April 5, 2022

Ms. Leah Laramee, Chair
and Commissioners
Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission
1151 Punchbowl Street, Room 131
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Laramee and Commissioners:

SUBJECT: April 6, 2022, Agenda; Presentation on Vehicle Mile Traveled Reduction Toolkit

The Department of Transportation Services ("DTS") supports the Hawaii State Energy Office’s Vehicle Mile Traveled ("VMT") Reduction Toolkit. DTS agrees with using VMT based analysis for measuring progress towards climate goals and acknowledges the potential for VMT reduction to accomplish other related State goals. DTS supports the findings and recommendations included in the Draft VMT Reduction Toolkit and Policy Report, including Recommendation #1 to adopt a statewide VMT reduction target.

The City and County of Honolulu ("City") committed to planning, designing, operating, and maintaining Complete Streets in 2012 with the enactment of the City's Complete Streets law (Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, Chapter 14, Article 33). This has been implemented by following modern engineering design standards such as the Honolulu Complete Streets Design Manual, Transportation Impact Assessment Guide, Right-of-Way Widths for Planned Street Improvements, and investment in creating transformative programs like the City and County of Honolulu’s Transportation Demand Management ("TDM") and Vision Zero Programs. DTS stands ready to collaborate and coordinate with City and State agencies and members of the Commission to implement VMT reduction and TDM policies, strategies, and programs.

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

Very truly yours,

J. Roger Morton, Director
Director