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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



PURPOSE The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) manages the federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, which has the following goals:

1. *Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;*
2. *Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and*
3. *Facilitate the 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.*

In addition, a state SRTS program is established within HDOT that shall enhance traffic safety around schools, enable and encourage children to walk and bicycle to school, and make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative.

CREATING A SRTS PROGRAM

Schools and communities interested in SRTS should see the handout below that provides guidance on creating a SRTS program.

[How Communities Make SRTS Happen](#) (pdf file)

In addition, the slideshow presentation below provides an overview of the federal SRTS program in Hawaii.

[Overview of SRTS in Hawaii](#) (pdf file)

Creating a SRTS plan is an important step in creating a SRTS program. See the document below for a list of information HDOT suggests including in a SRTS plan.

<https://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/files/2013/02/Creating-a-SRTS-Plan-Guidance-2013-2.pdf>

AWARDS

FEDERAL AWARDS

The following projects were previously selected to receive federal SRTS funds provided by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Infrastructure Awards

Date	Project	Recipient	Amount	Status
2/22/2012	Princess Nahienaena Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project	County of Maui	\$116,189	Completed
2/22/2012	Kamalii Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project	County of Maui/Keonekai Neighborhood Association	\$404,629	Completed
4/10/2014	Island-Wide Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Crosswalks and Sidewalk Improvements	County of Kauai	\$434,979	Completed
4/10/2014	King Kaumualii School SRTS Phase 1	County of Kauai	\$1,207,560	Completed
4/10/2014	Koloa Safe Routes Phase 2	County of Kauai	\$490,875	Ongoing
4/10/2014	Paia School Frontage Improvements	County of Maui	\$502,443	Completed but not closed
4/10/2014	Paia School Sidewalk Improvements	County of Maui	\$455,495	Completed but not closed

Completed but not closed

Non-Infrastructure Awards

Date	Project	Recipient	Amount	Status

5/30/2008	Non-Infrastructure Public Service Announcements	State of Hawaii DOT	\$162,662	Completed
5/30/2008	Safe Routes to School Awareness Project	State of Hawaii Department of Education	\$ 13,280	Completed
6/9/2008	West Hawaii Safe Routes to School Program	Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii (PATH)	\$ 34,231	Completed
6/9/2008	Ride to Live, Live to Ride	Honolulu Police Department	\$48,202	Completed
6/10/2008	SRTS for Dole Middle School	Kokua Kalihi Valley	\$ 12,226	Completed
4/10/2014	Fern Elementary School SRTS	Michaels Community Services Corporation dba Better Tomorrows	\$39,058	Completed
4/10/2014	Putting Our Plans to Work	PATH – Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii	\$6,029	Completed
4/10/2014	Get Fit Kauai SRTS	University of Hawaii at Manoa Office of Public Health Studies	\$19,809	Completed
7/29/2016	Campaign to Utilize Safe Routes to Wilson Elementary	Wilson Elementary School	\$5,036	Completed
9/13/2018	Hawaii Island Schools Bicycle and Pedestrian Education and Safety Program	PATH – Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii	\$20,735	Completed

STATE SRTS PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND

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Act 317 (2012), signed into law on July 10, 2012, created county-level SRTS programs and established a state SRTS program special fund. HDOt adopted Chapter 19-109 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules entitled "Safe routes to School Program Special Fund" and distributed the amounts shown in the following table from the SRTS program fund to counties for fiscal years

2014 to 2020. Act 9 (Special Session 2021), signed into law on July 20, 2021, required that the legislature appropriate funds from the SRTS program special fund to counties. Act 244 (2023), signed into law on July 6, 2023, established the SRTS advisory committee and requires HDOT to distribute funds from the SRTS program special fund to eligible applicants in coordination with the SRTS advisory committee. More information on the SRTS advisory committee is available at <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/administration/bac-srts/>.

State Fiscal Year	City and County of Honolulu		County of Hawaii		County of Kauai		County of Maui		Total
	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	\$600,000
2015	\$158,901	6/2015	\$47,165	6/2015	\$43,232	7/2015	\$50,703	6/2015	\$300,000
2016	\$582,635	8/2016	\$172,937	6/2016	\$158,516	6/2016	\$185,911	5/2016	\$1,100,000
2017	\$291,318	7/2017	\$86,469	5/2017	\$79,258	6/2017	\$92,956	6/2017	\$550,000
2018	\$291,318	5/2018	\$86,469	4/2018	\$79,258	4/2018	\$92,956	4/2018	\$550,000
2019	\$287,409	5/2019	\$87,330	4/2019	\$77,677	4/2019	\$97,584	4/2019	\$550,000
2020	\$491,207	3/2020	\$149,254	3/2020	\$132,758	5/2020	\$166,780	3/2020	\$940,000

RESOURCES

National Center for SRTS www.saferoutesinfo.org

This site includes resources for data collection and evaluation forms and an online report generation system, information about existing programs including the Vision Zero for Youth initiative and links to other resources.

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SRTS Guide <https://guide.saferoutesinfo.org/>

A comprehensive SRTS guide provided by the National Center for SRTS with resources organized by topic.

National Bike to School Day events

International Walk to School events in the USA www.walkbiketoschool.org

The National Center for SRTS also coordinates International Walk to School Day in the USA each October and National Bike to School Day each May. This site includes resources such as promotional materials, safety tips and event planning guides, which can be used for walk and bike event planning year-round.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration www.nhtsa.gov

Pedestrian and bicycle safety materials and data are in the “road safety” section.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center www.pedbikeinfo.org

Federal clearinghouse of pedestrian and bicycle information about health and safety, engineering, advocacy, education, enforcement, access and mobility.

SRTS National Partnership saferoutespartnership.org

A group of organizations that advocates for SRTS programs. Distributes an e-newsletter with SRTS news and operates a listserv.

US Access Board www.access-board.gov

Design guidelines to assure accessibility for people with disabilities.

HDOT Pedestrian Safety Page for Educators <https://hidot.hawaii.gov/walk-smart-for-ed/>

A simple and easy gateway for the busy teacher, driver’s education instructor and other educators to see what the different agencies in Hawaii offer in the way of pedestrian safety information for all ages.

Planning Considerations Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

https://pedbikeinfo.org/resources/resources_details.cfm?id=5232

This document, provided by the National Center for SRTS and Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center, describes the benefits of including walking and biking to school in school reopening plans and addresses four main planning questions.

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