

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

Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 2:30 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	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	
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‘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		VACANT	X
NB#09 Waikiki		Robert Finley	X
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	X	Ernest Carvalho	
NB#14 Liliha-Pu‘unui- ‘Ālewa -Kamehameha Hts		Cora Yamamoto	X
NB#15 Kalihi- Pālana		Kendrick Farm	X
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		Jo Jordan	X
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu		Elise Carmody	X
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	X	Richard Landford	
OahuMPO staff: Mark Garrity Dallas Ige Samantha Lara Nicole Smith Danelle Miyahara Chelsea Dau Lily Zheng Kenneth Schmidt Joel Temple	Guests: Skylar Ross		

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rooney 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. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

John Rogers NB#23 nominated Travis Counsell of Hawaii Bicycle League. Travis expressed willingness to serve as chair and detailed his role with HBL conducting advocacy work on transportation planning projects.

Lynn Mariano NB#11 nominated Adriel Lam of NB#30. Adriel expressed willingness to serve as chair and detailed his educational background in transportation management planning.

Organization	Vote	Represented by
AARP	Counsell	Elizabeth Chinn
American Society of Civil Engineers	Lam	Tony Gaston
Hawai‘i Bicycling League	Abstain	Travis Counsell
Institute of Transportation Engineers	Counsell	Robert Nehmad
Ka‘a‘awa Community Association	Counsell	Andrea Anixt
Palehua Townhouses	Lam	Michael Golojuch
Ulupono Initiative	Counsell	Kathleen Rooney

Waikīkī Residents' Association	Lam	Daisy Murai
NB#01 Hawai'i Kai	Lam	Roberta Mayor
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu	Lam	Bert Narita
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	Lam	Fred Nakahara
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kaka'ako	Lam	Lynn Mariano
NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown	Lam	Ernest Caravalho
NB#23 'Ewa	Counsell	John Rogers
NB#27 North Shore	Counsell	Robert Leinau
NB#29 Kahalu'u	Counsell	Ken LeVasseur
NB#30 Kaneohe	Lam	Adriel Lam
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	Lam	Frank Genadio

There was one abstention, seven votes for Travis Counsell and ten for Adriel Lam. Adriel Lam was thus elected as the new Vice Chair.

4. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 7, 2023 MINUTES

A motion was made by Joe Francher NB#26 and seconded by Michael Golojuch of Palehua Townhouses to approve the June 7, 2023, meeting minutes as is. Elise Carmody offered a correction that Skylar Ross NB#25 be added to the guests. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion was approved.

5. REPORTS OF POLICY BOARD AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Executive Director Garrity shared updates on recent activities and initiatives at the OahuMPO, including the “Multimodal Marathon”, the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2050, the Project Management Training Program, a tour of the Skyline, and Personnel and Training. He summarized the business conducted at the June 9, 2023 meeting of the TAC and reported that the last Policy Board meeting was cancelled. He also shared that the next TAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 14 at 9:00 a.m. and that the next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25 at 1:00 p.m.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2940

Donald Sakamoto of Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride asked what happened to the Pearl City Highway crosswalk on Kamehameha Highway as it's currently a safety issues for persons who are elderly or disabled. Director Garrity reported that enhanced paint crossings, a raised crosswalk, and flashing beacon signage has been installed and there is a plan to have a signalized intersection or an elevated pedestrian walkway.

Lynn Mariano, NB#11 asked what can be done by the MPO to push forward this project mentioned by Mr. Sakamoto. Director Garrity responded that we can reach out to help the city and state facilitate the use of federal funds. The MPO can also seek additional funding opportunities through the Transportation Alternatives program or the new IIJA legislation.

Ken LeVasseur asked to add a discussion of this project to the agenda for next month to potentially pass a resolution highlighting its importance.

Chair Rooney asked if the funds that have been received by the Ala Pono Project could be utilized by the Transportation Alternatives program to support this project. Director Garrity replied that while it does help, that grant doesn't cover the full cost of the project, therefore it allows funding to be redirected to other priority projects but there's still a need for additional federal funding.

