

**Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.**

| Organization | Present | Represented by | Absent |
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| 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 | Travis Counsell | |
| Hawaii Teamsters / Allied Workers, Local 996 | X | David Aki | |
| Institute of Transportation Engineers | X | Jasmine Teramae-Kaehuaea | |
| Kaaawa Community Association | | Andrea Anixt | |
| Palehua Townhouses | | 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 | | 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 | |

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| NB#36 Nanakuli-Mail | Richard Landford |
| OahuMPO staff: Samantha Lara Nicole Smith Dallas Ige Lily Zheng Kiana Otsuka | Guests: Malia K., Hawaii Bicycling League |

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 JUNE 5, 2024 MINUTES

Frank Genadio requested to have a sentence deleted from the minutes regarding Chair Rooney’s response to the statistics Mr. Genadio shared with the CAC. Chair Ronney advised Samantha Lara to change the minutes to be more specific about the modes (drive alone vs. personal occupancy vehicle). Donald Sakamoto requested a correction to the minutes: July 3rd, 2024, for the next meeting, not June 5th, 2024. Donald Sakamoto motioned to approve the minutes with amendments, and Sean Akita 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

Executive Director Garrity stated that he and the Policy Board Vice Chair, Val Okimoto, attended the Hawaii Vision Zero Mobile Workshop in New York City and Northern Europe from June 1st to June 11th. Mr. Garrity provided insights into what the workshop entailed, including visits to locations of transportation projects that have successfully reduced related fatalities and serious injuries. He then summarized the previous Technical Advisory Committee meeting, stating that the committee received a presentation from the City Department of Transportation Services on Oahu’s regional transit safety performance and Associated objectives which they voted to recommend the Policy Board support as presented. Mr. Garrity shared that the Technical Advisory Committee also heard a presentation on the Transportation Improvement Program FFY 25-28 and on the Overall Work Program Oahu Mobility Hub study for state facilities. Both presentations received votes from the committee to recommend to the Policy Board for approval. The Policy Board heard all three of these presentations and voted to approve all three items.

Donald Sakamoto asked Mr. Garrity to elaborate on anything he may have learned during the workshop that would be relevant to accommodating people with

different needs, particularly blindness. Mr. Garrity stated that while these accommodations weren't specifically called out during the workshop, the project managers did show how the implemented safety measures work to encourage people to safely walk, use transit, bicycle, and traverse streets in a safe manner.

John Rogers expressed concern about the timeline of roundabout projects on Oahu, using the projected one-year build of the Kahaluu roundabout as an example. John referred to roundabout projects being done where his family lives and stated that the city built 150 roundabouts in 27 years, or roughly 5 per year. He asked the Executive Director what the MPO's role is and whether the MPO has ability to apply pressure to the City and the State to produce these sorts of projects. Mr. Garrity responded that changes to policies, budgets, and political climate must be made to gain inertia for dramatic changes to be had.

Daisy Murai requested a status update presentation on the bicycle plan from the Department of Transportation Services. Bob Leinau expressed concern about the condition of some of the traffic signage on the island. He suggested crew from the City and the State work together to address this issue. MPO staff stated they would look into who would be the HDOT maintenance contact. Mr. Garrity suggested to Bob to start with a specific location to request maintenance.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Presentation from Hawaii Bicycling League

Malia Harunaga from Hawaii Bicycling League presented to the CAC on electric bicycles per the committee's request. Malia reviewed the bicycle classifications, rules of the road, and benefits of increasing bike ridership. She addressed concerns raised by the CAC regarding speeding bike-like vehicles on the road and explained that bicycles and electric bicycles must have operable pedals to be classified as a bicycle. This means that vehicles on the road that go above 20mph with a battery over 750 watts is in fact not a bicycle. Malia also reviewed bicycle etiquette, both for the rider and for drivers on the road with bicyclists. She emphasized the work of Hawaii Bicycling league, explaining how the organization advocates for safe streets for all by conducting safety demonstrations and offering educational opportunities.

Donald Sakamoto asked Malia how important it is to have a bell on bicycles to inform blind individuals that a bike is coming up behind them. He also expressed interest in cyclists wearing specific colors for safety. Malia responded that current law requires cyclists to notify pedestrians of approach if they are on the sidewalk either by voice or bell. She also stated that visibility is crucial for safety.

Adriel Lam offered comments about biking and micro transit, emphasizing the need for education on rules. He also stated that old railroad tracks could be used for bike trails. Adriel expressed interest in micro transit options for neighborhood connections such as golf carts.

Bob Leinau encouraged Malia and Hawaii Bicycling League to hold the Police Department accountable for enforcing bike laws. Scott Brady responded to this comment by saying that officers have a difficult time with enforcement because of liability, explaining that if an officer pursued someone exhibiting dangerous behaviors (i.e. wheelies), and that person got injured while being pursued, the City could be sued.

