

**Minutes of the
O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.
via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Organization	Present	Represented by	Absent
AARP	X	Elizabeth Chinn	
American Planning Association		Jared Chang	X
American Society of Civil Engineers	X	Tony Gaston	
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride		Donald Sakamoto	X
Committee for Balanced Transportation		Joe Magaldi	X
Gentry Homes, Ltd.		Deb Luning	X
Hawai'i Association of the Blind		Anthony Akamaime	X
Hawai'i Bicycling League		Travis Counsell	X
Hawai'i Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996		Wayne Kaululaau	X
Institute of Transportation Engineers		Robert Nehmad	X
Ka'a'awa Community Association	X	Andrea Anixt	
Land Use Research Foundation of Hawai'i		David Arakawa	X
League of Women Voters		Marcia Linville	
North Shore Chamber of Commerce		Roxana Jimenez	
Palehua Townhouses		Michael Golojuch	X
Ulupono Initiative	X	Kathleen Rooney	
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		Tom Hopkins	X
NB#08 McCully-Mo'ili'ili	X	Matthew Prellberg	
NB#09 Waikiki	X	Robert Finley	
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		Charmaine Doran	X
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 LeVasseur	
NB#30 Kaneohe	X	Adriel Lam	
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	X	Frank Genadio	
NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley		Dean Hazama	X
NB#36 Nānākuli-Ma'ili		Richard Landford	X
OahuMPO staff: Mark Garrity Dallas Ige Samantha Lara Veronica Schack Nicole Smith Joel Temple Lily Zheng Danelle Miyahara Chelsea Dau		Guests: Kelley Dolan, FHWA	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

OahuMPO staff member, 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 DECEMBER 7, 2022 MINUTES

Chair Jordan requested that NB#36 be corrected to Richard Landford. A motion was made by Cora Yamamoto of NB#14 and seconded by Kathleen Rooney of Ulupono to approve the December 7, 2022 meeting minutes as corrected. There were no objections or abstentions, and the minutes were approved.

4. REPORTS OF POLICY BOARD AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Director Garrity provided updates on the OWP and TIP public review periods, the 2023 Project Management Training Program, and Personnel and Training.

Director Garrity reported that the FY24-25 OWP Public Review draft will be available for public and intergovernmental review on Friday, February 3rd for a period of approximately four weeks. It will then be submitted to the CAC, TAC, and PB for review and approval in April. The TIP FY 22-25 Revision 11 is currently accepting public comments. This revision contains amendments including major changes to five existing projects and considerations for ten new projects. Comments should be submitted to the Oahu MPO by 5:00 PM Friday, February 3rd. Additionally, an annual listing of obligated projects was published on the website.

Two new employees joined Oahu MPO this month: Danelle Miyahara, the new office manager, and Chelsea Dau, a transportation planner.

Director Garrity reported on the 2023 Project Management Training program which began on Friday, January 27th. There were approximately 30 students present and the program will be meeting once a month until September.

Director Garrity reported on the business transacted at the November 4, 2022 meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee. He stated that the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Friday, February 10 at 9:00 AM and that the next Policy Board (PB) meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 2:00 PM.

Robert Leinau asked if highways are state land or under the jurisdiction of DLNR for events of severe flooding. Director Garrity responded that where beaches fall under DLNR, state highways have separate right of way that falls under HDOT.

Frank Genadio asked regarding revision 11 to the TIP if the FHWA and FTA project funding came from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act or Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Director Garrity responded that some of the money did come from that bill and some is leftover budget from previous years.

Daisy Murai asked if the DTS project along the Ala Moana transit corridor had any changes made as it was going to be a rail station but the rail will no longer reach that point. Director Garrity responded that DTS presented to the Policy Board the day before on this very project. The intention is for the rail to eventually reach that station; however, the station is currently the largest bus transfer hub on the island. Even without the rail, increased capacity is needed and better integration of the station with existing transportation options.

Daisy Murai asked if the Complete Streets projects are only for bicycles or if they will also be for pedestrian improvements. Director Garrity responded that the City of Honolulu just completed their Pedestrian Master Plan which outlined several projects for pedestrians. Those projects are going through an environmental review period at the moment and many of these projects are identified in the TIP.

Vice Chair Farm asked for clarification about the funding increase for OC 26 Transportation Alternative program from \$1.8M to \$19.4M. Director Garrity replied that the figure is correct. The funds are derived from TAP funding which are flexible to be used for improving multimodal connections. The proposed project is a pedestrian bridge to connect to one of the rail stations.

