To what point will the City permit development without corresponding transportation infrastructure,"; "Who is to say what?"

- D.R. Horton's Ho`opili development in the Ewa Plains is for 12,000 homes.
- 600 acres in Honokai Hale, located in Kapolei, is targeted for 2,000 homes.
- Across of Honokai Hale, Makaiwa Hills has been planned since 1970s for 4,400 single family homes.
- The Department of Hawaiian Homelands can build over 1,100 homes in the back of Nānākuli Valley.
- There are three projects build up to anywhere from 100 to 400 homes, mostly for low income households.
- Makaha Valley will be redeveloped with a new golf course. There are 120 homes under construction and 700 more in the plan.
- HRT Weinberg Trust owns about 2,000 acres in Makaha, pre-zoned since 1985 for 2,000 homes.

The following are considerations in dealing with access:

- There is no egress or ingress after Kalaeola.
- By Kahe Point is a conservation area
- Kolekole Pass is federally-controlled and access has been sought unsuccessfully
- The community successfully got a 5th lane, which took eight years to be implemented, and the growing community still has a contraflow.
- The rail is not coming to Waianae Coast and it is not feasible in the area.

Discussion, Q&A

- In terms of ideas, Jordan broached the concept of “use it or lose it zoning” which will not be OahuMPO’s kuleana but the City Council’s.
- Walkable community is an ideal but jobs have to be created in the area to make this happen. Past development projects tout job creation as a benefit. However, with development, it seems that every new household add at least one more car on the road and at least one more person has to work or find a job elsewhere.
- The presentation is a “Reader’s Digest” version of transportation issues in the Waianae Coast. The presentation did not cover pedestrian safety but the area has a large kupuna population and its share of roadway deaths. Traffic studies need to be updated and done.
- The North Shore Corridor Study has been pushed for the last five years, so somehow, there is a need to look at shared concerns.

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

None

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were four announcements and details are posted on https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=1628

1) ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m. The next meeting will be on August 21, 2019.

Joe Magaldi, Chair

Date

Carolyn Weygan-Hildebrand, Recorder

Date