

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

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 13, 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
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
Hawai'i Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996			X
Institute of Transportation Engineers	X	Robert Nehmad	
Ka'a'awa Community Association	X	Andrea Anixt	
League of Women Voters	X	Marcia Linville	
Mestizo Association			X
Pacific Resource Partnership			X
Waikiki Residents' Association	X	Daisy Murai	
NB#01 Hawai'i Kai			X
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki			X
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
NB#09 Waikiki			X
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	X	Fred Nakahara	
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
NB#18 Aliamanu - Salt Lake			X
NB#21 Pearl City	X	Tad Tsuruma	

NB#22 Waipahu			X
NB#23 'Ewa	X	John Rogers	
NB#24 Wai'anae Coast			X
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	X	Dick Poirier	
NB#26 Wahiawā			X
NB#29 Kahalu'u			X
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale			X
NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	X	Steven Melendrez	
NB#36 Nānākuli-Ma'ili			X
North Shore Chamber of Commerce			X
Palehua Townhouses	X	Michael Golojuch	

Others	Elise Carmody Karen Loomis Debbie Ruff Robert Leinau - NB#27
OahuMPO staff	Alvin Au Roni Schack Kiana Otsuka Taylor Ellis

Meeting was properly noticed per State law.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Due to a scheduling conflict, the CAC meeting was moved from the Mayor's Conference Room (Room 301) of Honolulu Hale to the large Corporate Council conference room on the first floor of Honolulu Hale. A notice was posted on Room 301 and staff personnel were present to help guide CAC members to the new venue.

Chair Joe Magaldi called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. All in attendance introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Daisy Murai of Waikiki Resident's Association stated that she was present at the October 16 CAC meeting.

Robert Nehmad of Institute of Transportation Engineers motioned to accept the minutes with correction to attendance. Tad Tsurama of NB#21 Pearl City Seconded the motion. There being no discussion, objections, or abstentions, the motion passed and the minutes were accepted with correction.

3. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Director Au stated that the Policy Board met on October 29, 2019 and received an update briefing on the Certification Review Implementation Plan which focus on the Certification Review recommendations and corrective actions on which the OahuMPO requested clarification from FHWA and the Certification Review team. The Policy Board discussed establishing a process to evaluate the OahuMPO Executive Director which was recommended in the 2014 and 2018 Certification Reviews.

He stated that the TAC will meet on November 14, 2019 to see the draft final report for the Central Oahu Transportation Study.

4. REPORTS FROM CAC SUBCOMMITTEES

There was no report from the pedestrian subcommittee, however Taylor Ellis of OahuMPO Staff stated that there will be a visit to the Joint Traffic Management Center in December of 2019 and that subcommittee chair Ken Farm agrees that the best way to execute this would be for the CAC to commission a Permitted Interaction Group to visit the JTMC. He said that there will be a motion introduced at the 20NOV19 CAC meeting in order to select 13 members of the CAC to participate in the PIG to visit the JTMC.

Discussion:

Robert Nehmad of the Institute of Traffic Engineers asked if a tentative date for the visit to the JTMC center had been set. Taylor stated that it would take place sometime in December and once the members of the PIG were selected, then they could poll for availability.

Steven Melendez of NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley asked why a PIG was selected as the best way to go forward. Taylor stated that it was believed to be the best way to maintain accountability of all the visitors expected to participate vs. an open meeting where a potentially unknown number of people could arrive at the JTMC.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Central Oahu Transportation Study – Cheryl Soon, SSFM

Cheryl Soon of SSFM introduced her team; Mike Packard of SSFM, Robert of Fehr and Peers, and Linda Frystaki of SSFM; and presented key points of the draft final report of the Central Oahu Transportation Study (COTS) that is to be presented at the Policy Board on 26NOV19.

Cheryl explained that that COTS is a series of projects that have gone through analysis for technical feasibility, financial feasibility and sustainability. She explained that a parallel analysis to cover Wahiawa Whitmore Village was added to the end of the original study and combined in the final report.

