

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

Wednesday, June 2 at 2:00 p.m.
via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Organization	Present?	Represented by	Absent?
AARP	X	Elizabeth Chinn	
American Planning Association		Jared Chang	
American Society of Civil Engineers		Tony Gaston	
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride	X	Donald Sakamoto	
Committee for Balanced Transportation		Joe Magaldi	
E Noa Transportation	X	Tom Dinell	
Gentry Homes, Ltd.		Deb Luning	
Hawai'i Association of the Blind		Anthony Akamaie	
Hawai'i Bicycling League	X	Lori McCarney	
Hawai'i Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996		Wayne Kaululaau	
Hui Kapuna		Joy Nakata	
Institute of Transportation Engineers	X	Robert Nehmad	
Ka'a'awa Community Association		Andrea Anixt	
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawai'i		David Arakawa	
League of Women Voters	X	Marcia Linville	
Mestizo Association		Arvid Youngquist	
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	X	Roxana Jimenez	
Pacific Resource Partnership		Paul Migliorato	
Palehua Townhouses		Michael Golojuch	
Waikiki Residents' Association	X	Daisy Murai	
NB#01 Hawai'i Kai		Roberta Mayor	
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki		Linda Starr	
NB#03 Wai'alaie-Kahala		Les Fukuda	
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu	X	Bert Narita	
NB#07 Mānoa		Dylan Armstrong	
NB#08 McCully-Mo'ili'ili		Matthew Prellberg	
NB#09 Waikiki		Kathryn Henski	
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	X	Fred Nakahara	
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kaka'ako			
NB#12 Nu'uanu-Punchbowl		Zack Stoddard	
NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown	X	Ernest Carvalho	
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	
NB#23 ‘Ewa	X	John Rogers	
NB#24 Wai‘anae Coast	X	Jo Jordan	
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu		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	
NB#36 Nānākuli-Ma‘ili		Germaine Meyers	
OahuMPO staff: Alvin Au Samantha Lara Kiana Otsuka Nicki Smith Tori Trevino Veronica Schack Nicole Cernohorsky		Guests: Clair Caufield Michael Randolph Anthony Chang	

Meeting was properly noticed per State law.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shigemasa called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

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 MAY 5, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Larry Veray moved to approve the minutes with changes and Donald Sakamoto seconded the approval of the minutes with changes. There were no further discussions, abstentions, or objections and the minutes were approved pending changes.

4. REPORTS OF POLICY BOARD AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Chair Shigemasa reported his attendance at the May Policy Board meeting and stated he provided the Policy Board with the CAC recommendation to approve the OWP with amendments.

Executive Director Alvin Au reported that the OahuMPO released the public draft of the FFYs 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision #20 for public and intergovernmental review on May 13, 2021. Director Au informed the CAC that the OahuMPO would be seeking feedback on the FFYs 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) proposed project and program list and would be co-hosting three open house sessions with representatives from Hawaii Department of Transportation, City and County of Honolulu

Department of Transportation Services, and Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation during the month of July to explain who OahuMPO is, what the TIP is and why it is important, and then provide attendees the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about projects and programs in the TIP.

Director Au reported that the TAC met on May 14, 2021 and received the presentations on the Final Draft FY 2022 Overall Work Program (OWP), and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Funding. All items were recommended to the Policy Board for approval.

Director Au reported that the Policy Board met on May 25, 2021 and received presentations on the FY 2022 Final Draft Overall Work Program (OWP) which is the OahuMPO's operating budget that identifies all metropolitan planning studies, projects, and work elements that staff and agency partners will be working on in FY 2022; received and approved the updated revision to the Finance Supplemental Agreement 2022-2024; received and approved Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Sub-Appropriation Funding. Director Au also informed the CAC of his intention to leave his position as Executive Director and stated that the Policy Board established a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to conduct a search for and evaluation of candidates for the Executive Director position.

Donald Sakamoto asked if persons who are kupuna and are disabled would be provided a way to participate in the TIP open house sessions. Samantha Lara of the OahuMPO stated the meetings would be held virtually via MS Teams and a phone number with a conference code would be provided for those who did not have access to video technology to participate in the meetings.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Improvement Program Revision #19 & #20

Nicole Cernohorsky of the OahuMPO presented the FFYs 2019-2022 TIP revisions, specifically revisions #19 and #20. Nicole provided a recap of the Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP, and stated the TIP includes a listing of surface transportation projects, is a four-year program, is updated every 3 years, and is revised biannually. Nicole emphasized that previously the TIP had been updated every four years but is now updated every three years. Nicole stated that when a substantial revision is made, the document goes out for public and intergovernmental review. The changes in TIP Revision #19 consist of expedited administrative modifications (minor changes), and are thus submitted directly to the Policy Board for approval. Nicole provided information about the revision to project OS82 (Interstate Route H-1 improvements, Eastbound, OLA lane Overpass to Vineyard Boulevard). This project is to be federalized due to a decrease in rental Car Surcharge funds and a new ADVCON phase is to be added to spread federal needs over two years. Nicole stated there would be no change to the estimated total project cost. Nicole provided information on the revision to OS75 (Kamehameha Highway (Rote 83), Rockfall Protection, Waimea Bay-Sunset Beach). Preliminary and Final design phases (PE2 and PE1) are to be added and construction (CON) is to be deferred to beyond the four TIP years. Nicole stated there would be no change to the estimated total project cost. Nicole provided information about the revision to OC13 (Bus and Handi-Van Acquisition Program) which requests the

addition of five 30ft buses and eight 40ft buses. Nicole stated the original cost of this project was \$176.2 million and there would be an increase to \$183.4 million with this revision.

