

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

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Organization	Present?	Represented by	Absent?
AARP	X	Elizabeth Chinn	
American Planning Association		Jared Chang	X
American Society of Civil Engineers		Tony Gaston	X
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 Kūpuna		Joy Nakata	X
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	X	Marcia Linville	
Mestizo Association		Arvid Youngquist	X
North Shore Chamber of Commerce	X	Roxana Jimenez	
Pacific Resource Partnership		Paul Migliorato	X
Palehua Townhouses		Michael Golojuch	X
Waikīkī Residents’ Association	X	Daisy Murai	
NB#01 Hawai‘i Kai		Roberta Mayor	X
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		Dylan Armstrong	X
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		Lynn Mariano	X
NB#12 Nu‘uanu-Punchbowl		Zack Stoddard	X
NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown	X	Ernest Carvalho	
NB#14 Liliha-Pu‘unui- ‘Ālewa -Kamehameha Hts	X	Cora Yamamoto	
NB#15 Kalihi- Pālama	X	Kendrick Farm	

NB#18 Āliamanu – 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		Elise Carmody / Dick Poirier	X
NB#26 Wahiawā-Whitmore Village	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		Germaine Meyers	X
OahuMPO staff: Alvin Au Samantha Lara Kiana Otsuka Nicki Smith Tori Trevino Veronica Schack Nicole Cernohorsky		Guests: Clair Caufield (Civil Beat) Michael Randolph Anthony Chang (Hawai‘i Bicycling League)	

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

Bert Narita requested a change to the minutes to reflect his attendance, and also the attendance of the Kaneohe NB guest. 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 the approved 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

is 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 June to explain who OahuMPO is, what the TIP is and why it is important, and 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 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 FY 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 kūpuna 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 a computer or the internet so they can 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 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) revisions #19 and #20. Ms. Cernohorsky provided a recap of the TIP, stated the TIP includes a listing of surface transportation projects, is a four-year program, is updated every 3 years, and is revised biannually. She emphasized that previously the TIP had been updated every four years but is now updated every three years. She also stated that when a substantial revision is made, the document goes out for public and intergovernmental review.

Ms. Cernohorsky stated the TIP revision #19 consists of expedited administrative modifications (minor changes), and are thus submitted directly to the Policy Board for approval. She 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 Advance Construction (ADVCON) phase is to be added to spread federal needs over two years. She stated there would be no change to the estimated total project cost. Ms. Cernohorsky also provided information on the revision to OS75 Kamehameha Highway (Route 83), Rockfall Protection, Waimea Bay-Sunset Beach. Preliminary and Final Design (PE1 and PE2) phases are to be added and construction (CON) is to be deferred beyond the four TIP years. She stated there would be no change to the estimated total project cost. She 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 and stated the original cost of this project was \$176.2 million. There would be an increase to \$183.4 million with this revision.

TIP revision #20 consists of amendments which are considered major changes, and so require public and intergovernmental review, Technical Advisory Committee consideration, and Policy Board approval. They also require the Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis to be redone and fiscal constraint to be demonstrated. Ms. Cernohorsky provided information on the revision to *OS5 Freeway Management System, Interstate H-1, H-2 and Moanalua Freeway (Route H-201 & 78)* which adds 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*. It was requested to revise these two programs to allow for the addition of the new project that was awarded OahuMPO TA Set-Aside funds, and to flex the awarded funds from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Nicole stated the estimated total project cost of this would be \$43,250,000.

Ms. Cernohorsky also provided a map of the total per capita spending of the TIP by census block group, information regarding how funds are being spent, and reported that the Title VI and Environmental Justice (T6/EJ) analysis shows more funds per capita are being spent in T6/EJ census block group areas (+6%) than non-T6/EJ census block group areas.

John Rogers from NB #23 asked if there was information regarding specific locations for project OC-21-59. He also asked if everything in the current TIP will be moved into the new TIP, along with new projects. Ms. Cernohorsky stated that OC-21-59 *Intermodal Connectivity Rail Station Multimodal Improvements - Halawa Station and Waiawa Station project* was presented to the CAC in April through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside presentation and that presentation may be viewed on the OahuMPO website. She referred John Rogers to review the details of the project on the OahuMPO website. She also confirmed that all the projects in the current TIP that will be using funds beyond the current year will be carried over to the new FFY 2022-2025 TIP, and the few projects that are being removed are due to having no programmed funds. She also stated new projects would be included in the new TIP.

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

Chair Shigemasa asked if the TIP information will be presented to the Policy Board for approval at their July meeting. Ms. Cernohorsky stated the information would be presented to both the Technical Advisory Committee and Policy Board in June. Chair Shigemasa 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 that is available and recommended the CAC look into the utilization of these funds. He also noted the importance of federal resources for broadband as a utility and requested the CAC Chair consider inviting Bert Lung to attend a CAC meeting and conduct a presentation. Chair Shigemasa indicated 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 establish a committee. Vice Chair Farm suggested the possibility of establishing a working group.

John Rogers from NB #23 offered a comment about the need for roundabouts in the 'Ewa area. Ken Levassuer from NB #29 stated the HDOT 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 paratransit yard in the Kapolei area.

Jo Jordan from NB #24 reported her concerns about the timing of items presented to the CAC and the need to provide the community an adequate amount of time to review and prepare issues to be brought to the Policy Board meeting. She requested that the CAC be given issues or documents two months prior to the Policy Board meeting where these items will be heard to give the CAC enough time to review the items, take a position, and to allow the CAC minutes to 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 to give the CAC more time to discuss and take action.

Tom Dinell stated his concern about the strained relationship between the CAC and the Policy Board and suggested the Chair and Vice Chair of the CAC meet with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy Board to build a more meaningful relationship. Tom Dinell also commented on the need for the CAC to receive an update presentation from HART on the rail project. He suggested the Chair and Vice Chair of the CAC meet with the leaders of HART to learn what information HART can provide. Chair Shigemasa stated he would reach out to HART to get a status on the rail project.

Kiana Otsuka from the OahuMPO addressed the request for a two-month advance on presentations stating due to timing of the meetings, it is likely not possible. Kiana added that the CAC does receive materials from the OahuMPO 30-60 days before the Policy Board receives a presentation via the public and intergovernmental review, and that the CAC presentation occurs about three weeks prior to the Policy Board meeting. She encouraged members to take utilize the public and intergovernmental review period to review the documents and 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.