

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

Wednesday, November 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	Y	Elizabeth Chinn	
American Planning Association		Jared Chang	Y
American Society of Civil Engineers	Y	Tony Gaston	
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride	Y	Donald Sakamoto	
Committee for Balanced Transportation		Joe Magaldi	Y
Gentry Homes, Ltd.		Deb Luning	Y
Hawai‘i Association of the Blind		Anthony Akamaine	Y
Hawai‘i Bicycling League		Travis Counsell	Y
Hawai‘i Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996		Wayne Kaululaau	Y
Institute of Transportation Engineers		Robert Nehmad	Y
Ka‘a‘awa Community Association	Y	Andrea Anixt	
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawai‘i		David Arakawa	Y
League of Women Voters		Marcia Linville	Y
North Shore Chamber of Commerce		Roxana Jimenez	Y
Palehua Townhouses	Y	Michael Golojuch	
Ulu pono Initiative	Y	Kathleen Rooney	
Waikīkī Residents’ Association	Y	Daisy Murai	
NB#01 Hawai‘i Kai	Y	Roberta Mayor	
NB#02 Kuliouou-Kalani Iki		Linda Starr	Y
NB#03 Wai‘ālae-Kahala		Les Fukuda	Y
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu		Bert Narita	Y
NB#07 Mānoa	Y	Tom Hopkins	
NB#08 McCully-Mo‘ili‘ili		Matthew Prellberg	Y
NB#09 Waikiki		Kathryn Henski	Y
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	Y	Fred Nakahara	
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kaka‘ako		Lynn Mariano	Y
NB#12 Nu‘uanu-Punchbowl		Zack Stoddard	Y
NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown		Ernest Caravalho	Y
NB#14 Liliha-Pu‘unui- ‘Ālewa -Kamehameha Hts	Y	Cora Yamamoto	
NB#15 Kalihi- Pālana		Kendrick Farm	Y
NB#18 Āliamanu – Salt Lake		Chace Shigemasa	Y
NB#21 Pearl City		Larry Veray	Y
NB#22 Waipahu		Matthew Weyer	Y

NB#23 'Ewa		John Rogers	Y
NB#24 Wai'anae Coast		Jo Jordan	Y
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	Y	Elise Carmody	
NB#26 Wahiawā-Whitmore Village	Y	Joe Francher	
NB #27 North Shore	Y	Robert Leinau	
NB#29 Kahalu'u	Y	Ken LeVasseur	
NB#30 Kaneohe	Y	Adriel Lam	
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale		Frank Genadio	Y
NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	Y	Dean Hazama	
NB#36 Nānākuli-Ma'ili		Germaine Meyers	Y
<b>OahuMPO staff:</b> Mark Garrity Dallas Ige Samantha Lara Veronica Schack Nicole Smith Lily Zheng	<b>Guests:</b> Kathleen Chu (Bowers and Kubota) Todd Boulanger (Biki Bikeshare Hawaii)		

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Samantha Lara of OahuMPO was appointed as the acting Chair of the meeting until Vice Chair Farm's arrival. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion passed by acclamation. Acting Chair Samantha Lara called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

# 2. ROLL CALL

Acting Chair 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 OCTOBER 5, 2022 MINUTES

Acting Chair Samantha Lara stated that a correction was received by Bert Narita of NB#5 and asked if there were any other requests for corrections to the October 5, 2022 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Robert Leinau of NB#27 and seconded by Cora Yamamoto of NB#14 to approve the October 5, 2022 meeting minutes as is. There were no objections or abstentions, and the minutes were approved.

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

Executive Director Mark Garrity advised the CAC that the long-range Oahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) working group held a meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> in which the new consultant teams, PBR Hawai'i/Nelson Nygaard and Urban Logic, gave an overview of their firms and their tasks on the project. Director Garrity stated that the FY2022 audit is concluded and results should be available soon. Director Garrity provided personnel updates, noting training taken by OahuMPO planners over the past month, and reported on his and Nicole Smith's attendance at the annual Association of MPOs conference in Minneapolis. He summarized the business transacted at the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Policy Board (PB) meetings.