Vice Chair Farm asked a question regarding increased capacity of the HandiVan service. Director Garrity responded that this TIP has an item to address the number of HandiVans available on the road.

Vice Chair Farm commented about the use of three-way and four-way pedestrian scrambles in Waikīkī, and the potential to use them for Safe Routes to School. Director Garrity responded that it would fall under an operational issue rather than a capital one so it wouldn't appear on the TIP, though they are a great solution for a safer pedestrian experience.

Robert Leinau asked for a presentation on how HDOT spends their money for landscaping, particularly in regard to maintenance alongside roads. Kathleen Rooney asked a follow-up, if the presentation could be broadened to look at green infrastructure in general. Ken LeVasseur also asked for specifics on removal of Albizia. Director Garrity replied that Oahu MPO will follow up with the state DOT and ask if they could present on the topic, and with the City regarding Albizia removal. Adriel Lam and Vice Chair Farm also commented on the importance of this topic as pertains to preventative maintenance and whose responsibility it is to care for this landscaping.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at:

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Chair Jordan opened nominations for Chair. Ken LeVasseur NB#29 nominated Jo Jordan, seconded by Frank Genadio NB#34. There were no objections or abstentions, and Jo Jordan was elected as Chair. Chair Jordan thanked the board for their confidence.

Chair Jordan opened nominations for Vice Chair. Ken LeVasseur nominated Ken Farm, however, Ken F. cannot serve as vice chair according to the bylaws, as he has already served twice. Ken LeVasseur was nominated; however, he declined the nomination. Matt Prellberg NB#8 nominated Kathleen Rooney for Vice Chair, seconded by Ken Farm NB# 15. There were no objections or abstentions, and Kathleen Rooney was elected as Vice Chair.

A question was asked if it is a federal requirement for OahuMPO to have a CAC. Director Garrity responded that it is not a federal requirement, but it is a part of the local requirements and bylaws. Ken Farm asked for further clarification as other counties also have CACs and US Code 134 seems to suggest that the committee is required. Chair Jordan requested further research from Oahu MPO on the matter.

B. DISCUSSION OF REOCCURRING DATE AND TIME FOR CAC MEETING

Chair Jordan opened discussion for a reoccurring date and time for the CAC to meet, noting that it currently meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM.

Matt Prellberg noted that moving the meeting to be after work hours around 5:00 or 5:15 may allow greater participation from all members. Kathleen Rooney commented that there are many CAC members from professional associations that perhaps can only meet during working hours. She asked the MPO for clarification about what members have been regularly attending. Samantha Lara replied that it is typically Neighborhood Board members that are not in regular attendance. Cora Yamamoto commented that having the meeting after working hours may present a challenge in asking other agencies to present to the board. Samantha Lara commented that the CAC was moved to the first Wednesday to be before the TAC and PB meetings. Adriel Lam noted that after working hours, many members have community meetings to participate in, such as their neighborhood boards. Ernest Carvalho noted the same restriction on CAC

members schedules. Cora Yamamoto also noted that after 3:00 PM is better for coordinating with East Coast organizations.

John Rogers made a motion for meetings to be the first Wednesday of the month at 2:30 PM. Joe Francher seconded the motion. Frank Genadio asked if virtual options will still be available. Samantha Lara replied that Sunshine Law allows the MPO to continue to offer both options. There were no objections or abstentions.

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

Chair Jordan announced that the next CAC meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2023 at 2:30 PM.

John Rogers announced that SB1506 establishes a Safe Routes for People Implementation program and committee, and there is still time for testimony to be submitted.

Elizabeth Chinn announced that the 7th year applications for the AARP Community Challenge Grant is open now. The grant funding can be used to fund projects pertaining to improving public spaces, transportation, etc. The deadline is March 15th. Certain 501c3 organizations can apply and all government entities are eligible to apply.

Samantha Lara shared that Joe Magaldi, a former member of the CAC, passed away earlier this year.

It was asked by Andrea Anixt if the CAC could have a voting membership on the Policy Board, which Chair Jordan asked the MPO to provide direction on next meeting.

Ken LeVassuer asked if Oahu MPO could present on the role of the CAC and where it fits within the planning ecosystem here. Director Garrity replied that it will be added to the agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jordan at 3:03 PM.

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at: