

**Minutes of the
O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
via Microsoft Teams**

Attendance

| | Present? | Represented by | Absent? |
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| Organization | | | |
| 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 | | Tom Dinell | X |
| Gentry Homes, Ltd. | | Deb Luning | X |
| Hawai'i Association of the Blind | | Anthony Akamaie | X |
| Hawai'i Bicycling League | | Lori McCarney | X |
| Hawai'i Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996 | | Wayne Kaululaau | 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 |
| Pālehua Townhouses | X | Michael Golojuch | |
| Waikīkī Residents' Association | X | Daisy Murai | |
| NB#01 Hawai'i Kai | | Roberta Mayor | X |
| NB#02 Kuli'ou'ou-Kalani Iki | | Linda Starr | X |
| NB#03 Wai'alae-Kāhala | | Les Fukuda | X |
| NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu | X | Bert Narita | |
| NB#07 Mānoa | | Dylan Armstrong | X |
| NB#08 McCully-Mō'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 | | | |
| 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 | |

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| 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-Waipī‘o-Melemanu | X | Elise Carmody | |
| 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-Mā‘ili | X | Germaine Meyers | |
| OahuMPO staff: Alvin Au Samantha Lara Kiana Otsuka Nicki Smith Tori Trevino Veronica Schack Nicole Cernohorsky | | | |

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, and quorum was established.

3. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Shigemasa stated the minutes were approved as is by unanimous agreement. There were no further discussions, abstentions, or objections and the minutes were approved.

4. REPORTS OF POLICY BOARD AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Director Alvin Au provided an update on the Transportation Improvement Program FFYs 2022-2025 including a description of the TIP and the public outreach conducted for the TIP. Director Au also announced the Executive Director vacancy that is posted on the MPO and AMPO websites. The 2050 Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) Performance Improvement Plan was also shared per the Policy Board’s request for quarterly check ins for both the CAC and Policy Board. Director Au informed the CAC that the Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee received presentations on the TIP Revisions #19 & #20, which the TAC recommended for approval, and the Policy Board voted to approve. The Policy Board also approved the development of a Permitted Interaction Group for the Executive Director’s evaluation and received their Annual Orientation Refresher. The Technical Advisory Committee also received the Overall Work Program quarterly report update on the draft work element management templates, as requested.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Improvement Program FFYs 2022-2025

Nicole Cernohorsky of the OahuMPO presented on the new Transportation Improvement Program FFYs 2022-2025, explained the collaborative development of the document by HDOT, DTS, HART, and OahuMPO; and the purpose and role of the document as one of OahuMPO's work products. Ms. Cernohorsky discussed the 16 new and 57 old projects in the TIP, along with a summary of proposed federal and local expenditures by project type.

CAC member Elise Carmody expressed concerns that OS-21-53 scored negative one, stating that the project is important to assist with traffic conditions and recommended the funding be increased for this project. Ms. Cernohorsky responded by stating this project minimally met the reliability and efficiency goals for the ORTP and thus scored low in terms of points and received negative points for goals that the project was inconsistent with. Ms. Cernohorsky stated that the points are just one consideration used by the Policy Board and other aspects are weighed as well. Ms. Cernohorsky clarified, however, that all of the project in the FFYs 2022-2025 are proposed to receive funding, including OS-21-53.

CAC member Germaine Meyers commented on the importance of OS-21-53 due to safety and congestion concerns. Ms. Meyers voiced concern with the low score of this project.

CAC member Jo Jordan commented on the importance of OS-21-53 to the residents of the Waianae coast due to safety and congestion issues. Ms. Jordan stated frustration with the scoring of this project and cited several issues the Waianae coast currently faces (i.e. safety, resiliency) that are not reflected in the scoring of this project.

CAC member Frank Genadio commented on the Makakilo Drive Extension, which is currently a project that is not included in the TIP. Mr. Genadio voiced frustration about the current TIP not including this project.

CAC member John Rogers commented on the role of the CAC as an advisory committee and stated frustration on the lack of action the CAC can provide in the selection of projects to the TIP. Mr. Rogers highlighted Kathleen Rooney's TIP comments and asked the members to review these comments.

Chair Shigemasa reiterated need for the CAC to be more active in the process instead of the tail end of the development of the OahuMPO work products. Chair Shigemasa suggested the CAC create a Permitted Action Group (PIG) to discuss projects selected for the work products.

Vice Chair Farm furthered the discussion regarding the role of the CAC by supporting the need for the CAC to provide more input earlier on in the development process. Vice Chair Farm suggested a working group instead of a PIG. Vice Chair Farm requested insight to the evaluation criteria of the OahuMPO. Kiana Otsuka of the OahuMPO responded to this comment by stating that the CAC was consulted about the vision and goals of the ORTP,

which was used to write the project and program prioritization process, along with the evaluation criteria and scoring of projects and programs in summer 2020 and autumn 2021, respectively. Ms. Otsuka stated there would be further opportunity for the CAC to be involved with the development of the evaluation criteria and prioritization process for ORTP 2050 projects. Ms. Otsuka also stated that the OahuMPO presented the scoring to the CAC in Fall 2020 and questions and feedback on the scoring of the projects were not asked at that time. Ms. Cernohorsky followed up to this discussion by informing the CAC that the OahuMPO is responsible for the funding of projects but is not involved in the development of the specific projects. Ms. Cernohorsky reiterated that the proposed projects and scoring of the projects had been presented to the CAC in previous meetings, and encouraged the CAC to be active in the early development of the ORTP in efforts to have more input on the prioritization process. Ms. Otsuka offered to send the CAC documentation of the opportunities the CAC had to comment on the evaluation criteria and the scoring of projects and programs.

CAC member Robert Nehmad moved to recommend the approval of the Transportation Improvement Program FFYs 2022-2025, as presented, and Elizabeth Chinn seconded. Samantha Lara of the OahuMPO suggested a roll call vote per Sunshine Law and Chair Shigemasa requested to save time by having the opposing members identify themselves. OahuMPO staff reiterated the requirement by Sunshine Law to conduct a roll call vote. Ms. Lara conducted a roll call vote resulting in 10 ayes, 5 nays, 2 ayes with reservations, and 1 abstention. Chair Shigemasa stated that the motion has been adopted by the CAC.

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

CAC member John Rogers informed the committee of Zack Manago's Ride in Paradise on July 21, 2022, hosted by Hawaii Bicycling League.

Guest Laura Ruby spoke in opposition of the Ala Wai Bridge project and stated that community input was not considered. Ms. Ruby highlighted security, construction cost, and design of the bridge as concerns of the community. Ms. Ruby requested the funding of the bridge to be moved to the McCully area.

CAC member Jo Jordan asked OahuMPO staff about the policy and process of the CAC member renewal. Samantha Lara responded by stating that the NB chairs or non-governmental agency heads would need to email OahuMPO if there were any change in representation.

CAC member Frank Genadio commented on the funding that the rail is receiving and highlighted the lack of funds required. Mr. Genadio expressed concern about the ability of the project to be completed.

CAC member Donald Sakamoto stated he is in contact with County of Hawaii regarding a contract for paratransit for individuals 60+. Mr. Sakamoto requested the Chair share the information.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

A. Next CAC meeting scheduled for August 4, 2021, 2:00pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shigemasa adjourned the meeting at 3:18pm.