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The Honorable Val Okimoto
and Members
Committee on Budget
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Okimoto and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 25-259 – Transfer of Funds

The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) strongly supports Resolution 25-259, which would authorize the transfer of $160,000 from the Provision for Grants, Partnerships and Security activity to the DTS Transportation Performance & Development activity. The transfer is needed to cover the City and County of Honolulu's twenty percent matching contribution required by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the project in Fiscal Year 2026 as part of the O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization Overall Work Program.

These funds are well spent to leverage the larger amount of funding coming from FHWA ($640,000). This work will advance the actions identified in the O'ahu Vision Zero Action Plan including:

(1) Vision Zero data dashboard updates;
(2) Crash data quality improvements;
(3) High-Injury Locations update and State of Safety Report (5-year);
(3) Design recommendations and guidelines; and
(4) Lighting Needs Assessment at Tier 1 High-Injury Locations, as identified by the O'ahu Vision Zero Action Plan.

The Transportation Safety Planning Program aligns with Honolulu City Council Resolution 18-219, which urges the City administration to adopt the goals, strategies and policies of Vision Zero and Resolution 25-1 that adopted the Oahu Vision Zero Action Plan. The project is consistent with Hawai'i State Law Act 134 (2019) that adopted Vision Zero as the policy of the State of Hawai'i and required counties to adopt Vision Zero policies. The project is consistent with Hawai'i State Law Act 180 (2024) that requires county transportation agencies to identify high-risk and dangerous corridors and intersections

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Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony. Should you have questions, please contact me at (808) 768-8303.

Very truly yours,

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