

**Minutes of the
O‘ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 3 at 2:00 p.m.

via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Organization	Present?	Represented by	Absent?
AARP	X	Elizabeth Chinn	
American Planning Association	X	Jared Chang	
American Society of Civil Engineers	X	Tony Gaston	
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride	X	Donald Sakamoto	
Committee for Balanced Transportation		Joe Magaldi	X
E Noa Transportation	X	Tom Dinell	
Gentry Homes, Ltd.		Deb Luning	X
Hawai‘i Association of the Blind		Anthony Akamaie	X
Hawai‘i Bicycling League	X	Lori McCarney	
Hawai‘i Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996	X	Wayne Kaululaau	
Hui Kapuna	X	Joy Nakata	
Institute of Transportation Engineers	X	Robert Nehmad	
Ka‘a‘awa Community Association	X	Andrea Anixt	
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawai‘i		David Arakawa	X
League of Women Voters		Marcia Linville	X
Mestizo Association		Arvid Youngquist	X
North Shore Chamber of Commerce		Roxana Jimenez	X
Pacific Resource Partnership	X	Paul Migliorato	
Palehua Townhouses		Michael Golojuch	X
Waikiki Residents’ Association	X	Daisy Murai	
NB#01 Hawai‘i Kai	X	Roberta Mayor	
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki	X	Linda Starr	
NB#03 Wai‘alae-Kahala		Les Fukuda	X
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu	X	Bert Narita	
NB#07 Mānoa	X	Dylan Armstrong	
NB#08 McCully-Mo‘ili‘ili		Matthew Prellberg	X
NB#09 Waikiki		Kathryn Henski	X
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	X	Fred Nakahara	
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kaka‘ako			X
NB#12 Nu‘uanu-Punchbowl		Zack Stoddard	X
NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown		James Logue	X
NB#14 Liliha-Pu‘unui-Alewa-Kamehameha Hts	X	Cora Yamamoto	
NB#15 Kalihi-Palama	X	Kendrick Farm	
NB#18 Aliamanu – Salt Lake	X	Chace Shigemasa	
NB#21 Pearl City	X	Larry Veray	
NB#22 Waipahu		Matthew Weyer	X

NB#23 'Ewa	X	John Rogers	
NB#24 Wai'anāe Coast	X	Jo Jordan	
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	X	Elise Carmody / Dick Poirier	
NB#26 Wahiawā		Joe Francher	X
NB#29 Kahalu'u	X	Ken Levassuer	
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	X	Frank Genadio	
NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley		Steven Melendrez	X
NB#36 Nānākuli-Ma'ili	X	Germaine Meyers	
OahuMPO staff: Alvin Au Samantha Lara Kiana Otsuka Nicki Smith Tori Trevino Veronica Schack Nicole Cernohorsky		Guests: Scott Brady - DTS C&C of Honolulu Michael Randolph- VP of Handivan	

Meeting was properly noticed per State law.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Farm called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

2. ROLL CALL

OahuMPO Acting Community Planner Samantha Lara took roll call by reading out the list of attendees in the meeting as noted in the Teams program.

3. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Donald Sakamoto moved to approve the minutes as written and Elise Carmody seconded the approval of the minutes. There were no further discussions, abstentions, or objections and the minutes were approved as presented.

4. REPORTS OF POLICY BOARD AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. OahuMPO Citizens Advisory Committee Informational Briefing

Executive Director Alvin Au presented information regarding the structure of the MPO, the work products of the MPO, and the role of the CAC.

Chair Shigemasa asked to end the presentation early and instructed members to view the rest of the presentation on the OahuMPO website on their own time. The Chair opened up the discussion to questions.

Frank Genadio commented that the CAC existed prior to 2008 since he recalled that the CAC recommended the Makakilo Drive Extension project to the Policy Board in 2005. OahuMPO's Office Manager Roni Schack clarified that the CAC was added to the Comprehensive Agreement in 2008 which then included the CAC in the formal organizational structure of the MPO.

Vice Chair Farm requested clarification of the term "program obligation" and where the funding. Planning Program Manager Nicole Smith explained the difference between apportionment of funds, unobligated funds, obligation limitations, and programming of studies. She explained that the amount that OahuMPO can spend is dictated by the obligation limitation. Vice Chair Farm indicated he will contact Ms. Smith, to get further clarification on his questions.

