

**Minutes of the
O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.
via Microsoft Teams

Organization	Present	Represented by	Absent
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 Akamaie	X
Hawai'i Bicycling League	X	Travis Counsell	
Hawai'i Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996	X	Kevin Holu	
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		Bert Narita	X
NB#07 Mānoa			
NB#08 McCully-Mo'ili'ili			
NB#09 Waikiki	X		
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus		Fred Nakahara	X
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kaka'ako		Lynn Mariano	X
NB#12 Nu'uano-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		Kendrick Farm	X
NB#18 Āliamanu – Salt Lake		Chace Shigemasa	X
NB#21 Pearl City		Charmaine Doran	X

NB#22 Waipahu			
NB#23 'Ewa	X	John Rogers	
NB#24 Wai'anae Coast			
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu	X	Skyler Ross	
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 Samantha Lara Nicole Smith Danelle Miyahara	Guests: Scott Brady, Department of Transportation Services		

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. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 MINUTES

Ken LeVasseur of NB #29 asked for a point of clarification regarding the September 2023 meeting minutes. He noted that Matthew Weyer of NB#22 was marked present and noted that Mr. Weyer is currently an elected official and thus should not be on the CAC. Samantha Lara of the MPO stated she would review the September minutes and make corrections to the minutes as needed.

Donald Sakamoto of CFADAR motioned to approve the minutes with changes and Robert Nehmad of ITE seconded the motion. There were no abstentions or objections, and the minutes were approved pending the changes to the minutes.

4. REPORTS OF POLICY BOARD AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Executive Director Garrity shared updates on recent activities and initiatives at the OahuMPO, starting with the Hawaii Project Management Training 2023. Mr. Garrity shared that the program had wrapped up and that a survey conducted of the participants showed that they felt more competent and confident with managing federal funds.

Mr. Garrity shared that MPO staff had coordinated with the Hawaii State Energy Office for an outreach event at Honouliuli Middle School. Samantha Lara was invited to the school to present to four separate classes who were conducting a project on transportation improvements and their impacts for the island of Oahu. Along with presenting, Ms. Lara engaged the students in a mapping activity in which the data collected will be utilized as the MPO develops the long-range plan.

As for the Technical Advisory Committee, they did not meet in the month of October.

The Policy Board did meet, however, and received a summary presentation on the project management training program and also discussed opportunities for the MPO to be more involved in resiliency planning on Oahu.

Donald Sakamoto of CFADAR asked if Mr. Garrity knew of any new regulations needed for funding projects for the island of Oahu. Mr. Garrity said he did not know of anything new and stated that the City and County of Honolulu had recently received funds for various projects.

Bob Leinau of NB#27 noted the effort to remove burnable materials from the side of the highway in both a positive and negative manner. While it does address safety concerns, he also noted the loss of the vegetation that was invested in.

Mr. Garrity noted that Robin Shishido of the Hawaii Department of Transportation would be at the next CAC meeting and any questions regarding the highways can be directed to him.

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https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3149

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on the Oahu Regional Transportation Plan 2050 (ORTP 2050) Objectives and Performance Measures

Mr. Garrity stated that the Policy Board had endorsed the vision and goals of the ORTP 2050 at this time. He reviewed the high-level process of developing the vision and goals. Mr. Garrity went over the endorsed vision and goals in detail for the CAC. He stated that the objectives were developed to be actionable and measurable. Mr. Garrity provided an example of measures selected for a specific goal to illustrate the work done by the ORTP 2050 working group to the CAC. He stated that the MPO is also conducting scenario planning to test future

transportation and land use options. This effort consists of defining scenarios, running the scenarios, evaluating the scenarios, and then refining them before conducting the process again. The goal is for the City and State to submit projects that are aligned with the chosen scenario.

Lynn Mariano of NB#11 asked Mr. Garrity two questions: what is the minimum threshold of bike lanes to be deemed a success? And what is being done to measure ADA compliance for sidewalks and crosswalks? Mr. Garrity responded that the number of people riding bikes will be a performance measure and can be broken down into various groups. He highlighted the OWP study that involves bike counters. Mr. Garrity emphasized that the City and State are putting in efforts to improve accessibility for ADA groups and stated that the long-range plan intends to suggest projects that support those efforts. Mr. Mariano expressed a concern for deaf and blind populations at crossings due to the increase in electric vehicles which are much quieter.

