

**Minutes of the
O‘ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, April 7, 2021 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		Wayne Kaululaau	X
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	X	Michael Golojuch	
Waikiki Residents’ Association	X	Daisy Murai	
NB#01 Hawai‘i Kai	X	Roberta Mayor	
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki		Linda Starr	X
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	X	Matthew Prellberg	
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‘anae Coast	X	Jo Jordan	
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	X	Elise Carmody / Dick Poirier	
NB#26 Wahiawā	X	Joe Francher	
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

Chair Shigemasa called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

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

Tom Dinell moved to approve the minutes as written and Larry Veray 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

Director Au shared that OahuMPO concluded its public and intergovernmental review period for the 2045 O‘ahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) which was held from March 1 to March 29, 2021.

OahuMPO also concluded its public and intergovernmental review period for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) for FFYs 2021-2025. It was held from March 16, 2021 through April 2, 2021.

The FY 2022 Overall Work Program (OWP) is now out for public and intergovernmental review. Please submit any comments or questions by April 16th, 2021 to OahuMPO 707 Richards St. Suite 200, Honolulu, HI 96813 or via email to OahuMPO@OahuMPO.org.

In March, OahuMPO conducted Phase 3 of public involvement for the ORTP 2045. The objective was to inform the community of the transportation planning process and solicit feedback of the proposed list of projects and programs. A total of seven community meetings were held,

Community Planner, Samantha Lara, has created a newsletter highlighting MPO updates and various transportation announcements which is distributed monthly. To view the archived newsletters and to sign up to receive future newsletters, please visit <https://www.oahumpo.org/newsletters/>

The Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee did not meet in March, 2021.

The Executive Director's report can be found here:
https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2181

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Shigemasa reminded the committee to reach out to him if they have items they would like to bring to the CAC's attention.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2045 O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan

Transportation Planner, Kiana Otsuka, presented information regarding the ORTP 2045. Kiana discussed the components of the ORTP including the purpose, an outline of the document, and overall summary of the proposed projects and programs, a demonstration of financial constraint, an overview of how the plan performs given various scenarios, the comments received during the intergovernmental and public review period, and the comments received during Phase 3 of public participation.

Frank Genadio discussed the transit boardings increase of 50% and asked whether this is based on the 20-mile minimum segment of the rail or if this included the preferred alternative which includes an extension to West Oahu, Waikiki, and UH Manoa. Kiana's response to Mr. Genadio's question was that the 52% increase was only for what is committed at this time, the 20-mile rail segment from East Kapolei to Ala Moana. Frank Genadio stated the extensions would also increase the boardings. Kiana gave further context by stating that the plan performance is based on the fiscally constrained list of projects and stated that while the plan does have illustrative projects including those rail extensions, they are not committed to at this time.

Vice Chair Ken Farm commented on page 34 of the plan by saying the page could be enhanced by making the image larger. Vice Chair Farm also commented on page 65 and stated the identifying markers make it difficult for readers to understand due to the contrast.

Donald Sakamoto requested information regarding the budget and planning for a paratransit yard in Kapolei. Kiana Otsuka referred to a line item in the ORTP which refers to transit centers, however, stated the MPO would follow up with DTS regarding if this item includes paratransit centers.

John Rogers expressed disappointment regarding the parameters around the Oahu Bike Plan, Safety and Resiliency because it makes it difficult to know what will get built. John Rogers advised that we build out those boxes and have subcategories to understand priorities and intentions for completion.

Matt Prellberg requested a summary on the Ala Wai Bridge Project comments. Kiana Otsuka stated that overall, the majority of the comments reflected concern about the bridge design, as well as outreach being done to the community. Kiana Otsuka stated she would follow up by email.

Tom Dinell stated it would be best if we do not use the word “accident” for vehicle collisions in the plan at all and instead use the word “crashes”, to which Kiana Otsuka responded that the plan does not use “accident” at all. Tom Dinell also stated that the rail is playing a very large role in the ORTP and recommended the MPO shows the relation of the rail to the ORTP more clearly.

