

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

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 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	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
Gentry Homes, Ltd.		Deb Luning	X
Hawai‘i Association of the Blind		Anthony Akamaine	X
Hawai‘i Bicycling League	X	Lori McCarney	
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		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 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	X	Kathryn Henski	
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus		Fred Nakahara	X
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		Chace Shigemasa	X
NB#21 Pearl City	X	Larry Veray	
NB#22 Waipahu		Matthew Weyer	X

NB#23 'Ewa		Jannah De La Cruz	X
NB#24 Wai'anae Coast	X	Jo Jordan	
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	X	Elise Carmody	
NB#26 Wahiawā-Whitmore Village	X	Joe Francher	
NB #27 North Shore	X	Robert Leinau	
NB#29 Kahalu'u	X	Ken Levassuer	
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	X	Frank Genadio	
NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	X	Dean Hazama	
NB#36 Nānākuli-Ma'ili		Germaine Meyers	X

**OahuMPO staff:**

Mark Garrity  
Samantha Lara  
Nicki Smith  
Tori Trevino  
Veronica Schack  
Nichole Cernorhorsky

**Guests:**

Kathleen Rooney

Meeting was properly noticed per State law.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Executive Director Garrity announced the absence of both the chair and vice chair of the committee. Per CAC bylaws, the CAC members nominated MPO staff member Samantha Lara to act as chair in the absence of the CAC leaders. Samantha Lara called the meeting to order at 2:06pm.

**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 2, 2022 MINUTES**

Donald Sakamoto noted changes including the date of minutes listed in agenda item 3, along with the inclusion of neighborhood board #30 representative in the present members. Larry Veray stated his name was spelled incorrectly. Samantha Lara asked for a motion to approve the minutes pending corrections. Robert Nehmad moved to approve the motion and Kathryn Henski seconded the motion.

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

Executive Director Garrity announced that the Revision #2 and Revision #3 to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were both approved by the Policy Board (PB) at the February 22, 2022 meeting. Mr. Garrity stated that the PB also received a presentation on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act by Congressman Ed Case and the Hawaii Department of Transportation Director Ed Sniffen. Mr. Garrity announced that the next PB meeting will be held on Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

Executive Director Garrity announced that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on February 11, 2022, where they received presentations on the Overall Work Program for State Fiscal Year 2023 Public Review Draft and on the TIP revision #3, which they recommended approval by the Policy Board. Mr. Garrity announced that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Overall Work Program FFY2023 Public Review Draft**

OahuMPO Planning Program Manager Nicole Smith provided an overview of the proposed schedule, budget, and expected sources of funding for the Overall Work Program FFY2023. Ms. Smith provided a breakdown of the OWP FFY2023 and reviewed Task 1: MPO Management and Program Administration; Task 2: Data Development and Maintenance; Task 3: Short Range Planning; and Task 4: Long Range Planning.

Community member Jo Jordan asked for a cost estimate and the source of funding for youth engagement and outreach, which was presented in Task 4 of the OWP FY2023. Ms. Smith stated that the total cost for this program is \$125,000 and the University of Hawaii at Manoa will provide the local match, which is 20 percent, and that the OahuMPO will provide the federal funding. Ms. Jordan also asked for clarification on the specific schools and complex areas that will be targeted in this program. Ms. Smith asked that this question be submitted during the Public and Intergovernmental Review period for clarification from the proposing agency.

Community member Robert Leinau asked for clarification on workforce development and if private enterprises could also benefit from training. Ms. Smith asked that this question be submitted during the Public and Intergovernmental Review period and stated that more information is needed on whether training can be made available to those outside of government agencies.

Community member Frank Genadio asked if the Joint Traffic Management Center (JTMC) is operational and effective in alleviating traffic. Executive Director Garrity stated that the JTMC is operational and is currently used by multiple state and local agencies. Mr. Garrity also explained that the JTMC is used for coordination between agencies.

Vice Chair Farm joined the meeting. Samantha Lara asked the Vice Chair if he would like to preside over the meeting from this point and he asked that Ms. Lara continue chairing the meeting.

