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IN REPLY REFER TO:

December 20, 2019

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 from Act 317 of 2012.

In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, 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 blue ink, appearing to read "Jade T. Butay".

JADE T. BUTAY
Director of Transportation

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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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 projects that are ongoing, or completed but not closed, the amounts shown are the amount of funds awarded and may not reflect the actual cost of each project.

The Campaign to Utilize Safe Routes to Wilson Elementary project was completed in June 2019. Wilson Elementary School developed and distributed school-specific SRTS materials and expanded their JPO program.

Construction of the Island-Wide Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Crosswalks and Sidewalk Improvements project was completed in February 2019. The project consisted of installing RRFB systems near Kalaheo Elementary School, Kekaha Elementary School and Kapaa Middle School, and constructing a new sidewalk along the east side of Alae Road from Kaumualii Highway to Iwipolena Street near Kekaha Elementary School.

Construction of the Paia School Frontage Improvements and Paia School Sidewalk Improvements projects was completed in July 2019. The Paia School Frontage Improvements project installed new sidewalk along the south side of Baldwin Avenue from Anohou Street to

Paia Gym, and along the frontage of Paia School. In addition, new sidewalk was installed from an alleyway off of the Haawina Street and Palekana Street intersection to the existing Paia Gym parking lot. The Paia School Sidewalk Improvements project replaced and widened the existing sidewalk from Paia Gym to Paia School.

The King Kaumualii School SRTS Phase 1 project is currently in the design phase with construction anticipated to begin in November 2020. The scope of the project was revised to include installing RRFB systems at two marked crosswalks on Hanamaulu Road, and constructing new sidewalk and curb ramps on Hanamaulu Road fronting King Kaumualii Elementary School to Hanamaulu Place and throughout the length of Akuli Street. In addition, the roadway shoulder along Hanamaulu Road on the opposite side of the school will be widened and an existing crosswalk on Hanamaulu Road fronting the school will be relocated.

The Koloa Safe Routes Phase 2 project is currently in the design phase with construction anticipated to begin in November 2020. The scope of the project was revised to include relocating an RRFB system on Poipu Road, relocating an existing crosswalk on Paanau Road, and constructing new sidewalk and curb ramps on Paanau Road fronting Koloa Elementary School and on the north side of Paanau Road from Hikina Road west to an existing sidewalk. In addition, bike lanes and accommodations for pedestrians will be provided along Poipu Road from Koloa Road to Blake Lane.

The City and County of Honolulu plans to complete the Kailua Bicycle Boulevard Keolu Drive to Kailua Road project at a later time pending the availability of funds. Therefore, SRTS federal funding for the Kailua Bicycle Boulevard Keolu Drive to Kailua Road project will be cancelled.

The County of Kauai plans to complete the Kalaheo School SRTS Phase 1 project at a later time using other funds. Therefore, SRTS federal funding for the Kalaheo School SRTS Phase 1 project will be cancelled.

No additional new projects were awarded during the fifth round of Call for Applications besides the Hawaii Island School Bicycle and Pedestrian Education and Safety Program project, which was included in the annual report for last year.

In partnership with county SRTS coordinators, one SRTS informational workshop was offered on the islands of Kauai and Maui, and two workshops were offered on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii between August and October 2019. The purpose of these workshops was to inform community leaders, school officials, health and transportation professionals, law enforcement officers, parents and neighbors about SRTS programs and requirements of SRTS federal grants.

The sixth round of Call for Applications to award SRTS federal funds obtained under SAFETEA-LU for non-infrastructure projects only is anticipated to be issued in January 2020. 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 are therefore not included in the summary.

The City and County of Honolulu completed the final design for the SRTS Kamehameha IV Road project with construction anticipated to begin in March 2020. The SRTS Kamehameha IV Road project will install pedestrian improvements including a path buffered by curbing, and reduced corner radii to shorten crossing distances along Kamehameha IV Road and Kahauiki Street near Fern Elementary School. Speed feedback signs were installed near Lincoln Elementary, Kaelepulu Elementary, and Makaha Elementary School in April 2019. The SRTS Mahoe Street and Waipahu Street Improvements project is currently under design with construction anticipated to begin in 2021. The SRTS Mahoe Street and Waipahu Street Improvements project will include constructing roundabouts, curb extensions (bulb-outs) and speed tables near August Ahrens Elementary School. The City and County of Honolulu also continues to support SRTS initiatives such as pedestrian safety assemblies, walking field trips, walk to school days and other outreach events, and continues to accept SRTS mini-grant applications which are available on their website.

The County of Hawaii is assessing all school zones along county roads, and installing school zone treatments that could include a combination of school zone signage, flashing beacons and driver feedback signs. This process includes engagement with the Hawaii Police Department to assist with enforcement and compliance with school zone speed limits. School zone signage, RRFB devices and pavement improvements for pedestrians near Ka Umeke Kao Public Charter School are currently under design with construction anticipated to begin in July 2020. The annual report for last year included pedestrian improvements under design near Keaukaha Elementary School, but this was reported in error. The County of Hawaii is not pursuing SRTS infrastructure improvements near Keaukaha Elementary School at this time.

The County of Kauai is using SRTS funds to provide part of the local match for planning and design of the federally-funded Kawaihau/Hauaala/Mailihuna Complete Streets project, which includes improved sidewalks, pedestrian crossings and reconfigured intersections near Kapaa Elementary School and Saint Catherine Elementary School. The Kawaihau/Hauaala/Mailihuna Complete Streets project is currently in the planning and design phases with construction anticipated to begin in 2021. The County of Kauai also used funds to supplement a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant to construct a shared use path in Lihue that serves as part of a safe route to Wilcox Elementary School. This shared use path was constructed and open for use in April 2019, and work to install landscaping is ongoing.

The County of Maui completed construction of approximately 3,000 feet of curb and sidewalk on Pauwela Road near Haiku School in January 2019. In addition, the County of Maui used funds obtained from the SRTS Program Special Fund for construction management services for the Paia School Frontage Improvements and Paia School Sidewalk Improvements projects. The scope and status of these projects is described under the SRTS Federal Program section of this report.

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	completed but not closed
9/13/18	Hawaii Island Schools Bicycle and Pedestrian Education and Safety Program	PATH – Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii	\$34,860	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	completed but not closed
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	completed but not closed
4/10/14	Paia School Sidewalk Improvements	County of Maui	\$455,495	completed but not closed
9/9/16	Kailua Bicycle Boulevard Keolu Drive to Kailua Road	City and County of Honolulu	\$500,000	federal funding will be cancelled
10/28/16	Kalaheo School SRTS Phase 1	County of Kauai	\$499,458	federal funding will be cancelled

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
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
Total	\$1,929,381		\$574,698		\$524,405		\$621,517		\$3,650,000