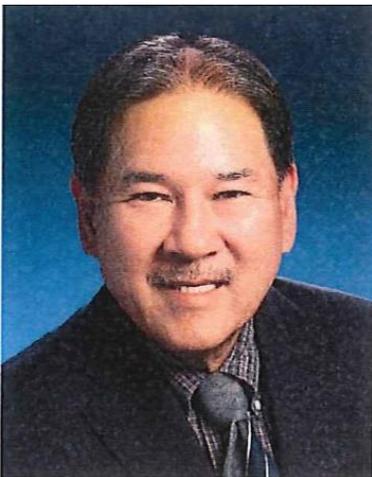


Transportation Meeting

PANEL BIOGRAPHIES:

Ford Fuchigami – Director

State of Hawaii Department of Transportation



Ford Fuchigami is the Director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation and oversees 15 commercial and general aviation airports, 10 commercial harbors and nearly 2,500 lane miles of state highways. He began his tenure with the Department of Transportation as the Airports Division Deputy Director in January of 2011, until being named Interim Director in May 2014. He oversees Hawaii's airport, harbor and highway systems with the help of a dedicated team of approximately 2,600 employees. His mission, and that of the Department, is the development and improvement of our transportation systems to facilitate safe and efficient travel and commerce statewide.

Among his key responsibilities is oversight of numerous modernization and facility improvement projects representing billions of dollars in construction. These modernization and improvement efforts include an increased focus on sustainability and energy efficiency along state highways, in public airports, and at the state's commercial harbors. Ford recognizes the role of energy efficient initiatives in reducing costs and ensuring a self-sustaining transportation system for all users, while striving to reach the State's goal of eliminating the use of oil and achieving 100 percent clean energy usage by 2045.

As chief executive of the Department, Ford collaborates with major stakeholders and partners, including the FAA, TSA, FHWA, MARAD, Customs & Border Protection, the legislature, county partners, and numerous airline, harbor and highway user organizations, among many others, on behalf of the state. Ford has an extensive background in the hospitality industry where he learned the importance of working together to spread the *aloha* spirit. He is a visionary leader and views his employees, the various government agencies, and the public as partners in improving our transportation systems for our future.

Ed Sniffen - Deputy Director

State of the Hawaii Department of Transportation – Highways Division



Ed Sniffen is the Deputy Director of the Hawaii DOT's Highways Division and oversees nearly 2,500 lane miles of state highways. He is responsible for nearly 1,000 employees in four district offices, six branches and four staff offices across the islands. He previously served as Highways Division Administrator from 2010 to 2011 and provided oversight of the Division's \$200 million operations and maintenance budget and its \$250 million Capital Improvements Program. His mission is the development and improvement of our highway transportation systems to facilitate safe and efficient travel and commerce statewide.

Among his key responsibilities is oversight of numerous modernization and facility improvement projects representing billions of dollars in construction. This includes long-, mid- and short-range planning, multi-year funding, program initiatives, consultant and contractor procurement oversight and project management. As Deputy Director, he collaborates with major stakeholders and partners, including the US Dept. of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the state legislature, county partners, and numerous highway user organizations, among many others, on behalf of the state.

Ed's diverse engineering background has served Hawaii's State and County governments, Kamehameha Schools and the private sector. He is a driven leader focused on improving Hawaii's highway transportation systems for our present and future generations.

Lauren Armstrong – Executive Director
Maui Metropolitan Planning Organization



Lauren Armstrong joined Maui MPO as Executive Director in September 2016. Lauren grew up in Haiku, received a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from Middlebury College, and a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from UH Mānoa. Lauren worked as an environmental planner for Townscape Inc. on O'ahu, then as a community planner for Marin County in California, with a focus on climate adaptation and public outreach programs.

Lisa Paulson – Executive Director
Maui Hotel and Lodging Association



For twenty-five years, Lisa Paulson has been driving strategic growth and visibility for nonprofit and for-profit organizations. Previous to her position at Maui Hotel & Lodging she worked for Jones Lange LaSalle, General Growth Properties, A&B and Kapalua Resorts. Her experience is in advocacy, marketing, public relations, statistical analysis, partnership building and fundraising. Lisa has lived on Maui for 23 years with her family.

Don Medeiros – Director
County of Maui Department of Transportation



Don Medeiros was appointed by Mayor Arakawa as Director of Transportation for the County of Maui in January 2016. He was previously appointed Director by Mayor Tavares in 2007 and Deputy in 2002. Born and raised in Wailuku, Don graduated from St. Anthony Boys School and Maunaolu College. Don has been in the transportation business on Maui since 1968 beginning his career with Grayline Maui Sightseeing Tours, Hawaiian Discovery Tours, Budget Rent-A-Car and Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. in various management positions prior to joining the County of Maui in 2002 as the first Transit Czar. Under Don's leadership the Maui Bus grew from 29,000 boardings in fiscal year 2004 to an estimated 2.3 million boardings in fiscal year 2010.