Chair Shigemasa requested a motion to recommend the adoption of the ORTP 2045 to the Policy Board. John Rogers moved to adopt the ORTP 2045. Larry Veray seconded the motion. Members were in opposition and a roll call vote was initiated.

Representative/ Organization	Vote
Elizabeth Chin (AARP)	No vote
Jared Chang (American Planning Association)	Aye
Tony Gaston (American Society of Civil Engineers)	Aye
Donald Sakamoto (Citizens for a Fair ADA ride)	Nay
Tom Dinell (E Noa Transportation)	Aye
Lori McCarney (Hawai‘i Bicycling League)	Nay
Joy Nakata (Hui Kapuna)	Abstain
Robert Nehmad (Institute of Transportation Engineers)	Aye
Andrea Anixt Ka‘a‘awa Community Association	Nay
Michael Golojuch (Palehua Townhouses)	Aye
Diasy Murai (Waikiki Residents’ Association)	Nay
Roberta Mayor (NB#01 Hawai‘i Kai)	Aye

Bert Narita (NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu)	No vote
Dylan Armstrong (NB#07 Mānoa)	Aye
Matthew Prellberg (NB#08 McCully-Mo‘ili‘ili)	Nay
Fred Nakahara (NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus)	Aye
Cora Yamamoto (NB#14 Liliha-Pu‘unui-Alewa-Kamehameha Hts)	Aye
Ken Farm (NB#15 Kalihi-Palama)	Aye
Chace Shigemasa (NB#18 Aliamanu – Salt Lake)	Aye
Larry Veray (NB#21 Pearl City)	Aye
John Rogers (NB#23 ‘Ewa)	Aye
Jo Jordan (NB#24 Wai‘anae Coast)	Aye
Elise Carmody (NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu)	Aye
Joe Francher (NB#26 Wahiawā)	Aye
Ken Levassuer (NB#29 Kahalu‘u)	Nay
Frank Genadio (NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale)	Abstain
Germaine Meyers (NB#36 Nānākuli-Ma‘il	No vote

There were 16 votes for the motion to be carried, 5 votes against the motion, and 2 abstentions. Three members were not present when voting and thus were not marked aye, nay, or abstaining. Chair Shigemasa stated the motion is carried.

Chair Shigemasa recommended a motion for the meeting time to be extended by 45 minutes. Cora Yamamoto moved to extend the meeting by 45 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ken Farm. Dylan Armstrong stated that the motion needs to be more clearly stated before the motion is seconded or discussed. There were no further discussions, abstentions, or objections and the meeting was extended to 3:45pm.

B. Mahoe Street Reclassification

Shaun Ueda from DTS presented information regarding the Mahoe Street Reclassification. DTS is proposing to use federal funds for improvements on Mahoe Street but in order to do so, Mahoe Street needs to be classified as a collector road, thus DTS is proposing the reclassification. Shaun Ueda further discussed what the improvements would consist of and the locations of the improvements in the intersection.

Dylan Armstrong requested DTS elaborate on the purpose and intentions of the bulb-outs for the area. Shaun Ueda stated the bulb-outs are intended to slow down traffic by extending the turn radius around the turns, and also increase motorist visibility of the pedestrians.

Frank Genadio asked Shaun Ueda from DTS if this project is on the Transportation Improvement Program and what the expected cost would be. Shaun Ueda stated the project is on the FFY 2019- 2022 STIP (Statewide Transportation Program) and the estimated cost is \$3.5 million dollars.

Donald Sakamoto asked how the bulb-outs project would affect paratransit and pick up service for ADA clients in that area. Donald Sakamoto also asked if there are proposed raised crosswalks

in this area. Shaun Ueda stated the speed table design is similar to the states design, and the bulb-outs do not affect paratransit pick up in the area.

Ken Levasseur asked if the presentation was sent to the CAC. Samantha Lara from OahuMPO stated the presentation slides had been sent out to the CAC via email and the slides could also be found on the MPO CAC website under the April 7, 2021 meeting information.

