

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

Wednesday, September 7, 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	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	
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		Kathryn Henski	X
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		Ernest Carvalho	X
NB#14 Liliha-Pu‘unui- ‘Ālewa -Kamehameha Hts	X	Cora Yamamoto	
NB#15 Kalihi- Pālama		Kendrick Farm	X
NB#18 Āliamanu – Salt Lake		Chace Shigemasa	X
NB#21 Pearl City	X	Larry Veray	
NB#22 Waipahu	X	Matthew Weyer	

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		Joe Francher	X
NB #27 North Shore		Robert Leinau	X
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 Veronica Schack Samantha Lara Lily Zheng	<b>Guests:</b> Kathleen Rooney		

**1. CALL TO ORDER (0:53)**

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL (1:18)**

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 AUGUST 3, 2022 MINUTES (6:07)**

A motion was made by Donald Sakamoto and seconded by Michael Golojuch to open the August 3, 2022 minutes for discussion. Frank Genadio requested to have the acronym "TIP" changed to "Transportation for Oahu Plan." John Rogers requested to have the typo "Malama Pool Aloha" corrected to Malama Pu'uloa. A motion was made by Donald Sakamoto and seconded by Michael Golojuch to approve the minutes with these corrections.

**4. REPORTS OF POLICY BOARD AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS (9:59)**

Executive Director Mark Garrity advised the CAC that two consultant teams have been finalized for the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, that the OahuMPO FY2022 audit has begun with Accuity LLP, and that Samantha Lara and Dallas Ige of OahuMPO attended a lunchtime training session sponsored by the Hawaii chapter of the American Planning Association.

Executive Director Garrity shared that the TAC met on August 12, where they received presentations on OWP Work Elements and discussed the upcoming deadlines and requirements. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 9 at 1:00 p.m. Director Garrity shared that the Policy Board met on August 30 and received presentations on OWP Work Elements and voted to approve the reports. The Policy Board also received an update on federally required performance measures. The next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m.

The Executive Director's Report may be viewed at: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2715](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2715)

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (15:20)**

None

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2022 OAHUMPO TITLE VI/ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (15:41)**

OahuMPO Transportation Planner, Samantha Lara provided a presentation on the Title VI/Environmental Justice Implementation Plan, including what it is, why Policy Board approval is required, the Civil Rights Acts that shape the plan, the different sources that it is informed by, and the key MPO responsibilities in relation to the Plan. Ms. Lara explained the changes that were made from the 2019 Plan before opening the floor for questions.

James Burke of AARP asked if the distinction between Title VI and Environmental Justice is made clear in the Plan. Ms. Lara acknowledged this comment and stated that she will review the document to ensure that the differences between Title VI and Environmental Justice are clearly outlined. A motion was made by James Burke of AARP and seconded by Robert Nehmad of the Institute of Transportation Engineers to recommend the Policy Board approval of the Title VI/Environmental Justice Implementation Plan as presented. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion was passed by consensus.

The 2022 OahuMPO Title VI/Environmental Justice Implementation Plan can be found here: [https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2713](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2713)

**B. NEW MEMBER APPLICATION FOR ADDITION TO THE CAC (25:12)**

Bert Narita of NB#05 expressed concern regarding the eligibility of Ulupono Initiative for CAC membership, stating that the organization did not earn four attendance credits or submit a membership application form or cover letter. Ms. Lara of OahuMPO assured that the organization’s application and cover letter were included in the CAC mailing and that Kathleen Rooney, the director of Ulupono Initiative attended more than four meetings. Ms. Lara clarified that Ms. Rooney’s attendance at the CAC meetings is reflected in the “Guests” section of the CAC meeting minutes and that attendance is not required to be consecutive.

Ms. Rooney provided a brief introduction on her professional background, the scope of work of Ulupono Initiative, and explained how the organization aligns with the goals of the MPO and the CAC.

A motion was made by John Rogers of NB#23 and seconded by James Burke of AARP to accept Ulupono Initiative as a member of the CAC. Mr. Narita of NB#05 objected to this motion and a full roll call vote was taken. There were 15 votes for yea, two votes for nay, and three abstentions, and the motion to accept Ulupono Initiative as a member of the CAC was passed.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Represented by</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstention</b>
AARP	James Burke	X		
APA	Jared Chang	X		
American Society of Civil Engineers	Tony Gaston			
Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride	Donald Sakamoto	X		
Hawaii Bicycling League	Janel	X		

Institute of Transportation Engineers	Robert Nehmad	X		
Ka'awa Community Association	Andrea Anixt			X
Palehua Townhouses	Michael Golojuch	X		
Waikiki Residents Association	Daisy Murai		X	
NB#01 Hawai'i Kai	Roberta Mayor	X		
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu	Bert Narita		X	
NB#07 Manoa	Dave Nagaji	X		
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	Fred Nakahara	X		
NB#14 Liliha-Pu'unui- 'Ālewa - Kamehameha Hts	Cora Yamamoto	X		
NB#21 Pearl City	Charmaine Doran	X		
NB#23 'Ewa	John Rogers	X		
NB#24 Wai'anae Coast	Jo Jordan	X		
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	Elise Carmody	X		
NB#27 North Shore	Robert Leinau	X		
NB#29 Kahalu'u	Ken Levassuer			X
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	Frank Genadio			X

**C. SUGGESTIONS FOR ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BE ADDED TO THE CAC AGENDA (45:40)**

James Burke of AARP suggested including an update on the Honolulu Area Rapid Transit System and a discussion of how the CAC can expand their reach and increase public input.

In reference to the Inflation Reduction Act, Andrea Anixt of Ka'awa Community Association suggested inviting attorneys to explain the legal obligations of the local and federal transportation agencies. Ms. Anixt also expressed safety concerns regarding the state highway, route 83 and would like to discuss the legal obligations of the issue. Ken Levassuer of NB#29 showed support and suggested adding Hawaii Revised Statutes 264-2.1 to this discussion.

Robert Leinau of NB#27 would like more information on the impacts of Bill 10 on the State DOT and would like to discuss this topic at a future CAC meeting.

Daisy Murai of Waikiki Residents Association suggested to include Oahu Bicycle Master Plan as a future agenda item. Ms. Murai also requested an update from Chris Sayer on the Oahu Bicycle Master Plan and from DPP on Honolulu Complete Streets. John Rogers of NB#23 supported Ms. Murai's suggestions and requested to include an annual presentation from DOT and DTS on implementing the city and state bike plans and the city's pedestrian plan.

Cora Yamamoto of NB#14 suggested a joint session with DOT, DTS, and other federal planners to discuss long term decisions and policy changes in response to issues such as climate change, sea level rise, and other extreme disasters.

A motion was made by Donald Sakamoto and seconded by John Rogers to extend the meeting to 3:15 PM. There were no abstentions or objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Donald Sakamoto would like to invite Rene Espiau from DTS and Ed Sniffen from HDOT to discuss improvements to the highway, and Vision Zero. Mr. Sakamoto also suggested giving awards to recognize the hard work and perfect attendance of CAC members.

Fred Nakahara of NB#10 expressed concern that HDOT and DTS are not working together effectively and would like to bring them together to provide a status update on the ongoing projects. Ken Levassuer of NB#29 suggested having HDOT and DTS in a separate meeting from HART.

**7. INVITATION TO INTERESTED MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA (1:08)**

None

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING (1:09)**

Samantha Lara of OahuMPO announced that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for October 5 at 2:00 PM. Ms. Lara reminded members that attendance will be monitored, and removal will be considered for members with deficient attendance.

**9. ADJOURNMENT (1:10)**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jordan at 3:13 PM.

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