

**Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.**

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	
Hawaii Association of the Blind	X	Sean Akita	
Hawaii Bicycling League	X	Eduardo Hernandez	
Hawaii Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996	X	David Aki	
Institute of Transportation Engineers	X	Jasmine Teramae-Kaehuaea	
Kaaawa Community Association	X	Andrea Anixt	
Palehua Townhouses	X	Michael Golojuch	
Ulupono Initiative	X	Kathleen Rooney	
Waikiki Residents' Association	X	Daisy Murai	
NB#01 Hawaii Kai	X	Roberta Mayor	
NB#05 Diamond Head-Kapahulu		Bert Narita	X
NB#09 Waikiki	X	Ken Jacob	
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus		Fred Nakahara	X
NB#11 Ala Moana-Kakaako		Lynn Mariano	X
NB#13 Downtown/Chinatown		Ernest Carvalho	X
NB#14 Liliha-Puunui- Alewa - Kamehameha Hts	X	Cora Yamamoto	
NB#15 Kalihi- Palama		Kendrick Farm	X
NB#18 Aliamanu – Salt Lake	X	Lorene Godfrey	
NB#21 Pearl City	X	Larry Veray	
NB#22 Waipahu	X	Danny de Gracia	
NB#23 Ewa	X	John Rogers	
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu		Skyler Ross	X
NB#26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village	X	Joe Francher	
NB #27 North Shore	X	Robert Leinau	
NB#29 Kahaluu	X	Ken LeVasseur	
NB#30 Kaneohe	X	Adriel Lam	
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	X	Frank Genadio	
NB#35 Mililani Mauka-Launani Valley	X	Dean Hazama	

NB#36 Nanakuli-Mailii	X	Richard Landford
OahuMPO staff: Samantha Lara Nicole Smith Dallas Ige Lily Zheng Kiana Otsuka	Guests: Laura Ruby Derek Abe, Alta Consulting Jess Thompson	

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 MAY 1, 2024 MINUTES

Donald Sakamoto motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Mike Golojuch seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion was carried out.

4. REPORTS OF POLICY BOARD AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Director’s report was provided to the committee in the reminder email and read aloud by Samantha Lara.

Bob Leinau informed the committee that the mayor would be attending a town hall meeting on the 20th of June and asked if there are any issues between the state and the city that the committee would like to bring up. Chair Rooney responded that Oahu is experiencing safety issues, and although related deaths are decreasing, injuries are not. She encouraged Bob to bring up safety and the need for more dedicated resources for safety programs.

Daisy Murai brought up concerns about the growing popularity of electric bicycles with young people. She requested a presentation be done on this topic. Ken LeVasseur reiterated interest in a presentation on this topic and asked if Hawaii Bicycling League could provide clarity on the various types of bicycles/e-bikes/motorcycles. Eduardo Hernandez responded that Hawaii Bicycling League is currently working on standardizing classification for e-bikes and other personal mobility devices, along with education initiatives to help people learn how to use these devices and where to use them. Bob Leinau added that the Pupukea bike path on the North Shore is being used by electrified and motorized devices despite rules against this use. He went on to say that the police are not proactive with citing offenders. Ken LeVasseur added that he has seen racing on farmlands and is concerned for safety. In response to cyclists riding on sidewalks and in crowded areas, Cora Yamamoto suggested more public education and

requirements for bells on bikes. The Chair acknowledged the members' concerns and request for a presentation on this topic.

Larry Veray added to the discussion of public safety issues, stating concern regarding racing on H2 and H3. He suggested the Police Department utilize drones to monitor the highways for racing.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transportation Improvement Program FFYs 2025-2028

Dallas Ige of the OahuMPO presented on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FFYs 2025-2028. He reviewed background information about the TIP, presented the 92 projects included in the document, and went over the requirements of the TIP. He explained that 12 projects were carried forward from the long-range plan. Dallas emphasized that all projects and programs must be consistent with the long-range plan. He stated that the requirements for the development of the TIP include a title IV and environmental justice analysis, financial plan, and intergovernmental and public review period.