Daisy Murai asked Malia about the type of batteries e-bikes use and expressed concern for the safety of lithium batteries if not stored correctly. Daisy suggested safety education on battery maintenance and storage. Malia responded that manufacturers are getting better at designing safer and more reliable batteries, however, users need to use compatible chargers and follow proper charging instructions. She also stated that Hawaii Bicycling League is looking for ways to better recycle batteries.

Chair Rooney asked Malia to discuss the benefits associated with electric bike ridership. Malia pointed out that Hawaii e-bike registration has risen drastically, allowing people more mode choice. She also said cargo e-bikes provide many benefits to families to transport their children via bike.

David Aki motioned to extend the meeting by five minutes. Donald Sakamoto seconded the motion.

Tony Gaston offered comments about bicycling, stating that cyclists also need to be defensive on a bike in order to remain safe. He used an example of him being recently "doored" when biking and encouraged members to remain vigilant and not leave safety only up to car drivers.

Travis Counsell stated that Hawaii Bicycling League is working with City Council and State officials to update biking rules to address definitions and classifications of bicycles.

Sean Akita asked Malia about the recycling process for e-bike batteries. Malia responded that Hawaii Bicycling League is looking into it.

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

David Aki expressed concern regarding the design of the Handi-Vans, specifically the dimensions of the stairs and the location of the ramp. Donald Sakamoto requested an update on a Handivan base yard on the west side. MPO staff stated they would follow up.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

John Rogers announced that the US Navy turned over 400 acres of park land to the City and County of Honolulu and expressed interest in road improvements for pedestrians and cyclists. Next meeting is scheduled for July 3, 2024.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Rooney at 3:40PM

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at:

https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3334

Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 12, 2024
Virtual Meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

| Name | Agency | Voting Rights | Present |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------|
| Ian Crittenden (Chair) | DTS | Yes | x |
| Masatomo Murata (Vice Chair) | HDOT | Yes | x |
| Ken Tatsuguchi | HDOT | Yes | x |
| Dennis Lovello | HART | Yes | x |
| Joey Manahan | HART | Yes | |
| Eileen Mark | DTS | Yes | |
| Dina Wong | DPP | Yes | x |
| Min Bu | DPP | Yes | x |
| Joseph Roos | DBEDT | Yes | x |
| Aaron Setogawa | OPSD | Yes | x |
| Kimberly Evans | FAA | No | |
| Mary Nguyen | FTA | No | |
| Richard Yoneda | DFM | No | |
| Kelvin Kohatsu | HTA | No | |
| Tim Trang | DDC | No | |
| Paul La Farga | FHWA | No | x |

Guests Present: Greg Tsugawa (DTS), Teka Iese (DTS), Max Kalhammer (DTS), Nicole Cernohorsky (HSEO), Kathleen Rooney (Ulupono Initiative), Celine Chen (FTA)

OahuMPO Staff Present: Nicole Smith, Maile Greenhill, Landon Lee, Dallas Ige, Danelle Miyahara, Chelsea Dau, Kiana Otsuka, Samantha Lara, Lily Zheng, Zakari Mumuni

The meeting was properly noticed in accordance with State law.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Crittenden called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

II. ROLL CALL

OahuMPO staff took roll call by reading out the list of attendees in the meeting as noted in the Teams program. Members confirmed their attendance verbally

and indicated whether anyone else was present with them.

III. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 14, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Crittenden requested members review the minutes which were emailed in advance of the meeting. The Chair asked if any members had edits to the minutes and none responded. Ken Tatsuguchi made a motion and Dennis Lovello seconded to approve the June 14, 2024 minutes as distributed. The minutes were approved as distributed by unanimous consent.

IV. REPORTS

A. Executive Director

Executive Director Garrity was out of the office, so OahuMPO staff directed TAC members to review the Executive Director's report, which was distributed via email the day prior to the meeting. The report provided updates on Workforce Development and Training and the business conducted at the Policy Board meeting on June 24 and the Citizen Advisory Committee meeting on July 3.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at:

https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3337

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. MPO Investments in Safety

Transportation Planner Chelsea Dau shared that in response to a request by the Policy Board, she had recently conducted research regarding MPO investments and policies related to safety. Ms. Dau highlighted the transportation safety investments being made by the Fresno Council of Governments, the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, and the City of Hoboken. Ms. Dau shared conclusions and next steps following her research. TAC members posed a couple questions related to the comparability of these areas with Oahu.

B. Safe Streets for All Grant Application

Transportation Planner Chelsea Dau described the Safe Streets for All Grant program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including the total funds available and the eligible activities. She shared that OahuMPO is planning to submit a grant proposal is for the development of a 5-year Strategic Plan to

increase youth walking and rolling access, collect and analyze data, engage the community to improve driver safety culture, and foster collaborative relationships between stakeholders. OahuMPO is seeking funding in the \$3-\$5 million range.

VII. INVITATION TO INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

None.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nicole Smith announced that the Department of Transportation Services is providing a presentation to close out the OWP-funded Vision Zero Action Plan in August, and that OahuMPO plans to distribute the final report prior to the meeting for review by TAC members.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ian Crittenden adjourned the meeting at 9:28am. The meeting presentation may be viewed at: https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3338