

**Minutes of the  
O‘ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization  
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.  
via Microsoft Teams

**Attendance**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Present?</b>	<b>Represented by</b>	<b>Absent?</b>
AARP	X	Elizabeth Chinn	
American Planning Association		Jared Chang	X
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.	X	Deb Luning	
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	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		Paul Migliorato	X
Palehua Townhouses	X	Michael Golojuch	
Waikīkī Residents’ Association	X	Daisy Murai	
NB#01 Hawai‘i Kai	X	Roberta Mayor	
NB#02 Kuli‘ou‘ou-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 Waikīkī		Kathryn Henski	X
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	X	Fred Nakahara	
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kaka‘ako	X	Lynn Mariano	
NB#12 Nu‘uanu-Punchbowl		Zack Stoddard	X
NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown		James Logue	X
NB#14 Liliha-Pu‘unui-‘Ālewa-Kamehameha Hts	X	Cora Yamamoto	
NB#15 Kalihi-Pālama		Kendrick Farm	X

NB#18 Āliamanu – Salt Lake	X	Chace Shigemasa	
NB#21 Pearl City		Larry Veray	X
NB#22 Waipahu		Matthew Weyer	X
NB#23 ‘Ewa	X	John Rogers	
NB#24 Wai‘anae Coast	X	Jo Jordan	
NB#25 Mililani-Waipii‘o-Melemanu	X	Elise Carmody / Dick Poirier	
NB#26 Wahiawā-Whitmore Village	X	Joe Francher	
NB#29 Kahalu‘u		Ken Levassuer	X
NB #30 Kaneohe	X	Adriel Lam	
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
<b>OahuMPO staff:</b> Alvin Au Samantha Lara Kiana Otsuka Nicki Smith Tori Trevino Veronica Schack Nicole Cernohorsky	<b>Guests:</b> Kathleen Rooney (Ulupono Initiative) Scott Brady (DTS) Greg Tsugawa (DTS)		

Meeting was properly noticed per State law.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Shigemasa called the meeting to order at 2:09pm.

**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 APRIL 7, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

Samantha Lara stated a correction would be made to the April minutes per Frank Genadio’s request to change “TIP since 2001” to “Transportation for Oahu Plan 2025 since 2001.” Robert Nehmad moved to approve the minutes and Donald Sakamoto seconded the approval of the minutes with amendments. There were no further discussions, abstentions, or objections and the minutes were approved as amended.

**4. REPORTS OF POLICY BOARD AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Executive Director Au shared that the FY 2022 Overall Work Program (OWP) public and intergovernmental period was held between March 17, 2021 and April 16, 2021 and the MPO received responses from our partner agencies to all the comments submitted. To review the comments and responses, please visit: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2198](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2198).

The Policy Board met on April 27, 2021 and received presentations on the 2045 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Projects FFYs 2021-2025, the Mahoe Street Reclassification request, and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Funding Proposal. They also discussed and established a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to conduct the OahuMPO Executive Director Evaluation. All items were approved by the Policy Board.

The TAC met on April 9, 2021 and received the presentations on the 2045 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Projects FFYs 2021-2025, the Mahoe Street Reclassification request, and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Funding.

Daisy Murai asked for the status of the Ala Wai Bridge project funding in regard to the Hawaii Historic Foundation's pending approval, along with a timetable for the project. Executive Director Au encouraged comments to be submitted to the implementing agency. Nicole Cernohorsky reported that the Ala Wai Bridge project has been programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a couple of years, and stated the project is currently applying for additional funding (Transportation Alternatives Set Aside funding) for the construction part of the bridge. Nicole confirmed the funding has been approved and that, if needed, the project will be allowed to use the TA Set-Aside funds. Nicole also stated the construction is not planned until 2023/2024.

Chair Shigemasa stated he had attended the Policy Board meeting in April and informed the committee that he requested the ORTP 2045 is received by the CAC two meetings prior to the approval meeting in efforts for the committee to have adequate time to provide advisory comments.

**The Executive Director's report can be found here:**

[https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2216](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2216)

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Overall Work Program FY 2022**

Nicki Smith, Planning Program Manager of the OahuMPO provided a summary of the Overall Work Program (OWP) FY 2022 schedule and funding requests. Nicki stated that at a previous CAC meeting, it was reported that a couple of studies (Green Stormwater Infrastructure and K-12 Educational Framework) would be funded, but these were removed from the OWP FY 2022 final draft due to funding constraints.

Lynn Mariano requested clarification on the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding in the OWP and its relation to the rail. Nicki Smith explained that the funds in the OWP are planning funds to be used for things like administrative expenses and planning studies, not for the construction of rail.

Nicki Smith provided information regarding the new studies proposed for funding in the OWP FY 2022 under Task 2 which included travel data to update the Transportation Demand Forecasting Model (TDFM) and Active Transportation Monitoring Data Phases I, II, and III. Nicki Smith explained that in lieu of doing an off-cycle amendment to the OWP, the OWP FY2022 includes amendments to existing work elements that were approved in previous OWP cycles. The OWP FY2022 proposes the cancellation of the Makaha Beach Farrington Highway Realignment Feasibility Study. Funds remaining would be transferred to the Ala Moana Transit Plaza Alternatives Analysis. The amendments section of the OWP also includes the transfer of \$500,000 from the Vision Zero Action Plan to the Multi-Modal Transit Asset Management Plan Phase 2.

