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December 28, 2021

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 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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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S
REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

REQUIRED UNDER

SECTION 291C-3 HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

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

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.

SRTS Federal 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.

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 King Kaumualii School SRTS Phase 1 project is currently under construction and anticipated to be completed in December 2022. 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 under construction and anticipated to be completed in January 2023. 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 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 was cancelled and the project was removed from Table 2.

The seventh 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 February 2022. Applications that are received will be evaluated and ranked.

In addition to SRTS federal funds obtained under SAFETEA-LU, both SRTS infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects are currently eligible for federal funds under the transportation alternatives program, highway safety improvement program and other programs.

SRTS Program Special Fund:

Act 317 (2012), signed into law on July 10, 2012, created county-level SRTS programs and established a state SRTS program special fund. A surcharge fee on certain moving violations is deposited into the SRTS program special fund. The DOT adopted Chapter 19-109 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) entitled “Safe Routes to School Program Special Fund” and distributed funds from the SRTS program special fund to counties for fiscal years 2014 to 2020. Table 3 shows the amount of funds distributed to each county.

Act 9 (Special Session 2021), signed into law on July 20, 2021, requires that the legislature appropriate funds from the SRTS special fund to counties. Act 9 also requires each county to submit an annual report on the status and progress of its county SRTS program to the legislature. Therefore, we are in the process of repealing Chapter 19-109, HAR and the DOT will not distribute funds from the SRTS Program Special Fund to counties. In addition, we defer to legislative reports submitted by counties for the status of county SRTS efforts that used funds obtained from the SRTS program special fund.

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	\$20,735	completed

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	\$434,979	completed
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

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