

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

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 2:30 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	
Gentry Homes, Ltd.		Deb Luling	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
Palehua Townhouses	X	Michael Golojuch	
Ulupono Initiative	X	Kathleen Rooney	
Waikīkī Residents’ Association	X	Daisy Murai	
NB#01 Hawai‘i Kai	X	Roberta Mayor	
NB#02 Kulioouou-Kalani Iki		Linda Starr	X
NB#03 Wai‘alae-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	X	Lynn Mariano	
NB#12 Nu‘uanu-Punchbowl		Zack Stoddard	X
NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown		Ernest Caravalho	X
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		Robert Leinau	X
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	X	Richard Landford	
<b>OahuMPO staff:</b> Mark Garrity Dallas Ige Samantha Lara Veronica Schack Nicole Smith Joel Temple Lily Zheng Danelle Miyahara Chelsea Dau	<b>Guests:</b> Kelley Dolan, FHWA		

# 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:30 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 FEBRUARY 1, 2023 MINUTES

Chair Jordan requested that Richard Landford of NB#36 be marked as present at February’s meeting. A motion was made by Lynn Mariano of NB#11 and seconded by Elizabeth Chinn of AARP to approve the February 1, 2023 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, the ORTP, and the prior Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings.

Director Garrity reported that the FY24-25 OWP Public Review draft is available for public and intergovernmental review until Friday, March 3rd. It will then be submitted to the CAC, TAC, and PB for review and approval in April. The TIP FY 22-25 Revision 11 closed on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and contains amendments including major changes to five existing projects and considerations for ten new projects. Six questions were received and one comment in support of the projects. These will be included in the updated revision 11 when it’s presented to committees for approval in March.

Director Garrity reported on the ORTP working group which met February 15, 2023. The group discussed tasks and overall timeline for development of the long-range plan with a focus on community engagement and outreach. The working group will continue to meet every other month until completion of the ORTP in the spring of 2026.

Director Garrity reported on the second session of the 2023 Project Management Training program. This session covered preliminary engineering phases one and two, including consultant selection, completion of required documents and an overview of the national Environmental Policy Act process and right of way certification. The training program meets once a month through September.

Director Garrity reported on the business transacted at the February 10, 2023, meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee as well as the Policy Board which met February 28, 2023. He stated that the next Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Friday, March 10 at 9:00 AM and that the next Policy Board (PB) meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28 at 2:00 PM.

John Rogers NB#23 asked who is part of the working group for the 2050 ORTP and if it is an open meeting. Director Garrity responded that the working group consists of technical staff from the city, the state, and various organizations. While this meeting hasn't been open to the public, there will be many opportunities for public engagement in the future.

Donald Sakamoto asked if OahuMPO is doing any PSAs to the community to get word out for surveys that the organization conducts. Director Garrity responded that OahuMPO does a lot of public outreach and we will be doing an increasing amount as we undertake the ORTP process.

Ken Farm asked in regard to outreach if there will a focus on English as a Second Language (ESL) populations and if the MPO will coordinate with the Department of Education (DOE) for outreach. Samantha Lara responded that OahuMPO will be using a platform that helps conduct outreach in multiple languages. Additionally, there are studies in the OWP specific to education children about transportation that will help to incorporate their perspective in the planning process.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at: [https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb\\_dl=2892](https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2892)

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

Rodney Gerard presented regarding the storm water program in regards to right-of-way landscape maintenance. He provided an overview of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and the minimum control measures implemented as a part of that system.

Lynn Mariano asked what can be done to teach residents how they can help the storm water system. Rodney Gerard responded that their organization has a public education and outreach program that puts out PSAs and attends public events to provide further educational materials.

Ken Farm asked about best practices for washing cars as the runoff can enter the storm drain system directly. Mr. Gerard responded that their organization does encourage washing on a grassy area to lessen that direct runoff into the system as that will end up straight in the ocean.

Vice Chair Rooney asked how HDOT is integrating more green infrastructure into the right-of-way. Mr. Gerard responded that he would need to go back to their planning department as that is out of his purview, but they are seeking to integrate more green solutions into their treatment plans.

Andrea Anixt asked if storm drains and maps are only present in the area shown on the map. Rodney Gerard responded that this map only highlights one portion, but there is a map available that covers the whole island.

Joe Francher asked if Lake Wilson is a repository for any storm drains. Mr. Gerard replied that at some points that would be the case.

Donald Sakamoto asked about the status of drainage pipes under H-3 to which Mr. Gerard answered that they have an inspection program for sites such as that but would be able to take a closer look at the particular site mentioned by Mr. Sakamoto.