# 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

At this time, Vice Chair Farm was present and resumed his duties in presiding over the meeting.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM 2024-2025 FIRST DRAFT LIST**

Nicole Smith of OahuMPO reported on the Overall Work Program (OWP) 2024-2025 first draft. The latest version will focus on a 2-year time period in order to be compliant with federal code. In addition to OMPO's regular operations, additional studies are described: a transit rider survey an educational framework, and a comprehensive data management and sharing platform. These will add value to the region by allowing OahuMPO to serve as a central data source regarding transportation.

Kathleen Rooney of Ulupono Initiative asked who the lead agencies are for the rider survey, HART or DTS, or OMPO? Ms. Smith responded, that DTS is the lead for the transit rider survey, UHERO Academy at UH Manoa for the educational framework, and OahuMPO for data management. Ms. Rooney also noted that the OWP is being presented much earlier than previous years. Ms. Smith responded that in order to have funds obligated by July 2023, the process is being shifted forward 2 months.

Robert Leinau of NB #27 commented that each OWP has a list of projects that span several years and asked if there is a list of projects that were postponed or that weren't started this year despite being planned for such. Nicole Smith responded, that going forward, something is not included in the OWP unless there is strong intent by an implementing agency to execute. If there's not capability and local match, it won't be on the OWP. Mr. Leinau clarified, in 2000 there was a rock fall in Waimea, and a study was accepted by DOT in 2002 identifying where rock falls would happen. Since 2002 this has been showing up on the OWP but no action has taken place. Ms. Smith encouraged them to speak with HDOT as the implementing agency. OahuMPO Policy Board will set the regional planning priorities to determine what funds are used for at which point it is in the hands of the Policy Board to determine whether this is a priority.

Vice Chair Farm asked who determines what studies are priorities and why the OahuMPO is considered regional or multijurisdictional. Nicole Smith identified that as an important conversation that OahuMPO has been having, to assess what value is added by a regional organization bounded by the island. At the time, OahuMPO has only ever done one planning study that extended beyond the federally required products in order to prioritize achieving federal compliance, though this may change in the future. OahuMPO is currently prioritizing building capacity and then as those products are improved, that gives the organization the freedom to expand the reach of their studies. In its current state, if a transportation system is spanning city and state roads, OahuMPO spans those jurisdictions and can facilitate a study that looks at all of those. Vice Chair asked for an operational definition of that regional nature. Ms. Smith highlighted that at present, the Policy Board with assistance from Executive Director Garrity sets the regional planning priorities two years at a time and those regional planning priorities shape those multijurisdictional emphases. Vice Chair Farm lastly, commented in regard to youth input, perhaps could look to the Department of Education (DOE), as they have public service requirements that could be fulfilled by this.

Kathleen Rooney of Ulupono asked how much money is available for the OWP for the year and if there is money left in the budget at the end of the year. Nicole Smith replied that there is some money left on the recommendation of OahuMPO's federal partners and that the focus is less about spending all the money but rather ensuring it is going to quality products that align with regional plans. Furthermore, these additional studies (the transit rider survey, educational framework, etc.), will exhaust some of those funds and support work on the long-range plan update.

Director Mark Garrity responded to Ken's question, about the regional aspect of OahuMPO referring to the entirety of the island of Oahu. Mark also responded to Ms. Rooney's question about the OWP being presented early, to allow the organization to emphasize quality over quantity in meeting requirements.

Robert Leinau of NB #27 asked how safety factors in when setting priorities and how it is balanced with other factors. Nicole Smith replied that it would be included on the list of regional planning priorities because of the safety targets that the Policy Board chose to adopt.

Vice Chair Farm asked what the main deliverables are that OahuMPO must submit to the federal government. Nicole Smith responded that those would be the work products including the OWP, the TIP, the ORTP, and the public participation plan.

## **B. HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (HDOT) HAWAII STATE TRANSPORTATION PLAN DRAFT PRESENTATION**

Kathleen Chu of Bowers and Kubota presented on the Hawai'i Statewide Transportation Plan (HSTP). She provided an overview of the project work plan and the timeline for completion of various stages. Ms. Chu outlined the requirements and the agencies involved in the creation of the HSTP. The HSTP provides policy direction for various implementing organizations and informs MPO plans as well as City and County long range plans. She then outlined the State's existing transportation system including airports, harbors, road networks, and lands and the ways in which goods and services are transported within these networks. The seven goals of the HSTP were presented, highlighting safety and security, infrastructure, mobility and accessibility, economy, resiliency, community, and environment. In Chapter 4 of the presentation, Kathleen introduced the scenario planning that was used to create five alternative futures for the State. These scenarios incorporated climate change, demographics, emerging technology, and land use, and considered how these trends might impact the transportation system. These alternative futures included the following scenarios: business as usual; global health crisis; achieving all of the state's clean energy goals; climate emergency; and technology revolution especially in regard to autonomous vehicles. In accordance with the seven goals and five scenarios the HSTP developed strategies to address these. Kathleen Chu encouraged everyone to look at the slides and the HSTP website for further details about these strategies and goals. Assessing these strategies was accomplished by analyzing them in relation to the different scenarios and considering their impact, resulting in the production of several cross-cutting strategies. There is also a recommendation to create progress indicators to improve evaluation metrics and performance tracking processes. Ms. Chu detailed financial forecasting including primary sources of revenue, Capital Improvement Plan allocations, operating expenses, and debt service. Lastly, plan implementation was discussed with a particular focus on securing flexible and sustainable funding and for the HSTP process to be an ongoing and collaborative one with

statewide transportation groups. The draft HSTP will be circulated later this month and virtual online public meetings will be sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Hawaii Statewide Transportation Plan 2045 Website can be viewed at:

<https://jacobs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=e28c0631f49740038000571945c45d2c>

Donald Sakamoto of Citizens for a Fair ADA ride asked about how safety is being addressed in the HSTP, especially in regard to speeding and road rage on the freeways. Kathleen Chu responded that HSTP is a policy document and safety and security is a goal and this should be addressed in DOT and City/County plans that align with this goal.

Samantha Lara proposed extending the meeting to have time for questions. A motion was made by Donald Sakamoto to extend the CAC meeting twenty minutes and seconded by Kathleen Rooney. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Todd Boulanger from Biki Bikeshare Hawaii asked for clarification about the percentage of active projects with bicycle or pedestrian components if they were referring to only land-based projects. Kathleen Chu confirmed and noted that it was also specific only to HDOT highways, not City and County sites.

Robert Leinau of NB #27 asked how political competition will impact expected funding sources. Ms. Chu explained that the CIP addresses the next two to six years of funding, so if there's a lack of necessary funding, the plan can develop new strategies or identify different funding sources over the 25-year plan.

Roberta Mayor of NB #1 asked how the plan for air transportation covers helicopter routes. She also asked if legislation has been proposed that affects transportation in the state, and if testimony has been provided to the legislators to ensure collaboration on any new proposed legislation pertaining to transportation. Kathleen Chu responded that the air component of the plan looks at primary modes of travel so just major airports, not small helicopters. Additionally, if there is a new law, then the relevant agency would provide testimony to legislators clarifying the decision-making rationale.

Kathleen Rooney of Ulupono suggested coordinating with the State Highway Safety Council on safety issues. She also suggested that Act 100 isn't the most effective document for guiding project evaluation. Ms. Rooney acknowledged the need for monitoring progress as mentioned in the presentation. Ms. Chu responded that is a challenge to manage data within agencies, and that's a key reason it was identified as a cross-cutting measure.

Adriel Lam of NB #30, asked how innovations in personal transportation such as autonomous vehicles are being refactored to address things like interisland transportation. Kathleen Chu mentioned that there is talk of a state ferry system in regards to inter-island travel, however, these are still ideas being generated at a brainstorming stage, not an implementation level.

Vice Chair Farm asked when the individual surveys were done and how does that change in the face of new funding sources, technology changes, and impacts like COVID. Kathleen Chu responded that the DOT does have a committee looking at autonomous vehicles and similar

technological changes that tries to remain flexible to respond to whatever direction these changes take. Vice Chair Farm followed up asking about discretionary funding opportunities that the state can be pursuing. Kathleen Chu responded that the Congressional delegation has been good about notifying various agencies that such funding sources are becoming available and should be explored.

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

Mr. Sakamoto announced that the next meeting for the Honolulu Rate Commission will be held November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM-4:30 PM at the City Department Transportation Office.

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

Vice Chair Farm announced that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Farm at 3:28 PM.

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at:

[https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2767](https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2767)