Discussion:

John Rogers of NB#23 asked if the bike/pedestrian projects were integrated into the Oahu Bike Plan. Mike Packard stated that the Oahu Bike Plan had started after the COTS started and while coordination did occur, there are projects in the COTS that aren't in the Oahu Bike Plan. Bert Narita asked if the study had considered personal transportation devices as well as electric rental mopeds in the broader concept of bicycles. Mike Packard stated that the nature of bicycles is quickly changing and that cities are moving away from pedal only bicycles. Within the next year or so there should be a much broader market for alternative vehicles. Marcia Linville of League of Women Voters asked if the study looked at extra buses to the North Shore. Cheryl explained that buses to the North Shore were not included in the COTS.

Steven Melendrez stated that COTS didn't integrate increased transit needs for the Mililani Tech Park into the future and this should be explored in the future. Cheryl explained that that was not picked up in the study because that expansion was only initiated recently.

Tom Dinell of E Noa Corporation asked if COTS looked at Congestion Pricing. Cheryl stated that they did look at Congestion Pricing but that during the early technical analysis it was discounted as not viable for Central Oahu and would only be viable if it went to another area.

Richard Poirier of NB#25 Motioned to verify that SSFM has completed the contract obligation for the Central Oahu Transportation Study. Robert Nehmad seconded the motion.

Bert Narita questioned the CAC's ability to certify the contract fulfillment as the CAC was not intimately involved in the contract process. Cheryl stated that the original contract was for \$500,000 with an addition \$50,000 to add Wahiawa Whitmore Village. Kiana Otsuka of OahuMPO staff stated that the CAC was first given the study scope at its inception and that all study materials are posted on the OahuMPO website for review. Bert Narita stated that if all materials were posted and transparent, that's fine. Cheryl stated that all legacy study documents are also posted online.

There being no further discussion, abstentions, or objections and the motion was carried.

B. Report on findings by COTS Permitted Interaction Group (PIG)

Dick Poirier of NB#25, chair of the COTS-PIG presented the groups final report of their independent analysis of the COTS findings. Dick Poirier outlined the primary concerns for the residents of Central Oahu, the first being reducing the number of cars on the road, and second being improving access in and out of the Central Oahu Region. He emphasized the importance of connectivity for motorist and buses to Rail at the Pearl Highlands Rail Station and future exploration of at Cordon Area Pricing for the Primary Urban Center (PUC) for reducing single occupancy vehicles. He also identified the critical routes in and around the COTS area including providing an alternate bike/ped route

through Kipapa Gulch connecting Anania Drive and Ka Uka Blvd, widening Kamehameha Hwy between Ka Uka Boulevard and Lanikuhana Ave, petitioning the Land-Use Commission to ensure that access from Kamehameha Hwy to Koa Ridge is permanent, and funding and construct the Extension of Paiwa Road through the Central Oahu Regional Park. He concluded by emphasizing the increased demands from the future developments at Koa Ridge and Waiawa.

Tom Dinell congratulated Dick Poirier and the PIG “for raising the fundamental questions about transportation in Oahu” and stated that “we have got to get to the big questions and Dick is doing that.” There was applause.

Bert Narita motioned to accept the findings of the COTS PIG and include their report in the final Central Oahu Transportation Study. Tad Tsurama of NB#21 Pearl City seconded.

There being no discussion, objections, or abstentions, the motion carried.

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

Bert Narita asked Executive Director Au if there was a way to have a limited number of printed documents available at public libraries for those that cannot download or print their own copies.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. The next CAC meeting was announced to be at The Kalihi-Palama Bus Facility 811 Middle Street, Honolulu, Hi 96819 on November 20, 2019 at 2:00PM.

There was a question regarding connecting from the Kalihi Transit Center to the Kalihi-Palama Bus Facility. Taylor indicated Routes A, 1, 2, 16, 31, 43 service that facility.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. The next meeting will be on November 20, 2019.