Lynn Mariano NB#11 asked about street signage that has fallen into a state of disrepair resulting in safety concerns. Director Garrity said he would look into the MPOs ability to direct funding to such a need. Robert Nehmad of Institute of Traffic Engineers stated that there is a federal mandate for minimum efficacy standards and if any signs don't meet that standard they should be reported to the State or City and County as they are mandated to upgrade those signs. Ken LeVasseur reported that his council had success reporting faulty signage to their legislators and saw very quick response times.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FFYS 2022-2025 REVISION 15 AMENDMENT

Dallas Ige from OahuMPO presented TIP Revision 15 which includes the removal of three projects, and modifications to four existing projects from the ORTP. Dallas reported that during the intergovernmental review and public review periods, thirteen comments were received, the majority of which voiced support for the Makakilo Drive extension project. This project is not currently being considered though it remains in the long-range plan. Dallas demonstrated that these modifications meet fiscal constraint and Title VI/Environmental Justice requirements.

Frank Genadio NB#34 commented regarding the Makakilo Drive extension that residents are very frustrated with it being left off the TIP.

Donald Sakamoto of Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride asked why electrical Handi-vans aren't being included when much of the bus fleet is being electrified. Director Garrity replied that the City does have the goal of fully electrifying is 2035 and would anticipate the Handi-vans also being converted in the near future.

John Rogers NB#23 asked if the TOD enhancements will include a path connecting the Pearl harbor Historic Trail to the Halawa train station. Director Garrity responded that they are exploring alternatives and he hopes to see some kind of improvement along Kamehameha Highway until it connects with the end of the existing trail.

Andrea Anixt of Ka'a'awa Community Association asked for a list of traffic counting locations and which project that's currently housed under. Dallas Ige replied that it is S23 on the STIP. Andrea also asked how much funding was allocated for the Waimea project. Dallas Ige replied that it was \$5.6M.

Donald Sakamoto proposed a motion seconded by Lynn Mariano NB#11 to extend the meeting by ten minutes. There were no abstentions or objections.

Vice Chair Lam asked if there was a way to detail the scope and magnitude of changes when costs increase significantly on a project. He also commented that the greater than and less than symbols on the slides were incorrectly used. Vice Chair Lam also asked if traffic count data is publicly accessible. Dallas Ige responded that he would fix the slides. Dallas also commented that many of the funding increases are the result of acquiring new funding or the expansion of a project. Director Garrity commented that it would be useful to include these explanations in the TIP revision.

Lynn Mariano NB#11 asked what the rationale was to combine some of these projects and if that makes it difficult to track project status. He asked if the motion to recommend the Policy Board approve TIP Revision 15 be tabled. Director Garrity responded that it can't be tabled as the Policy Board will discuss it this month and that the State made the decision to combine projects, it's not necessarily the purview of OahuMPO. However, the MPO will convey that comment to the State.

Chair Rooney asked if the Title VI/EJ analysis is reflective of an equity perspective. Dallas Ige replied that as of now only two criteria are analyzed, but the MPO is looking to expand those variables to consider other elements of equity. He responded that there are also challenges in acquiring such data. Chair Rooney also asked if major amendments result in rescoring projects. Dallas Ige replied that the MPO does not currently rescore projects when they're combined but that's something to be considered in updating the policies and procedures.

Travis Counsell of HBL made a motion to recommend that the Policy Board approve TIP FFYs 2022-2025 Revision 15 as presented. It was seconded by Robert Nehmad.

Organization	Vote	Represented by
AARP	Y	Elizabeth Chinn
American Society of Civil Engineers	Y	Tony Gaston
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride	Reservations	Donald Sakamoto
Hawai'i Bicycling League	Y	Travis Counsell
Institute of Transportation Engineers	Y	Robert Nehmad
Ka'a'awa Community Association	N	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#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus	Y	Fred Nakahara
NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown	Y	Ernest Caravalho
NB#23 'Ewa	Y	John Rogers

NB#29 Kahalu‘u	N	Ken LeVasseur
NB#30 Kaneohe	Y	Adriel Lam
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	N	Frank Genadio

The motion passed with twelve yeses, one yes with reservations and five nos.

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

John Rogers NB#23 commented that a link on the website is broken that lists the complete list of proposed projects and programs in the ORTP.

Donald Sakamoto asked that next month’s agenda include a discussion to eliminate those people that are listed on the CAC but haven’t attended for some time. He also requested an update from the new DOT deputy director.

Ken LeVasseur asked if there could be an agenda item to generate a database of all of the signs that don’t meet minimal standards and then produce a resolution to ask the City and State to fulfill their federal requirements regarding such signage.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2023, at 2:30 PM.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Rooney at 3:45 PM.

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at: https://www.oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=2939.