Tom Dinell inquired on the CAC's role regarding HART and the HART funding dilemma. OahuMPO Transportation Planner Kiana Otsuka explained the MPO's role regarding HART's funding is limited to the projects included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and is not sure what kind of role CAC can play in HART. Kiana indicated the CAC can invite HART to do a presentation to the CAC on issues in which they are interested. Roni Schack explained that HART has its own Board so much of their funding is not related to OahuMPO. She encouraged the CAC members to attend the HART Board meetings to voice their concerns, provide feedback, and to learn about current HART programs. Mr. Dinell indicated he has expressed himself to HART. He clarified that his concern is that over the years that he has been a member of the CAC, the CAC has not considered their official stance on HART. He added that inviting HART to present to the CAC may be a good suggestion.

Germaine Meyers expressed her appreciation to the Chair for requesting this presentation. a

Chair Shigemasa requested a motion to extend the meeting end time to 3:30pm. Frank Genadio motioned to extend the meeting and Vice Chair Farm seconded the motion.

Discussion continued on Ms. Meyers question. Chair Shigemasa explained what he felt the CAC had not been maximizing its advisory role or acting in unity as a committee. His goal is for the CAC to gain an understanding of their purpose and unite on the CAC's core mission as advisory to the Policy Board. He added that as community leaders the CAC members can come together to unite over issues the members feel strongly. Ms. Otsuka indicated that the CAC is a unified voice. She noted that on the Policy Board agenda there is a place set aside where the CAC Chair or Vice Chair can advise the Policy Board on behalf of the CAC on issues that the CAC has discussed or voted upon and any concerns of the CAC.

Germaine Meyers expressed concern that the one-hour is taken up with OahuMPO business which limits the amount of time the CAC can have discussions on issues of which they may be interested. Ms. Otsuka explained the primary purpose of the CAC is to provide feedback to the Policy Board on OahuMPO federally required work products and encouraged CAC members to work with the CAC Chair to consider adding items of interest to the agenda along with refining the structure of the meeting.

Chair Shigemasa invited the CAC members to reach out to him. He explained his intent to be go out to the members' communities and engage with their neighborhood boards and organizations to better understand their needs. He said the CAC can take a bigger advocacy role by taking a stance and be an advisory to the Policy Board.

John Rogers expressed interest in having more community input on the proposed projects in federally required work products.

Tom Dinnell indicated that he wanted to make the point was that CAC has not dealt with critical transportation matter either in discussion or in recommendations to the Policy Board. Linda Starr endorsed Mr. Dinnel's point, noted that it wasn't until recently that the Executive Director and the CAC Chair could speak to the Policy Board, and expressed her appreciation of Chair Shigemasa's intentions for the CAC's role.

B. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision #16 and #17

Chair Shigemasa noted the TIP revisions was already approved by the Policy Board but expressed the importance of the CAC being involved in the discussion of federally required work products.

Transportation Impact Analyst Nicole Cernohorsky introduced the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as a program, not a plan, of surface transportation projects to be built over the next four years and provided background on the TIP process.

She noted the changes in Revision #16 includes minor modifications to two State of Hawaii and one City and County of Honolulu projects and described those modifications.

She explained that Revision #17 is an Amendment because it pertains to major changes. She noted that Amendments must re-demonstrate fiscal constraint, go out for public and intergovernmental review, receive TAC consideration and Policy Board approval, and have a Title VI/Environmental Justice (T6/EJ) analysis performed. She also reported on the responses during the public and intergovernmental review and described the changes included in revision #17 to the four State of Hawaii and one City and County of Honolulu projects.

To John Rogers question if the Policy Board has the power to force an implementing agency to do a project, Ms. Cernohorsky explained that the Policy Board can make recommendations but cannot force an implementing agency to do a project.

C. Citizens Advisory Committee Items of Interest Preliminary Discussion

Chair Shigemasa instructed the CAC members to reach out to him directly with issues or interests that the CAC want to explore further. Chair Shigemasa provided his email address as: chace.shigemasa@gmail.com and his phone number as (808) 722-1757.

Dylan Armstrong expressed interest in an updated study that inventories the pedestrian infrastructure across the island as a pedestrian grid.

Bert Narita asked the Chair to inquire about the role the traffic management center had

regarding the problems on the freeway that morning.

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

Donald Sakamoto announced there would be a Honolulu Rate Commission meeting on March 9th at Mission Memorial from 2:30-4:30pm on Bill 872020 which proposes to increase TheHandi-Van fare, and include an update for Bill 892020 regarding the limited cap for low-income for the bus and a presentation on the Holo Card. For more info, please contact (808)768-8329.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- A. ORTP 2045 Project and Program Community Meetings
- B. ORTP 2045 Request for Comments: Closes March 29, 2021
- C. Next CAC meeting scheduled for: April 7, 2021, 2:00pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shigemasa adjourned the meeting at 3:47pm.