Lynn Mariano NB#11 made a motion to extend the meeting to 3:45, seconded by John Rogers NB#23. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion was approved. Joe Francher moved that the CAC proceed to voting on the TIP due to time constraints.

## **B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FFYS 2022-25 REVISION 11**

Dallas Ige presented on the revisions in the TIP Revision 11 including 15 amendments involving 5 existing projects and 10 new projects. He then provided a summary of each of the respective amendments.

Kathleen Rooney asked how fiscal constraint will be addressed as there are funding increases for many of these amendments. Dallas Ige responded that new funding sources have been made available such as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and fiscal constraint has been demonstrated for each of these amendments.

Lynn Mariano made a comment about the increase in Handi-vans not being sufficient to deal with the increase in ridership.

John Rogers asked where these new OC 22s could be found in the ORTP. Dallas responded that these are new programs that are not yet in the ORTP. Mr. Rogers followed up asking if a project had to be on the ORTP in order to be federally funded. Dallas responded that it must be on the

TIP, and the ORTP should be updated to reflect those revisions, however, the ORTP is updated less frequently.

Chair Jordan asked if the Holo program will now be statewide or remain exclusive to Honolulu County and who will then manage it. Director Garrity answered that the intention is to expand the program statewide however, the future management system is unclear at present.

Robert Nehmad made a motion to recommend the Policy Board approve TIP Revision 11, seconded by Ken Farm. The motion passed with 17 yeses and 6 nos.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Represented by</b>
AARP	Y	Elizabeth Chinn
American Planning Association	Y	Jared Chang
American Society of Civil Engineers	Y	Tony Gaston
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride	Y	Donald Sakamoto
Hawai'i Bicycling League	Y	Travis Counsell
Institute of Transportation Engineers	Y	Robert Nehmad
Ka'a'awa Community Association	No vote	Andrea Anixt
Palehua Townhouses	Y	Michael Golojuch
Ulupono Initiative	Y	Kathleen Rooney
Waikiki Residents' Association	N	Daisy Murai
NB#01 Hawai'i Kai	Y	Roberta Mayor
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu	N	Bert Narita
NB#09 Waikiki	N	Robert Finley
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	Y	Fred Nakahara
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kaka'ako	N	Lynn Mariano
NB#14 Liliha-Pu'unui- 'Ālewa -Kamehameha Hts	Y	Cora Yamamoto
NB#15 Kalihi- Pālama	Y	Kendrick Farm
NB#23 'Ewa	Y	John Rogers
NB#24 Wai'anae Coast	Y	Jo Jordan
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	Y	Elise Carmody
NB#26 Wahiawā-Whitmore Village	Y	Joe Francher
NB#29 Kahalu'u	Y	Ken LeVasseur
NB#30 Kaneohe	Y	Adriel Lam
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	N	Frank Genadio
NB#36 Nānākuli-Ma'ili	N	Richard Landford

John Rogers NB#23 made a motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes, seconded by Donald Sakamoto. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion was approved.

### **C. HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE (REVISITED)**

Mike Medeiros of HDOT presented on landscape maintenance and invasive tree removal.

Cora Yamamoto asked if the tree that fell on the Pali was Albizia. Mike Medeiros replied that he wasn't certain but from pictures it did not appear to be.

John Rogers commented that there seems to be an inconsistency in how vegetation is maintained in the Ewa area. He asked if there are different contractors for roads like Farrington Highway versus Fort Weaver Road. Mike Medeiros responded that it should all be maintained at least once a month so he will look into the matter.

Ken LeVasseur asked a question about whether Jawa Plum is being addressed similarly to Albizia as it can also drop several-ton limbs. Mike Medeiros directed him to the handout that was distributed as it lists the species that are in their programming.

Adriel Lam commented that our roadways would last longer if rooted plants or trees were maintained so that the root structures aren't growing into the roadway.

#### **D. FOLLOW UP ON CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE QUESTIONS**

Samantha Lara addressed the questions raised in the last meeting about the federal requirement for a CAC. She identified that federal code requires the MPO to operate according to the comprehensive agreement signed by the executive director and the partner agencies. Oahu's comprehensive agreement explicitly notes the organization of the CAC. There is also verbiage that suggests the Policy Board could delegate supplemental non-voting members (such as a representative of the CAC) to be on the PB.

#### **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 April 5, 2023 at 2:30 PM.

Donald Sakamoto requested an update on the rail regarding accessibility issues during the construction on Dillingham Boulevard.

John Rogers announced that Zach's Ride for Safe Streets is Saturday at 9:30 AM in Kaka'ako Waterfront Park. HBL also leads a senior tricycle bike ride. They meet at Neil Blaisdell Park in Pearl City and more information can be found on HBL.org.

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jordan at 4:07 PM.

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