

**Minutes of the
O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.**

Organization	Present	Represented by	Absent
AARP	X	Elizabeth Chinn	
American Planning Association	X	Matthew Fernandez	
American Society of Civil Engineers		Tony Gaston	X
Citizens for a Fair ADA ride	X	Donald Sakamoto	
Hawaii Association of the Blind		Kyle Laconsay	X
Hawaii Bicycling League		Eduardo Hernandez	X
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		Michael Golojuch	X
Ulupono Initiative		Kathleen Rooney	X
Waikiki Residents' Association	X	Daisy Murai	
NB#01 Hawaii Kai	X	Roberta Mayor	
NB#09 Waikiki		Kenneth Jacob	X
NB#10 Makiki-Lower Punchbowl-Tantalus		John Steelquist	X
NB #11 Ala Moana-Kaka'ako		Jeanne Rice	X
NB#12 Nuuanu Punchbowl	X	Rae Gee	
NB#14 Liliha-Puunui- Alewa - Kamehameha Hts	X	Cora Yamamoto	
NB#18 Aliamanu – Salt Lake		Lorene Godfrey	X
NB#21 Pearl City		Dan Smith	X
NB#23 Ewa	X	Susan Gorman-Cheng	
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
O'ahu MPO staff: Samantha Lara Chelsea Dau Lily Zheng Maile Greenhill Mark Garrity Victoria Trevino Dallas Ige Danelle Miyahara Nicole Smith	Guests: Scott Brady, DTS Raymond Sin (United States Airforce)	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rooney called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

O'ahu MPO community planner Samantha Lara, took roll call by reading out the list of attendees in the meeting as noted in the Teams program. During roll call a security breach occurred when an unauthorized participant shared inappropriate content on screen. Staff quickly removed the disruptive participant and implemented additional security measures.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 6, 2025, MINUTES

Donald Sakamoto motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Cora Yamamoto 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

Mark Garrity, Executive Director of the O'ahu MPO, informed the committee of upcoming MPO events, including a September 4 open house at the O'ahu MPO office, a September 25 "Imagine This" series featuring Anna Zivarts on "When Driving is Not an Option," and September 29-October 5 "Week Without Driving" events. Executive Director Garrity reported that the Technical Advisory Committee met on August 8 and received a presentation on the Transportation Improvement Plan Revision 5 amendments and Vision Zero updates, with next meeting September 12. ED Garrity reported that the August 25 Policy Board meeting was canceled due to agenda item resolution, with next meeting September 29.

The Executive Director's Report can be viewed at
https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3582

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

HDOT UPDATE OF THE NAVAHINE SETTLEMENT AND DRAFT ENERGY SECURITY AND WASTE REDUCTION PLAN.

Laura Kaakua and Genevieve Sullivan from the Hawaii Department of Transportation presented on the one-year progress of the Navahine settlement, arising from a 2022 lawsuit by 13 youth claiming rights to a life-sustaining climate. The 2024 settlement established a 20-year commitment with court enforcement to electrify and decarbonize transportation by 2045.

Key commitments include establishing a new office, creating a youth council (ages 11-24 from multiple islands), developing an energy security plan, implementing emission measurement tools, completing a five-year multimodal network (52 miles bike facilities, 48 miles pedestrian facilities statewide), planting 1,000 trees, and investing \$40 million in EV charging by 2030.

Transportation targets include 81% of new light-duty vehicle sales electric by 2030, 100% by 2035, and state/county fleet electrification by 2035. The plan covers ground transportation, aviation (sustainable fuels), and marine (cleaner fuels, reduced cruise calls) with final publication October 15, 2025.

David Aki requested hard copy materials and asked about Youth Council attendance. Bob asked about budget implementation and data collection. Susan Gorman-Chang sought clarification on emission scope coverage. Andrea Anixt questioned Koolau region representation and land use integration. Frank Genadio confirmed the mileage figures apply statewide. Donald Sakamoto raised EV battery safety concerns citing shipping restrictions and fire risks. Vice Chair Lam expressed concerns about youth council versus citizen advisor balance and suggested greater private sector integration for bio-waste and local energy solutions.

Donald Sakamoto motioned to extend the meeting 30 minutes to 4:00 PM to complete the agenda and David Aki seconded the motion. There were no objections or abstentions, and the motion was carried out.

A. ORTP 2050 PROJECT AND PROGRAM SCORES

Dallas Ige, Senior Transportation Planner for O'ahu MPO, presented the O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan (ORTP) 2050 project evaluation results for the 25-year transportation plan. The updated scoring uses a 100-point scale across seven goals, evaluating 130 projects (120 carryover, 10 new). Carryover projects averaged 30 points, new projects 52 points. Scores ranged from 4 points to 76. A new cost-effectiveness metric showed top projects averaging \$3.4 million per scoring point versus \$27.1 million for bottom projects.

Mr. Ige explained that next steps include funding prioritization based on scores and revenue forecasts, with public comment period through October 3, 2025. Ken LeVasseur commended Dallas for his clear presentation style.

B. 2025 WEEK WITHOUT DRIVING OVERVIEW AND UPDATE

Samantha Lara, Senior Community Planner for the O'ahu MPO, presented the September 29 - October 5 "Week Without Driving" initiative, a national program encouraging experiencing transportation from non-driver perspectives. With 20-30% of O'ahu residents as non-drivers, the initiative supports equity and climate goals. Ms. Lara shared that events include September 25 Anna Zivarts presentation, October 1 gelato gathering, and commute come-alongs pairing residents with council members.

Bob Leinau noted the week-long commitment may not be practical for many people and suggested Star Advertiser polling integration. Susan Gorman-Chang asked about social media platforms for sharing experiences. Vice Chair Lam shared Taiwan transportation experience comparing weekday efficiency versus weekend congestion.

C. PRESENTATION FROM CAC MEMBER DAVID AKI REGARDING THEBUS

David Aki shared his personal experiences and observations from past disasters including Hurricane Iwa, Hurricane Iniki, New Year's Day floods, and Makaha rockslide. He described what he characterized as successful Hurricane Iwa evacuation procedures while noting what he perceived as post-disaster recovery planning inadequacies, with people evacuated but unable to return due to road closures. He expressed concerns about electric bus fires, referencing photos he explained were from a Middle Street Transit Center incident, along with concerns about charging station vulnerabilities and medical access during extended outages for individuals with high-risk medical conditions.

Donald Sakamoto corroborated electric bus fire concerns. Bob Leinau suggested exploring Drum Road access for Pupukea area emergency evacuation. Ken LeVasseur highlighted loss of school bus emergency transportation capacity.

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

Raymond Sin from the United States Air Force provided information about HTDC support of researchers and innovators through SBIR/STTR funding and grants. Mr. Sin also informed the group of the upcoming Honolulu Tech Week from September 8-14.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & TENTATIVE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2025.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Lam adjourned the meeting at 4:02PM.

The PowerPoint for this meeting may be viewed at:
https://oahumpo.org/?wpfb_dl=3581

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