

What is Safe Routes to School?



Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national and international movement to create safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to bicycle and walk to and from schools. While only 40 years ago, over 50% of students walked to school, today the average in Hawai'i is under 10%. SRTS benefits include healthier lifestyles, less traffic congestion, and arriving at school with a readiness to learn.



Helping to increase traffic safety around schools is one aspect of Safe Routes to School

The Hui is looking for new insights into these concerns and issues, and encourages your input and your involvement. To join, please fill out the attached form and mail it in or contact Ann Peterson at:

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The Hawai'i Safe Routes to School Hui is a network of nonprofit organizations, government agencies, schools, and professionals working together to advance the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) movement in the State of Hawai'i with links to a national network of over 400 groups, schools, government agencies, and professionals



Hui Partners

- AARP Hawai'i
- City and County of Honolulu Bicycle Coordinator
- Department of Education Facilities Division
- USDOT Federal Highway Administration, Hawai'i Division
- Get Fit Kaua'i
- Hawai'i County Department of Public Works
- Hawai'i County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney
- Hawai'i State Department of Health, Injury Prevention
- Hawai'i State Department of Health - Healthy Hawai'i Initiative
- Hawai'i State DOH, Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition
- Hawai'i Bicycling League
- Hawai'i Public Health Association
- Honolulu Police Department
- Kaua'i Path, Inc.
- Kona Skatepark Association
- National Park Service - Rivers Trails and Conservation Program
- Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition - Kaua'i
- Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition - Hawai'i Island
- Parents and Children Together
- PATH - Peoples Advocacy for Trails Hawai'i

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Hawai'i Safe Routes to School Hui

The Hui formed to address persistent barriers to Safe Routes to School (SRTS) success in Hawai'i. The group is focused on the implementation of the federally mandated Safe Route to School Program and meets each month via teleconference to address the initiatives highlighted on this page and listed below:

Focus Areas

- The transportation needs of low-income families
- The review of current laws that may limit or could foster SRTS
- Joint-use agreements that would enhance in-school/after-hours programming
- Review of how traffic violations are enacted
- To insure the personal safety of students on their way to school
- To look at the impact of a school's location in relation to where students live
- To promote in-school traffic safety curriculum
- To identify and foster programs that encourage a safer school environment

• Linking schools with **SRTS** funding



Shown here is a SRTS funded pathway linking a cul de sac community with a school. SRTS funds many such physical improvements.

• Addressing the Impacts of **School Bus Cuts**



Helping find alternative ways to get to school.

• Implementation of the **Strategic Highway Safety Plan**



In 2007, the State launched this Plan to address, in part, one of the highest pedestrian and bicycle fatality rates in the nation.

• Creating **Complete Streets** roadways that accommodate all users.



Hawai'i passed the Complete Streets Bill in 2009 that require all new and resurfaced roadways to have bike and pedestrian facilities where possible.

• Augmenting the **School Wellness Program**



Programs like Safe Routes to School, Walk to School Day, the Walking Bus Program, and Bike and Pedestrian Ed provide venues for physical activity in a safe environment that help create healthy life styles and help address childhood obesity.



Sound Interesting? Please join - Your help is needed - and welcomed!

- I want to become a member of the Hawai'i State Safe Routes to School Hui
- Please send me more information on the Hawai'i State Safe Routes to School Hui

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