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IN REPLY REFER TO:

January 9, 2018

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

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker and Members of the House of
Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Safe Routes to School Report as requested in ACT 317 (12).

In accordance with HRS 93-16, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at: <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/library/reports/reports-to-the-legislature/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jade T. Butay".

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c: 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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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SECTION 291C-3 HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

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. All ongoing infrastructure projects are currently in the design phase except for the Island-Wide Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Crosswalks and Sidewalk Improvements project which has completed design and was advertised on December 12, 2017 with a bid opening date of January 4, 2018.

In partnership with county SRTS coordinators, one SRTS informational workshop was offered on the islands of Oahu, Kauai and Maui, and two workshops were offered on the island of Hawaii in March and April 2017. 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.

Following SRTS informational workshops, the DOT issued its fifth round of call for applications to award SRTS federal funds obtained under SAFETEA-LU on September 22, 2017 with a deadline date of January 19, 2018. Applications that are received 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>.

The following is a summary of recent county SRTS efforts that used funds obtained from the SRTS Program Special Fund. Counties may have implemented additional SRTS activities that were funded by other sources and therefore are not included in the summary.

The City and County of Honolulu is currently implementing the SRTS Kam IV Road project, which will install pedestrian improvements near Fern Elementary School including sidewalks, narrowed traffic lanes, reduced curb radii and mini-circles. The SRTS Kam IV Road project is currently in the design phase. The City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services has also developed a process for schools to apply for SRTS grants on their website.

The County of Hawaii is partnering with PATH – Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii, a non-profit organization, to work with stakeholders on SRTS issues and best practices. A comprehensive plan to evaluate and install SRTS infrastructure improvements at all schools on the island of Hawaii was developed. School zone signage and rectangular rapid flash beacons (RRFBs) were installed near Parker School and Waimea Elementary School in April 2017, Kahakai Elementary School in October 2017, and Pahoa School in November 2017, and are currently being installed near E.B. de Silva Elementary School. School zone signage and RRFBs near Chiefess Kapiolani Elementary School and Montessori School are currently in the design phase. In addition, school zone signage, RRFBs and pavement improvements for pedestrians near Keaukaha Elementary School are currently under design.

The County of Kauai used SRTS funds to provide the local match for construction of the federally-funded Kawaihau Elevated Boardwalk project, which provided a walking and biking path that connects to Kapaa Elementary School and Saint Catherine Elementary School. The Kawaihau Elevated Boardwalk was completed and opened to the public on July 23, 2017. In addition, SRTS funds were used to provide part of the local match for planning and design of the federally-funded Kawaihau/Huaaala/Mailihuna Complete Streets project, which includes improved sidewalks, pedestrian crossings and reconfigured intersections. The Kawaihau/Huaaala/Mailihuna Complete Streets project is currently in the design phase.

The County of Maui installed a total of ten speed feedback monitors near Kahului Elementary School, St. Anthony School, Pomaikai Elementary School, Lahaina Intermediate School, Kihei Elementary School and Maui Waena Intermediate School from August to September 2017. The County also installed curbing near Kahului Elementary School in July 2017. In addition, design was completed for sidewalk improvements on Pauwela Road fronting Haiku School with construction anticipated in summer 2018.

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

| Award Date | Project Title | Awardee | Amount | 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 | \$39,058 | completed |
| 4/10/14 | Putting Our Plans to Work | PATH – Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii | \$6,029 | completed |
| 4/10/14 | Get Fit Kauai SRTS | University of Hawaii at Manoa Office of Public Health Studies | \$19,809 | completed |
| 7/29/16 | Campaign to Utilize Safe Routes to Wilson Elementary | Wilson Elementary School | \$20,980 | ongoing |

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

| Award Date | Project Title | Awardee | Amount | Status |
|------------|---|--|-----------|-----------|
| 2/22/12 | Princess Nahienaena Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project | County of Maui | \$116,189 | completed |
| 2/22/12 | Kamalii Elementary School Safe Routes to School Project | County of Maui/ Keonekai Neighborhood Association | \$404,629 | completed |
| 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 |
| 9/9/16 | Kailua Bicycle Boulevard Keolu Drive to Kailua Road | City and County of Honolulu | \$500,000 | ongoing |
| 10/28/16 | Kalaheo School SRTS Phase 1 | County of Kauai | \$499,458 | ongoing |

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 | | 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 |
| Total | \$1,350,655 | | \$400,899 | | \$367,470 | | \$430,977 | | \$2,550,000 |

