

**Minutes of the
Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 4, 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	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	X	Ernest Carvalho	
NB#14 Liliha-Puunui- Alewa - Kamehameha Hts	X	Cora Yamamoto	
NB#15 Kalihi- Palama		Kendrick Farm	X
NB#18 Aliamanu – Salt Lake		Lorene Godfrey	X
NB#21 Pearl City	X	Larry Veray	
NB#22 Waipahu	X	Danny de Gracia	
NB#23 Ewa		John Rogers	X
NB#25 Mililani-Waipio-Melemanu		Skyler Ross	X
NB#26 Wahiawa-Whitmore Village		Joe Francher	X
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-Maili	X	Richard Landford
OahuMPO staff: Samantha Lara Nicole Smith Dallas Ige Maile Greenhill	Guests: Jess Thompson, HiPHI Daniel Alexander. DTS	

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 JULY 3, 2024 MINUTES

Mike Golojuch and Andrea Anixt requested corrections to reflect their attendance on the July 3, 2024 minutes. Donald Sakamoto motioned to approve the minutes with corrections, and Bob Leinau 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 was not in attendance for the meeting, therefore Senior Community Planner Samantha Lara read aloud the Executive Director’s report. The report noted the recent workings of the MPO, including the submission of a proposal for grant funding to carry out a planning study to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a multimodal mobility hub near the Kuwili Skyline Station in Iwilei, recap of the July 2024 OahuMPO open house, and survey participation results for the recent ORTP 2050 public survey. Updates regarding the most recent Technical Advisory Committee Meeting and Policy Board meeting were given, noting the Vision Zero Action Plan presentation and Policy Board approval, along with direction from the Policy Board to proceed with application submission under the Safe Streets For All program. There were no questions or comments from the committee.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation from Department of Transportation Services on the Vision Zero Action Plan

Daniel Alexander with the Department of Transportation Services presented the findings of the Vision Zero Action Plan, which is a roadmap for eliminating traffic-related deaths and serious injuries on Oahu.

He started with a description of the Safe System approach, noting that redundancy across the safety measures is essential. He presented the findings of the Existing Conditions analysis of recent crashes by mode and severity, and summarized the corridors and intersections identified as high injury by this analysis.

Mr. Alexander summarized the community engagement conducted in support of this plan according to engagement activity.

Vision Zero Action items resulting from this study were organized by Safe System Element (Safe Speeds, Safe Streets, Safe People, Post-Crash Care, and Safe Vehicles). Altogether, the Vision Zero Action Plan identifies 17 goals and 80 actions, and describes the estimated timeframe, effort and cost required for each action.

Mr. Alexander shared that DTS had already begun work to implement VZAP findings, including a pilot project to install “quick-build” solar powered rectangular rapid-flashing beacons on standard signposts to alert drivers of pedestrians crossing the street. DTS also conducted a stop compliance study at raised crosswalks to determine the extent to which this countermeasure makes drivers stop for pedestrians crossing the street.

Mr. Alexander shared that DTS’ commitment to reaching zero deaths by 2040 will require \$44M-\$48M annually and \$708M-\$755M over the course of the plan. Progress will be tracked via the public Vision Zero dashboard and 23 performance measures.

Samantha Lara, Senior Community Planner, summarized how the Vision Zero Action Plan aligns with the goals and objectives of OahuMPO’s required work products, and anticipated next steps that OahuMPO can take to support implementation of the Vision Zero Actions.

Bob Leinau of NB#27 encouraged Mr. Alexander to exercise caution in structuring legislation in relation to Vision Zero, emphasizing the need to be clear in wording to anticipate any liability claims against the City.

Chair Rooney directed location specific questions to the DTS website, maps within the plan itself, and the Vision Zero dashboard in efforts to maintain the flow of the meeting.

Adrial Lam of NB#30 expressed concern about the Vision Zero Plan advocating for 20mph speed limits. Mr. Alexander responded that not every street would see lowered speed limits, and that smaller neighborhood streets would be those that are targeted. He reiterated that an engineering study was

done as a component to the plan to support the recommendation to lower speed limits, which would require legislative action and City and County ordinance changes.

Andrea Anixt asked for clarity regarding the percentage of fatalities that occur in crosswalks, along with follow up questions about where the raised crosswalks were implemented or plan to be implemented, making specific note of the Windward side of Oahu. Mr. Alexander stated that crosswalks are not inherently safe and ultimately the design of the crosswalk is important.

B. Overall Work Program Presentation: Uehiro Education Framework for Youth Engagement in Transportation Planning

Senior Community Planner, Samantha Lara, presented the OWP study led by the Uehiro Academy for Philosophy and Ethics in Education which concluded Phase 1 in July 2024. This three-phase study aims to improve the OahuMPO's ability to reach and engage youth in regular, meaningful dialogue. The presentation reviewed Phase I highlights and recommendations to guide further development of a framework to ensure its long-term success in engaging youth in transportation planning processes. The survey of teachers conducted in Phase I showed positive change in how teacher's felt about employing transportation planning topics in their classrooms, noting that they were able to see a strong connection between DOE required curriculum and transportation related topics. Moving forward, Phase II will take the recommendations from Phase I and 1) adopt a community of practice model for partnering educators; 2) strive to work with teachers to prepare materials ahead of the DOE school year; and 3) develop and implement an into to planning module and teacher training course at UH Manoa. These actions will support OahuMPO's goal to engage students early and often in the development of the long-range plan and provide educational outreach to the future transit users of Oahu.

Andrea Anixt expressed interest in UH Manoa conducting a practicum study on the Windward side of Oahu in relation to this study. Ms. Lara responded that the MPO does have interest in supporting a transportation focused practicum and will continue looking into this opportunity. David Aki expressed support for the project and reiterated the need for an educational program for elementary aged kids to understand how to use TheBus. Frank Genadio asked if outreach for this project extended to Kapolei, to which Ms. Lara responded that the teachers who participate do so voluntarily and the project team has contacted teachers in all areas of Oahu. She encouraged CAC members to connect their teacher friends/family with the MPO if they felt they may be interested in the study. Adriel Lam expressed concern with engaging youth, stating they typically do not have firsthand experience with highway traffic and traffic jams. He suggested broader public transportation education. Ms. Lara responded that young children have spoken with her about their

frustrations with traffic and not having as much time to spend with their friends and family.

Chair Rooney read the requested action to recommend to the Policy Board to approve the presentation as evidence that the work was carried out, submit documentation of the work completed to the USDOT for approval, and for the MPO to incorporate the study findings into the metropolitan transportation planning process. Donald Sakamoto made the motion and Ken LeVasseur seconded them motion. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion was carried.

C. Vision Zero Mobile Workshop

Item has been deferred to the next meeting.

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

David Aki stated in response to his previous announcements regarding toxic chemicals on TheBus and HandiVan that he and other retired community members were willing to help devise a solution should the CAC request.

Andrea Anixt emphasized the coastal erosion issues the Windward side of Oahu experiences and questioned why studies on this topic are not conducted by the MPO. Chair Rooney suggested that the MPO request a presentation from HDOT on updates related to the Climate Adaptation Plan. She then requested the committee extend the meeting by five minutes to accommodate the last couple of questions. Mr. Sakamoto made a motion to extend the meeting by five minutes, and Mr. AKI seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Sakamoto requested an update from HDOT on the proposed pedestrian bridge for the Pearl Highlands area.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Samantha Lara informed the CAC that the OahuMPO would be acting as host for the upcoming Week Without Driving initiative. She encouraged members to participate.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Rooney at 3:37PM

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at:

https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3368