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IN REPLY REFER TO:

December 28, 2015

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the House of
Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Souki and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Safe Routes to School Report; In accordance with Act 317(12), I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at:

<http://hidot.hawaii.gov/library/reports/reports-to-the-legislature/>

Sincerely,

FORD N. FUCHIGAMI
Director of Transportation

CC: Legislative Reference Bureau

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S
REPORT TO LEGISLATURE
OF
THE STATE OF HAWAII
REQUIRED UNDER
SECTION 291C-3, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

**ANNUAL REPORT: "SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL"
FROM ACT 317
SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2012**

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Annual report to the Hawaii Legislature on the Safe Routes to School Program

Introduction:

Section 291C-3 Hawaii Revised Statutes requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to report annually on the status and progress of the safe routes to school (SRTS) program.

The federal SRTS program was created by Section 1404 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) in 2005 and is a federally-funded program administered by the DOT. It is designed to encourage elementary and middle school aged children to be physically active; make walking and bicycling to school a safe, routine activity; and facilitate planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

Act 317 signed into law on July 10, 2012 created county-level SRTS programs and established a state SRTS program special fund. A surcharge fee from moving violations is deposited into the SRTS program special fund. The DOT is responsible for managing and distributing funds in the SRTS program special fund.

SRTS Federal Program:

A summary of all SRTS non-infrastructure and infrastructure projects funded with SRTS federal funds obtained under SAFETEA-LU is shown in the attached Table 1 and Table 2, respectively. For ongoing projects, the amounts shown are the amount of funds awarded and may not reflect the actual cost of each project.

In partnership with county SRTS coordinators, one SRTS informational workshop was offered on the islands of Maui and Kauai, and two workshops were offered on the island of Hawaii between February and April 2015. The purpose of these workshops was to inform community leaders, school officials, health and transportation professionals, law enforcement officers, parents and neighbors about the SRTS program and requirements of SRTS federal grants. Previously, two presentations of the SRTS National Course were offered on Oahu in October 2014.

Following SRTS informational workshops, the DOT issued its fourth round of call for applications to award SRTS federal funds obtained under SAFETEA-LU on July 6, 2015. A total of eight applications (one non-infrastructure and seven infrastructure) were received by the deadline date of December 4, 2015. These applications will be evaluated and ranked.

SRTS Program Special Fund:

In accordance with Chapter 19-109 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) entitled “Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund,” the amounts shown in the attached Table 3 have been distributed to counties to support county-level SRTS programs. Chapter 19-109 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) can be viewed at <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/files/2014/03/Chapter-19-109-HAR-Standard-final-Signed.pdf>. All counties have designated SRTS coordinators, and are beginning to establish county-level SRTS programs.

Table 1: Non-Infrastructure Projects Funded with SRTS SAFETEA-LU Funds

Award Date	Project Title	Awardee	Amount Awarded	Status
5/30/08	Non-Infrastructure Public Service Announcements	State of Hawaii DOT	\$162,662	completed
5/30/08	Safe Routes to School Awareness Project	State of Hawaii Department of Education	\$13,280	completed
6/9/08	West Hawaii Safe Routes to School Program	PATH – Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii	\$34,231	completed
6/9/08	Ride to Live, Live to Ride	Honolulu Police Department	\$48,202	completed
6/10/08	SRTS for Dole Middle School	Kokua Kalihi Valley	\$12,226	completed
4/10/14	Fern Elementary School SRTS	Michaels Community Services Corporation dba Better Tomorrows	\$46,933	ongoing
4/10/14	Putting Our Plans to Work	PATH – Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii	\$20,094	ongoing
4/10/14	Get Fit Kauai SRTS	University of Hawaii at Manoa Office of Public Health Studies	\$24,630	ongoing

Table 2: Infrastructure Projects Funded with SRTS SAFETEA-LU Funds

Award Date	Project Title	Awardee	Amount Awarded	Status
2/22/12	Princess Nahienaena Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project	County of Maui	\$155,000	ongoing*
2/22/12	Kamalii Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project	County of Maui/ Keonekai Neighborhood Association	\$491,199	ongoing*
4/10/14	Island-Wide Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Crosswalks and Sidewalk Improvements	County of Kauai	\$251,500	ongoing
4/10/14	King Kaumualii School SRTS Phase 1	County of Kauai	\$416,540	ongoing
4/10/14	Koloa Safe Routes Phase 2	County of Kauai	\$490,875	ongoing
4/10/14	Paia School Frontage Improvements	County of Maui	\$502,443	ongoing
4/10/14	Paia School Sidewalk Improvements	County of Maui	\$455,495	ongoing

* Construction has been completed but project has not been closed.

Table 3: Distributions from the Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund

State Fiscal Year	City and County of Honolulu		County of Hawaii		County of Kauai		County of Maui	
	Amount	Date of Transfer	Amount	Date of Transfer	Amount	Date of Transfer	Amount	Date of Transfer
2014	\$317,801	3/2015	\$94,329	6/2014	\$86,463	6/2014	\$101,406	6/2015
2015	\$158,901	6/2015	\$47,165	6/2015	\$43,232	7/2015	\$50,703	6/2015