Dallas reported that the review period resulted in 38 comments, 37 of which were from members of the public. He confirmed all comments had been responded to by the MPO and corresponding agency. Dallas went into detail about a few of the comments including a comment from John Rogers and Hawaii Bicycling League regarding the lack of information on complete streets implementation and existing features, and a comment from Kathleen Rooney regarding an assessment of the fact that the new projects are scoring lower or not meeting as many objectives. Dallas offered the response from the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) to the complete streets question, stating that all projects address a main purpose and need and while it is HDOT's policy to consider complete streets if reasonable and feasible, unless the main purpose is to include complete streets, it is challenging to know what is indeed reasonable and feasible to add to a project and still effectively accomplish the main purpose/need of the project. In response to Kathleen Rooney's question, Dallas gave the MPO response, stating that the MPO reviews the scope of the work to ensure it is possible and achieves as many goals as possible. He added that if there is an opportunity to incorporate additional improvements, the OahuMPO will then make recommendations and notify the appropriate stakeholders to encourage a coordinated effort for more meaningful improvements. Dallas also stated that the MPO is updating the scoring projects process with the long-range plan development and will make periodic presentations on this topic to the committee.

He then informed the CAC that their safety concerns about project OC 2502

(bus operations site improvements for the bus terminal behind the post office on the windward side) were relayed to the Department of Transportation Services who responded that they would conduct a feasibility analysis to see about incorporating lighting improvements to the project. Dallas lastly went over Bob Leinau’s question on project OS 2507, the Kalanianole Rockfall Mitigation project. He said that HDOT responded by saying the project will help improve some of the previous work done from an older project and provide new rockfall mitigation in the areas within those project limits.

In response to the presentation on the TIP, Frank Genadio stated figures he found on commuting on Oahu: 81% by personal occupancy vehicles, 4.7% walking to work, and 3.6% using other means with only 1% of that being by bicycling. He emphasized that the TIP shows overall bike and pedestrian projects cost more than roadway projects and stated he would be voting no on the TIP because it excluded the completion of the Makakilo Drive Extension. Chair Rooney responded that the percentage of personal occupancy vehicles on Oahu is closer to about 65%. She went on to note that commutes make up only about 20-30% of everyday trips and are not reflective of all trips people take. Bob Leinau chimed in asking how tourists are factored into the social justice analysis for TIP projects. Dallas responded that the title VI and environmental justice analysis is based on where people live and the resident population. Bob Leinau stated he recently encountered a police officer telling him he could not park 100 feet within a bus stop and wanted to know if this was in fact true. Chair Rooney stating there are certain prohibitions about distance from a bus stop and stop signs but that she was unsure of a clear answer for Bob. Andrea Anixt requested the information she sent to Samantha Lara about the environmental assessment on Route 83 conducted by Aecom to mitigate shoreline erosion be provided to the committee. She encouraged members to submit testimony on this matter. Samantha Lara put the information in the chat for the members.

Samantha Lara then conducted a roll call vote for the motion to recommend the Policy Board approve the TIP FFYs 2025-2028.

Organization	Vote	Represented by
AARP	Y	Elizabeth Chinn
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American Society of Civil Engineers	Y	Tony Gaston
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride	Y	Donald Sakamoto
Hawaii Association of the Blind	Y	Sean Akita
Hawaii Bicycling League	Y	Eduardo Hernandez

Hawaii Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996		David Aki
Institute of Transportation Engineers	Y	Jasmine Teramae-Kaehuaea
Kaaawa Community Association	Y	Andrea Anixt
Palehua Townhouses	N	Michael Golojuch
Ulupono Initiative	Y	Kathleen Rooney
Waikiki Residents' Association	Y	Daisy Murai
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NB #27 North Shore	Y	Robert Leinau
NB#29 Kahaluu	A	Ken LeVasseur
NB#30 Kaneohe	Y	Adriel Lam
NB#34 Makakilo-Kapolei Honokai Hale	N	Frank Genadio
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The motion was carried with 20 votes.

