

**Minutes of the  
O‘ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization  
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, August 3, 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.	X	Deb Luning	
Hawai‘i Association of the Blind		Anthony Akamaine	X
Hawai‘i Bicycling League	X	Travis Counsell	
Hawai‘i Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996	X	Wayne Kaululaau	
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		Michael Golojuch	X
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	X	Tom Hopkins	
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‘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	X	John Rogers	
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		Dean Hazama	X
NB#36 Nānākuli-Ma'ili		Germaine Meyers	X
<b>OahuMPO staff:</b> Mark Garrity Nicole Smith Dallas Ige Veronica Schack Samantha Lara Lily Zheng	<b>Guests:</b> Kathleen Rooney		

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Farm called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**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 JULY 6, 2022 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Larry Veray of NB#21 and seconded by Tom Hopkins of NB#7 to approve the minutes for July 6, 2022. There were no discussions, objections, or abstentions, and the minutes were approved as presented.

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

Executive Director Garrity provided updates on the 2022 Federal Certification Review that took place from July 11-15, the procurement status for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP), training and public outreach efforts by the OahuMPO staff, and summaries of the July meetings at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Policy Board (PB).

Executive Director Garrity stated that the TAC received a presentation from FTA and FHWA regarding the TMA Certification Review and that the PB received a presentation on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2022-2025 Revision #7, which they voted to approve. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 12 at 9:00 a.m. and the next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30 at 1:00 p.m.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2692](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2692)

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. ELECTION OF CAC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

OahuMPO Transportation Planner Samantha Lara opened the floor for nominations to fill the CAC Chair and Vice Chair positions for the remainder of this year's term. Ms. Lara stated that members may nominate themselves or others and that each candidate will be given up to three minutes to campaign before voting takes place via roll call vote as noted in the Teams program.

Andrea Anixt of Ka'a'awa Community Association nominated Robert Leinau of NB#27, Ken Levasseur of NB#29, and Elise Carmody of NB#25 for the position of Chair. All three nominees declined the nominations. Mr. Levasseur nominated Larry Veray of NB#21, who declined the nomination and instead nominated Joe Francher of NB#26, who also declined the nomination. Mr. Levasseur then nominated Jo Jordan of NB#24 and was seconded by Robert Nehmad from Institute of Transportation Engineers. Ms. Jordan accepted the nomination, and a motion was made by Kathryn Henski and seconded by Joe Francher to close the nomination for CAC Chair. Donald Sakamoto from the Citizens for a Fair ADA ride requested that the nominee, Jo Jordan briefly introduce herself to the CAC committee. There were no objections, abstentions, or any further discussion following this introduction and Ms. Jordan was named the new Chair of the CAC.

Mr. Veray nominated Kendrick Farm of NB#15 Kalihi- Pālama for CAC Vice Chair. Mr. Farm accepted this nomination and there were no objections, abstentions, or any further discussion. Mr. Farm was named the Vice Chair of the CAC.

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

John Rogers of NB#23 announced that the West End of the Leeward Bikeway is essentially completed, and the path is fully paved. Mr. Rogers expressed concern over the condition of a path in the Westlock area and would like CAC support in advocating for the city to make repairs. Mr. Rogers also introduced the organization Malama Pu'uloa that removes invasive red mangroves along the Western lock of Pearl Harbor. Members of this organization meet every Wednesday morning and on the second Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m. at Kapapahu park. Members who are interested in participating may contact Mr. Rogers via email at [jhr@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:jhr@hawaii.rr.com). More information on the organization can be found at: [www.malamapuuloa.org](http://www.malamapuuloa.org)

Responding to Mr. Rogers' concern regarding the condition of the bike path in the Westlock area, Roni Schack of OahuMPO shared that Director Morton of the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) had indicated at the July Policy Board meeting that \$6 million is now available for the planning of the South Shore Bike Path, which will run from Nanakuli to the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Donald Sakamoto of Citizens for a Fair ADA ride expressed safety concerns regarding the crisscross intersection on Keeaumoku. Mr. Sakamoto stated that those with disabilities may not have sufficient time to cross the intersection safely and would like the Department of Transportation to address this concern by extending the pedestrian count down timer. Mr. Sakamoto also announced that he was recently appointed the Chair of the City's Department of

Transportation's Committee for Accessible Transportation. The committee is primarily involved in paratransit and Handi-Van to provide advice to Director Morton of DTS.

Robert Leinau of NB#27 asked if it would be possible to consolidate the City Department of Transportation with the State so that the Island's roads and highways could be managed by a single agency. Executive Director Garrity stated that it is common for most urban areas to have several transportation agencies and that it is the MPO's responsibility to coordinate amongst all stakeholders. Director Garrity ensured that DTS has a strong relationship with the State DOT and that the collaboration efforts between the two agencies are well organized. Tony Gaston from the American Society of Civil Engineers stated that the main reason for the separation of the state and county agencies is because there are different rules, guidelines, and standards based on the different types and uses of roads.

Frank Genadio reported that DTS has not provided a final design for the extension of Makakilo Drive, even though it first appeared on the Transportation for Oahu Plan (TOP) two decades ago. Mr. Genadio has also requested the installation of a screen line count above the H1 exit on Makakilo Drive for several years, but no action has been taken.

Robert Leianu proposed a study to investigate past landscaping projects to identify best practices and improve future landscaping efforts. Cora Yamamoto of NB#14 agreed with Mr. Leinau on this matter and stated that more consideration should be given to Native plants and other species that require less water.

Andrea Anixt stated that while consideration should be given to bicycle infrastructure and landscaping, more effort should be put into ensuring that the overall quality of roads and highways are at a safe working condition.

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

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 2:00 PM. Samantha Lara of Oahu MPO reminded the committee that attendance will be taken and those who collect three absences will risk removal from the CAC.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Cora Yamamoto and seconded by Donald Sakamoto to adjourn the meeting. Samantha Lara adjourned the meeting at 2:54 PM.

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