Nicki Smith noted that approval of the amendment to transfer obligated funds is not equivalent to a decision to approve funding for the Ala Moana Transit Plaza Alternatives Analysis. The Policy Board has already approved this study and it will be funded and completed whether the funds come from the FY2022 cycle or a future cycle. Nicki Smith highlighted both OahuMPO and HDOT's formal response to public comments received regarding the proposed cancellation of the Makaha Beach Farrington Highway Realignment Feasibility Study.

Lynn Mariano stated the NB #11 had concerns with the Ala Moana Transit Plaza Alternatives and requested clarification as to why this work element was receiving funding. Nicki Smith stated that this work element was approved previously and is ongoing at the moment. She encouraged comments to be directed to DTS at this time as they are conducting public outreach. Nicki Smith also clarified that this work element is specifically a planning study that is looking at potential alternatives, and that it is not a construction project at this time. Lynn Mariano stated concerns with the infrastructure of the area and asked if the funding could be used to improve the existing infrastructure. Nicki Smith stated this funding is only for planning, is available to agency partners, and cannot be moved to fund infrastructure improvements.

Nicki Smith also provided a summary of the comments received during the OWP FY 2022 public and intergovernmental review period.

Jo Jordan stated that the Makaha Beach Farrington Highway Realignment Feasibility Study should be completed rather than cancelled. She requested clarification of the Vision Zero Action Plan funding. Nicki Smith stated the Vision Zero Action Plan has expended funds and that it is proceeding. The reason why it is proposed to cancel funding for this plan is because it was determined that some of the work was not eligible for planning funds. She clarified that the funding for this plan is being reduced.

Tom Dinell questioned the validity of continuing the Ala Moana Transit Plaza Alternatives Analysis when the future of the rail reaching the area is still in question and what the purpose of the planning study would be. Nicki Smith stated the question would be forwarded to DTS for response.

Frank Genadio stated that the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) released a document on the 27 alternatives for the rail project and that he could send a copy to CAC members.

Robert Nehmad moved to recommend the Policy Board endorse the final draft of the FY2022 Overall Work Program. There was no second and the Chair opened the floor for the members to amend the requested action.

Jo Jordan amended the request to include continued funding for the Makaha Beach Farrington Highway Realignment Feasibility Study and Lynn Mariano amended the request to remove funding for the Ala Moana Transit Alternatives Analysis. The final recommendation was, “the Policy Board endorse the FY 2022 Overall Work Program, that includes continued funding for the Makaha Beach Farrington Highway Realignment Feasibility Study and remove funding for the Ala Moana Transit Alternatives Analysis.”

Chair Shigemasa restated the amended motion. Lynn Mariano moved, and Robert Nehmad seconded this motion. Chair Shigemasa called for a roll call vote. Samantha Lara of OahuMPO conducted the roll call vote and the votes were as follows:

<b>Representative/ Organization</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Elizabeth Chinn (AARP)	Abstention
Tony Gaston (American Society of Civil Engineers)	Nay
Donald Sakamoto (Citizens for a Fair ADA ride)	Aye
Tom Dinell (E Noa Transportation)	Aye
Deb Luning (Gentry Homes, Ltd.)	No vote
Lori McCarney (Hawai‘i Bicycling League)	Aye
Joy Nakata (Hui Kūpuna)	Aye
Robert Nehmad (Institute of Transportation Engineers)	Aye
Andrea Anixt (Ka‘a‘awa Community Association)	Aye
Michael Golojuch (Palehua Townhouses)	Aye
Daisy Murai (Waikīkī Residents’ Association)	Aye
Roberta Mayor (NB#01 Hawai‘i Kai)	Aye
Bert Narita (NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu)	Aye
Fred Nakahara (NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus)	Aye
Lynn Mariano, NB#11 Ala Moana-Kaka‘ako	Aye
Cora Yamamoto (NB#14 Liliha-Pu‘unui-‘Ālewa-Kamehameha Hts)	Aye
Chace Shigemasa (NB#18 Āliamanu – Salt Lake)	Aye
John Rogers (NB#23 ‘Ewa)	Aye
Jo Jordan (NB#24 Wai‘anae Coast)	Aye
Elise Carmody (NB#25 Mililani-Waipū-o-Melemanu)	Aye
Joe Francher (NB#26 Wahiawā-Whitmore Village)	Aye
Frank Genadio (NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale)	Aye

There were 19 votes for the motion to be carried, 1 vote against the motion, and 1 abstention. One member was not present when voting and thus were not marked aye, nay, or abstaining. Chair Shigemasa stated that the motion was adopted.

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

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

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

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Shigemasa adjourned the meeting at 3:09pm.