B. Overall Work Program (OWP) Presentation – Oahu Mobility Hub Study (State Facilities)

OahuMPO staff member, Kiana Otsuka, and Alta consultant, Derek Abe, presented to the committee about the feasibility of locating mobility hubs on Oahu on existing State facilities (parking lots). Kiana explained that the State law reflects intentions to be carbon net negative by 2045 and mobility hubs could provide an opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by targeting short trips residents take. She informed the committee that 30% of all trips are under 1 mile, 60% of all trips are under 3 miles, and 70% of all trips are under 5 miles. She emphasized that most trips on Oahu would be considered short trips, or trips that could easily be converted to bus, bike, or walking trips. Kiana acknowledged typical concerns for safety and accessibility. She explained that

mobility hubs are the co-location of transportation services and often improve the public realm. These spaces are intended to provide access to convenient and seamless multimodal options. Kiana said the study's purpose was to analyze the potential of State parking lots as mobility hubs to meet the goals of the collaborating agencies.

Derek Abe took over the presentation at this point and provided a summary of the process the team went through to arrive at the recommendations for potential sites for mobility hubs. He explained that the team considered land use as they explored the challenges and demands the various areas of the island would have in efforts to provide appropriate recommendations that reflect the area's character and needs. Derek presented the process for data collection and the development of a social climate vulnerability index. He then showed the committee maps indicating the results of the suitability analysis. Bob Leinau asked Derek about the process to consider the whole ahupua'a. Derek responded that land use was considered as one of the boundaries, along with natural areas, open space conservation, airports, and military bases. Adriel Lam asked about the consideration of military bases and Derek responded that while the bases themselves would not be suitable for a mobility hub due to public access, the land immediately outside of the base would be eligible to be considered.

Chair Rooney entertained a motion to extend the meeting by five minutes. Bob Leinau made the motion and Sean Akita seconded. There were no objections or abstentions and the motion to extend the meeting was carried out.

Derek went on to explain how the analysis investigated feasibility for site selection and implementation. He stated that the team reviewed existing policies and the process of co-locating facilities and services. Derek reiterated that the study was intended to explore the feasibility of mobility hubs, create a typology and analysis tool, and provide recommendations for implementations. Kiana closed out the presentation by reminding the members that this study was not for construction or implementation and that next steps would be to discuss the potential use of existing parking lots for mobility hub sites, gauge interest from the State, and conduct community outreach to uncover community needs.

Ken LeVassuer voiced community interest and encouraged the MPO to consider Kahaluu for a mobility hub project.

Chair Rooney entertained a motion to extend the meeting by another five minutes. Andrea Anixt made the motion and Ken LeVassuer seconded. There were no objections or abstentions and the motion to extend the meeting was carried out.

Daisy Murai voiced concern for space for a mobility hub near the Ala Wai. She asked if the MPO would be considering Kapahulu as a potential site. Kiana Otsuka responded that this study looked at only State facilities and that an upcoming study would look at City facilities, potentially land owned by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Bob Leinau suggested integrating discussion about living quarters into the mobility hub feasibility analysis. Kiana responded that housing is indeed included as a potential amenity for mobility hub implementation.

Chair Rooney entertained a motion for the committee to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the presentation as evidence that the work was carried out. Bob Leinau made the motion and Sean Akita seconded it. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion was carried out.

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

Laura Ruby expressed concern regarding McCully Bridge and emphasized the need for maintenance and expansion to include bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Laura Ruby also expressed concern about the Ala Pono Bridge project and reiterated the request for the bridge's design to be reconsidered.

David Aki informed the committee about toxic chemicals being found on public transportation. Chair Rooney asked David if there was an action he wanted the CAC to take and he said he wanted to keep the committee informed at this time but would be happy to present or talk further if requested.

Larry Veray announced that the Pearl City Neighborhood board was successful in its endeavors to create a resolution urging the State and City to integrate and implement audible beacon signals at traffic light intersections. He also stated the neighborhood board is in discussion with HDOT about ingress/egress emergency access and would continue to keep the CAC informed on this.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for July 3, 2024.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Rooney at 3:50PM

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at:

https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3313