

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

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Organization	Present?	Represented by	Absent?
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	Travis Counsell	
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
North Shore Chamber of Commerce		Roxana Jimenez	X
Pacific Resource Partnership		Paul Migliorato	X
Palehua Townhouses	X	Michael Golojuch	
Waikiki Residents' Association	X	Daisy Murai	
NB#01 Hawai'i Kai	X	Roberta Mayor	
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki		Linda Starr	X
NB#03 Wai'alaie-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	X	Fred Nakahara	
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kaka'ako		Lynn Mariano	X
NB#12 Nu'uauu-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- Pālana	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	Trevor Nagamine	
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		Dean Hazama	X
NB#36 Nānākuli-Ma'ili		Germaine Meyers	X
OahuMPO staff: Mark Garrity Samantha Lara Nicki Smith Veronica Schack Nichole Cernorhorsky		Guests: Kathleen Rooney	

Meeting was properly noticed per State law.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Samantha Lara called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

OahuMPO Transportation 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 6, 2022 MINUTES

Donald Sakamoto of Citizens for a Fair ADA ride voted to approve the minutes as is for April 6, 2022 and was seconded by Larry Veray of NB#21.

4. REPORTS OF POLICY BOARD AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETINGS

Executive Director Mark Garrity shared that Revision #2 of the FY22 OWP was approved on April 7th by the Federal Highway Administration and that a public and intergovernmental review period of the proposed FY23 OWP closed on April 15th. Executive Director Mark Garrity shared that the OahuMPO has submitted payment for next Gen National Household Travel Survey data and that the data will be used to update the regional travel demand model. Executive Director Garrity also shared that the STIP Revision #2 was approved by the FHWA and FTA on April 16th and that the TIP revision document is expected to be out for public comment and intergovernmental review starting on May 13th. Executive Director Garrity stated that an RFQ for the ORTP 2050 was updated and reposted with a new deadline of June 3rd. Executive Director Mark Garrity shared that the PB and TAC did not meet in April. The next PB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st at 1:00 PM and that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 13th at 9:00 AM.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Overall Work Program FY2023 Final Draft

Planning Program Manager, Nicki Smith of OahuMPO provided an overview of the OWP FY2023, including its purpose, the review schedule, and funding. Ms. Smith detailed the budgeting and funding of the four tasks of the OWP FY2023. Ms. Smith discussed several sub-recipient studies, including the Traffic Signal Optimization and Demand Management, the Hawaii State Energy Office, and the Educational Framework for Youth Engagement in Oahu's Transportation Planning. Ms. Smith reviewed the comments received during the public and intergovernmental review period, sharing that no comments were received by the City and County of Honolulu Department of Design and Construction and the State Department of Budget and Finance. However, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services pointed out rounding errors and minor corrections that have been fixed for the final draft. Ms. Smith also shared the comments received from the public and the measures taken by OahuMPO to address the comments.

Robert Leinau of NB#27 expressed budgeting concerns regarding workforce development and asked if remote meetings will be regularly incorporated to reduce travel expenses. Ms. Smith of OahuMPO stated that although remote meetings were common during the COVID-19 pandemic, the primary professional association events are now being held in person and remote options are not available. However, workforce development done in partnership with DTS, the Department of Health and DOT will be held locally and will not require travel budgeting. Veronica Schack of OahuMPO also responded to Leinau, stating that planners are required to participate in training and conferences to maintain AICP certification. However, organizations that provide this essential training are often located in the mainland, which is why traveling may be necessary.

Donald Sakamoto from Citizens for a Fair ADA ride stated that he is visually impaired, and his assistant technology was unable to read the information presented in Ms. Smith's presentation. Mr. Sakamoto therefore stated that he is unable to vote at this time. Executive Director Mark Garrity responded to Mr. Sakamoto's concern and asked for clarification on specific requirements to ensure that all future documents are readable.

Vice Chair Farm commented on the Traffic Signal Optimization and Demand Management study and suggested a focus on moving pedestrians more efficiently as opposed to vehicles. Executive Director Garrity responded to this concern and stated that the purpose of the study is to gather data and to develop a fine-grained understanding of the overall transportation system and that this study is not concerned with just moving cars more quickly.

Donald Sakamoto from Citizens for a Fair ADA ride expressed concern regarding the addition of new electric buses. Mr. Sakamoto stated that electric buses are very quiet, which can be a safety concern for those with disabilities. Mr. Sakamoto suggested that the bus system include an audible signal to alert those who are visually or hearing impaired.

Robert Leinau of NB#27 expressed concern regarding the Educational Framework for Youth Engagement in Oahu's Transportation Planning, which is intended to reach those aged K-12. Mr. Leinau stated that Kindergarteners are too young to be receptive to transportation planning issues and suggested refining the scale of the study to use time and funds more efficiently.

Robert Nehmad of the Institute of Transportation Engineers motioned to recommend the OWP FY2023 for PB endorsement, as presented. This motion was seconded by Michael Golojuch of Palehua Townhouses.

B. Overall Work Program Work Element Presentation: Multi-Modal Transit Asset Management Plan - Phase 1: Draft TAM Plan Update

Marisa Ideta and Grant Yonel of the Department of Transportation Services provided an overview of the draft TAM plan update. Ms. Ideta shared that the public review period for the plan will take place from April 27th through May 27th.

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

Ken Levasseur of NB#29 would like to expedite a second roundabout at Waihee Road. Mr. Levasseur requested additional information on how this can be expedited.

Frank Genadio of NB#34 announced that a conversion plan for the rail project to magnetic levitation was submitted to the Secretary of Transportation and the Senior FTA officials in Washington DC. Mr. Genadio stated that the alternative plan does not require any additional financing and includes extensions to Waikiki and the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Larry Veray of NB#21 requested to add the Pearl City Neighborhood Board resolution and requirement for the park and ride at the Highlands Train Station to the June CAC meeting agenda.

Donald Sakamoto requested a presentation on the efforts being done to alleviate the erosion of highways around the island.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2022.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Larry Veray motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Michael Golojuch. The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Farm at 3:07 PM.