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IN REPLY REFER TO:

December 17, 2020

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President and Members of the
Senate.
31st State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives.
31st 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 required by Act 317 of 2012.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jade T. Butay", is written over a stylized, dark, horizontal line.

JADE T. BUTAY
Director of Transportation

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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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 on 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 Hawaii Island Schools Bicycle and Pedestrian Education and Safety Program project was completed in December 2019. PATH – Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii implemented the following:

- 4th grade bicycle education at Konawaena and Waimea Elementary schools,
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade pedestrian education at Chiefess Kapiolani, Kahakai and Waimea elementary schools, and
- distribution of banners with safety messages at Chiefess Kapiolani, Hookena, Kahakai, Kealakehe, Kohala, Kanu O Ka Aina and Waimea elementary schools.

Pedestrian education at Kanu O Ka Aina and Kealakehe elementary schools was planned but could not be implemented because schools were shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The King Kaumualii School SRTS Phase 1 project is currently in the design phase with

construction anticipated to begin in September 2021. The scope of the project includes installing RRFB systems at two marked crosswalks on Hanamaulu Road, and constructing new sidewalk and curb ramps on Hanamaulu Road from King Kaumualii Elementary School to Hanamaulu Place and throughout the length of Akuli Street. In addition, the roadway shoulder along the south side of Hanamaulu Road near the school will be widened and an existing crosswalk on Hanamaulu Road will be relocated.

The Koloa Safe Routes Phase 2 project is currently in the design phase with construction anticipated to begin in September 2021. The scope of the project includes reconstructing the sidewalk on Poipu Road fronting Koloa Elementary, relocating an RRFB system on Poipu Road and relocating an existing crosswalk on Paanau Road. The project also includes 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. SRTS federal funding for the Kailua Bicycle Boulevard Keolu Drive to Kailua Road project was cancelled and the project was removed from Table 2.

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.

Following SRTS informational workshops statewide, the DOT issued its sixth round of call for applications to award SRTS federal funds obtained under SAFETEA-LU on January 24, 2020 with a deadline date of April 30, 2020. No applications were received.

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 February 2021. 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. The SRTS Mahoe Street and Waipahu Street Improvements project is currently under design with construction anticipated to begin in 2023. 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 Kaao Public Charter School are currently under design with construction anticipated to begin in July 2020.

The County of Kauai used 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. Planning and design of the Kawaihau/Hauaala/Mailihuna Complete Streets project was completed with construction anticipated to begin in April 2021. The County of Kauai also used funds to supplement a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant to construct SRTS components of the Lihue Town Core Mobility and Revitalization project, which included a shared use path that serves as part of a safe route to Wilcox Elementary School, adjacent landscaped bioswale, and RRFB crosswalks on Umi Street. It was previously reported that the shared use path was constructed and open for use in April 2019. Construction of the bioswale and RRFB crosswalks was completed in June 2020. The Lihue Town Core Mobility and Revitalization project is currently in the landscape maintenance period.

The County of Maui continues to use funds obtained from the SRTS Program Special Fund for construction management services to close out the Paia School Frontage Improvements and Paia School Sidewalk Improvements projects. It was previously reported that construction of the Paia School Frontage Improvements and Paia School Sidewalk Improvements projects was completed in July 2019. The scope of these projects was described under the SRTS Federal Program section of the previous 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	\$5,036	completed
9/13/18	Hawaii Island Schools Bicycle and Pedestrian Education and Safety Program	PATH – Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawaii	\$34,860	completed but not closed

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
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
2020	\$491,207	3/2020	\$149,254	3/2020	\$132,758	5/2020	\$166,780	3/2020	\$940,000
Total	\$2,420,588		\$723,952		\$657,163		\$788,297		\$4,590,000