Bob Leinaw of NB#27 voiced that the police have more control over what happens on the roads and expressed concern with how the MPO can address the goal to have zero deaths on the road when it is not completely in the MPO control or within their departmental responsibility. Mr. Leinaw suggested that the process include networking and relationship building with other organizations. He also asked about the number of variables that are dependent and expressed concern for the validity of scenario testing. Mr. Leinaw then voiced concern for the choke points along the bike paths on the North Shore and suggested the MPO explore why people don't go further on bike paths.

Adriel Lam of NB #30 asked Mr. Garrity if the goals are stacked in order of priority in relation to the goal of increasing multimodal options for the community. Mr. Garrity stated that the goals are not in order of priority and the MPO intends to achieve all the goals.

Frank Genadio of NB#34 stated that the Makakilo Drive is on the ORTP and questioned how the impact of not doing something is measured. Mr. Garrity responded by saying the CAC Chair is part of the scenario planning working group and stated that one of the measures is related to single access neighborhoods. The idea would be to consider emergency use. Mr. Garrity emphasized that the MPO is looking at measurable variables to address resiliency.

Ken LeVasseur of NB#29 further expressed concern for bike paths on the North Shore and advised that signage would be helpful for residents and tourists to increase safety.

Skylar Ross of NB #25 stated that his board has been expecting a Pearl Highlands park and ride to expand options and ridership. He stated that all individuals to the north of the rail have no parking options. Skylar wants to know if the MPO is

working with other City and County members to address this in efforts to increase connectivity. Mr. Garrity responded by emphasizing that the MPO works closely with the transportation agencies and that the Polic Board is comprised of representatives from these agencies along with elected representatives. He stated that the MPO is a forum for these sorts of discussions to find solutions.

Andrea Anixt of the Ka'a'awa Community Association asked who is on the scenario planning task force. Mr. Garrity responded by saying that people from the Hawaii Department of Transportation, the City and County of Transportation Services, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation, Department of Planning and Permitting, the Office of Planning for Sustainable Development, and the Chair of the CAC who is representing both the CAC and Ulupono. Andrea asked to confirm what elected officials were on the Policy Board. Mr. Garrity confirmed that Senator Lee, Senator Moriwaki, Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Dos-Santos, and Councilmember Okimoto are on the Policy Board.

Lynn Mariano of NB#11 commented current infrastructure in urban Honolulu is unable to keep up with the development of new condominiums. He suggested studies be done to review possible need of widening roads or changing traffic patterns.

Donald Sakamoto of CFADAR asked if the CAC Chair is unable to attend the Policy Board meeting, the vice chair would be able to attend. Mr. Garrity stated that all members of the committee and the public are welcome at the Policy Board meeting. He emphasized that the Policy Board agenda has time for the committee chairs to speak on behalf of the CAC. Chair Rooney stated that there is not an attendance requirement for the chair to attend the Policy Board meeting, however, if there is specific direction from the CAC, Chair Rooney will attend and share that direction.

Ken LeVasseur of NB#29 asked if the CAC needed to appoint a person to attend the scenario planning task force in her stead. Chair Rooney stated that she does watch the recordings and provides comments.

B. Discussion regarding the goals of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and the path forward

Chair Rooney led a discussion regarding the goals of the Citizen Advisory Committee and the path forward. She did reiterate that the MPO does have its own responsibilities within this structure and role.

Ken LeVasseur of NB#29 commented that the topics and coverage from the November meeting should be continued.

Skylar Ross of NB#25 asked if the MPO newsletter can be sent to him a month in advance in efforts to provide adequate time to update his NB.

Frank Genadio of NB#34 commented that more presentations were brought to the CAC in the past compared to the various required documents (the ORTP, surveys, OWP, TIP, etc) that are brought to the CAC as it is now. He suggested more presentations are included on the agendas.

Chair Rooney expressed a desire to hear about projects and documents earlier in the process.

Donald Sakamoto of CFADAR stated he is trying to encourage CAC membership and reach out to members who have not been in attendance.

Lynn Mariano of NB#11 reiterated Frank Genadio's earlier point to include more presentations for the CAC agendas. He asked what the deadlines are to include items on the agenda. Samantha Lara of the MPO stated that items to be added to the agenda need to be provided to the MPO at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date in order to be reviewed by the Executive Director and Chair. She emphasized that any items that members want a discussion need to be formal agenda items.

Donald Sakamoto of CFADAR motioned to extend the meeting by ten minutes. The motion was seconded by Lynn Mariano.

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

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Samantha Lara stated that attendance letters were sent out to members that have seven or more absences and the December agenda will have this item as a voting item.

The next CAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 6, 2023, at 2:30 PM.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Rooney at 3:43PM

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at:

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