John Rogers asked how one would go about finding out about the classification of other streets on the island. Kelly Akasaki from DTS stated she would follow up with OahuMPO to provide a link that could be forwarded to the CAC members.

Ken Levasseur recommended that the term “collector” was included on the HOLIS GIS for community member consideration.

Chair Shigemasa asked OahuMPO staff if this project was being recommended to the Policy Board. Kiana Otsuka explained that this project would need concurrence from the Policy Board for it to be reclassified, and that there is not an action needed from the CAC.

C. Transportation Alternatives FFYs 2021-2025

Nicole Cernohorsky from OahuMPO presented information on the Transportation Alternatives FFYs 2021-2025, including the purpose and process of the funding. The presentation explained how the eligible projects are evaluated and recommended for funding. Nicole Cernohorsky presented the two projects that are eligible for funding: The Ala Wai Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge, and the Rail Station Multimodal Access Improvements at Halawa and Waiawa Rail Stations.

Frank Genadio requested information regarding the funding for these projects and stated the total funding for these projects would be enough to cover the cost of the Makakilo Drive Extension project which has been on the Transportation for Oahu Plan 2025 since 2001.

Nicole Cernohorsky explained that the TA-set aside funds are for transportation alternatives and are treated differently than other funds in that they are competitive which is why they go through evaluation and scoring. Nicole also emphasized that the federal funds cannot be moved around to other projects.

Daisy Murai asked if electric bikes, motorized scooters, and Segway would fall into the category for TA set aside funds. Nicole Cernohorsky stated that a change from the TAP to the TA-set aside is that about half of the funds can be used for any STBG activity meaning it could probably be used for electric bikes. Nicole Cernohorsky stated she will follow up.

Chair Shigemasa recommended the committee provide a motion to recommend and adopt the two projects for Transportation Alternatives funding to the Policy Board.

Tom Dinell requested information on who is part of the TA evaluation committee. Nicole Cernohorsky stated the committee is composed of OahuMPO staff, Rachel Roper from HDOT (TAC member), Diane Dohm from HDOT, Lori McCarney from HBL (CAC member), Andy Yamaguchi from DPP, and Christopher Johnson from Hawaii Department of Health.

Nicole Smith from OahuMPO clarified that the funding for the TA projects is to fund part of the projects, not the entire project costs.

John Rogers moved to recommend to the Policy Board to approve and adopt the two projects for TA set aside funding for FFYs 2021-2025. Robert Nehmad seconded the motion. Frank Genadio requested confirmation that the TA projects will not be in the TIP. Nicole Cernohorsky stated that if the projects get funded, they must be in the TIP and that federal funds can only be used for up to 80% of the costs and the City must provide the 20% match. Frank Genadio stated concerns that the local funding used in this project would affect the potential funding of the Makakilo Drive Extension. Nicole Cernohorsky stated the TA federal funding could only be used for the projects that applied for the funds, and they would have to be eligible to receive the funds. Vice Chair Farm requested clarification about the funding ability to be transferred to other projects. Nicole Cernohorsky stated if the funds are not used for these projects, then the money will be returned to the federal government.

Dylan Armstrong stated that there is so little money that is going to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and that the region needs more money for projects like these. Dylan Armstrong questioned why the region has so little transportation alternatives between the city and the state with OahuMPO affecting both, how can we raise money for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and how we can create an alternative pedestrian bridge.

Chair Shigemasa asked for objections or discussion on the motion. Daisy Murai opposed the Ala Wai Bridge project.

The motion was not voted on or moved.

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

Ken Levassuer asked about the process regarding City control of roads considered in limbo or surrendered (roads owned by deceased persons) in efforts to be eligible for funding of pedestrian projects.

Donald Sakamoto requested Roger Morton from DTS and Ed Sniffen from HDOT attend a CAC meeting to talk about the classification of streets.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- A. On April 24th, the Kakaako Eco Rotary Club, HBL, and other groups will be organizing a clean up of the Pearl Harbor Historic trail.
- B. Next CAC meeting scheduled for: May 5, 2021, 2:00pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shigemasa adjourned the meeting at 3:47pm.