The TIP Revision #20 consists of amendments which are considered major changes, and which require public and intergovernmental reviews, TAC consideration, and Policy Board approval. These amendments require the Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis to be rerun. Nicole provided information on the revision to OS5 (Freeway Management System, Interstate H-1, H-2 and Moanalua Freeway (Route H-201 & 78) is to add a construction phase to Phase 5 of the project. Nicole stated the estimated total project costs would remain the same. Nicole provided information on the revision to OC-21-59 (Intermodal Connectivity Rail Station Multimodal Improvements- Halawa Station and Waiawa Station) and the revision to OC25 (Transportation Alternatives Program (MPO) at Various Locations). The revisions to these projects are based on the requests to add a new project that was awarded OahuMPO TA Set-Aside funds (OC25) and to flex funds from FHWA to FTA (OC-21-59). Nicole stated the estimated total project cost of this would be \$43,250,000.

Nicole also provided a map for the CAC to see the total per capita spending of the TIP by census block group. Nicole provided information regarding how funds are being spent and reported that Title VI and Environmental Justice analyses show more funds per capita are being spent in T6/EJ areas (+6%).

John Rogers from NB #23 asked if there was a place in OC2159 where the community can see what exactly is being done. John Rogers also asked if everything in the current TIP gets moved into the new TIP, along with new projects. Nicole stated that the multimodal project was presented to the CAC in April and the details are also on the OahuMPO website. Nicole also confirmed that all the projects in the current TIP that will be using funds beyond this year will be carried over to the new FFY 2022-2025 TIP with some being dropped due to not having funds planned. She also stated new projects (not in the previous FFY 2019-2022 TIP) would also be included in the new FFY 2022-2025 TIP.

Jo Jordan from NB #24 asked what data is used for the T6/EJ analysis. Nicole stated that the 2010 census data is used for the analysis since the 2020 census data is not yet available.

Chair Shigemasa asked if the TIP (revision) information will be presented to the PB for approval in the July meeting. Nicole stated the information would be presented to the PB as well as the TAC in June. The Chair asked if the CAC had a motion regarding this information. No motion was made.

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

Vice Chair Farm informed the CAC of non-emergency medical transport money and stated he felt the CAC should look into the utilization of these funds. Vice Chair Farm also discussed the importance of federal resources for broadband as a utility. Vice Chair Farm requested the CAC Chair consider inviting Bert Lung to attend a CAC meeting and conduct a presentation. Chair Shigemasa responded and stated he would look into it, and also stated his interest in para transit funding.

Chair Shigemasa discussed the possibility for a special interest committee for para transit funding. Donald Sakamoto furthered the discussion on HDOT's role in the para transit funding and stated Roger Morton is actively researching funding possibilities. Roni Schack of the OahuMPO provided information regarding the limits of Sunshine Law and the appropriate way to go about establishing a committee. Vice Chair Farm offered the possibility for working groups as well.

John Rogers from NB #23 offered a comment about the need for roundabouts in Ewa area.

Ken Levassuer from NB #29 stated the DOT policy has changed to be amenable to roundabouts and suggested the CAC leverage a discussion on roundabouts.

Donald Sakamoto requested a follow up from DTS regarding his question about a bus yard in Kapolei area.

Jo Jordan from NB #24 reported her concerns about the timing of things presented to the TAC in efforts to provide the community an adequate amount of time to review and prepare to attend a Policy Board meeting. Jo Jordan requested a two-month lead time before the Policy Board meetings for the CAC to take a position and minutes be posted. Vice Chair Farm recognized Chair Shigemasa who reiterated Jo Jordan's comment and requested the OahuMPO staff schedule presentations a month before the TAC and PB receive the same presentation in efforts to give the CAC more time to discuss and act upon.

Tom Dinell stated a concern about the strained relationship between the CAC and PB and suggested the chairs of the CAC meet with the chairs of the PB to make a more meaningful relationship. Tom Dinell also provided a comment regarding the rail and the need for the CAC to receive a presentation with an update from HART. Tom Dinell suggested the chairs of the CAC meet with the leaders of HART to see what information can be provided from HART. Chair Shigemasa stated he would reach out to HART to get a status of rail.

Kiana Otsuka from the OahuMPO addressed the request for a two-month advance for presentations that are to be heard by the PB by stating it is not possible. Kiana reiterated that the CAC receives materials from the OahuMPO 30-60 before the Policy Board gets a presentation. Kiana encouraged the members to call or email the staff with any questions before the CAC meeting.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

A. Next CAC meeting scheduled for: July 7, 2021, 2:00pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shigemasa adjourned the meeting at 3:13pm.