Vice Chair Farm commented on the timing of traffic lights and how they can be used to improve pedestrian safety. Robert Nehmad from the Institute of Transportation Engineers responded to this comment and stated that the standard traffic engineering procedure considers all elements of the intersection to determine proper timing for the signals, which is currently being done. Mr. Garrity also added that this would be an appropriate suggestion for the Department of Transportation Services (DTS).

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Overall Work Program (OWP) SFY2022 Revision #2**

Nicole Smith of OahuMPO stated that revisions to the OWP are either administrative modifications, which are minor changes, or amendments, which are major changes. Ms. Smith explained that the Revision #2 to the OWP is an amendment because it changes the objectives and tasks of OahuMPO work elements and deletes programmed subrecipient planning studies. Ms. Smith provided an overview of the three changes proposed in Revision #2 of the OWP, which include staff time budget adjustments, the transfer of funds into Travel Demand Forecasting Model (TDFM) budget, and the deletion of the Congestion and Mobility Pricing Study and the Dillingham Corridor Mobility Data Planning Study. Ms. Smith then provided an overview of the budget and funding summary for Revision #2 of the OWP. Ms. Smith explained that although Revision #2 was out for public and intergovernmental review from January 19<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>, no comments were received from the public, the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT), or the State Department of Budget and Finance. However, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) showed support for including funding for a congestion and mobility pricing study in a future OWP.

Andrea Anixt asked for clarification on the data being purchased; namely how it will be used and where it is sourced. Ms. Smith stated that the data is collected through a National Household Travel Survey (NHTS), which will ask respondents to submit logs regarding the trips they take, the mode they use, and the purpose of the trip. Transportation Impact analyst Nicole Cernohorsky stated that the data is necessary for the development of the travel demand model, which is currently built on old data and needs to be updated. Ms. Cernohorsky also stated that the travel demand model is needed for the purpose of the ORTP 2051.

Robert Leinau asked about the distinction between administrative modifications and amendments. Ms. Smith explained that the threshold is \$100,000 and that transfers below the threshold and, or cumulatively less than 10% of the overall budget are considered administrative modifications. However, Ms. Smith added that changes made to the objectives, or the work elements are amendments.

Elise Carmody commented that a statement should be included in the CAC regarding congestion and mobility to express an interest in a study of congestion pricing in the future. Ms. Smith acknowledged this comment and suggested that it would be included as an annotation.

Donald Sakamoto asked how the Household Travel Survey would be administered and if it would accommodate the non-English speaking and disabled populations. Ms. Smith stated that the survey will be randomly distributed across the island and that OahuMPO will not be doing targeting surveys. She also states that further inquiry from the NHTS is needed and that there will be a follow up.

A motion was made by Robert Nehman to recommend the OWP FY2022 Revision #2 for approval by the Policy Board as presented with annotations from the CAC. This motion was seconded by Michael Golojuch.

## **B. Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Public Engagement Plan**

A motion was made by Donald Sakamoto and seconded by Vice Chair Farm to extend the meeting by ten minutes to discuss the ORTP 2050 Public Engagement Plan.

Samantha Lara of the OahuMPO provided a presentation on the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2050 Public Engagement Plan. Ms. Lara explained the distinction between the Public Engagement Plan and the Public Participation Plan, noting that the Public Engagement Plan is specific to the ORTP 2050 and is intended to educate the public on ORTP planning. Ms. Lara provided an overview of the purpose, goals, and strategies outlined in the Public Engagement Plan. Ms. Lara also explained how the feedback will be used and how the OahuMPO will assess the effectiveness of the outreach tools. Ms. Lara provided an overview of the Public Engagement Plan schedule, which consisted of four different steps.

Frank Genadio made a comment that the OahuMPO should include information on the CAC meeting agenda aside from what is discussed in the OWP, ORTP, and the TIP. Ms. Lara acknowledged this comment and stated that all possible ideas for the presentations could be suggested to the Chair and Executive Director for consideration.

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

None

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

Samantha Lara of OahuMPO stated that the tentative date for the next CAC meeting would be Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Donald Sakamoto and seconded by Kathryn Henski to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Samantha Lara at 3:11 PM.