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The Honorable Frank Hornstein, Chair
House Transportation Finance Committee
471 State Office Building
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The Honorable Linda Runbeck, GOP Lead
House Transportation Policy Committee
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The Honorable Michael Beard, GOP Lead
House Transportation Finance Committee
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The Honorable Scott Dibble, Chair
Senate Transportation and Public Safety
Committee
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The Honorable Ron Erhardt, Chair
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The Honorable John Pederson, GOP Lead
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Dear Legislators:

I am pleased to present the annual report on the Minnesota Safe Routes to School program as required by Minn. Stat. 174. 40, Subd. 8.

The past year has been a year of transition for the program, as the shift from SAFETEA-LU to MAP-21 changed SRTS from a stand-alone program to an eligible project category under the new Transportation Alternatives Program. The first TAP solicitation was announced in October 2013, with SRTS projects eligible for funding. The remaining SAFETEA-LU funds will be used for statewide technical assistance and a 2014-2015 solicitation for planning assistance. In addition, the 2013 state transportation finance omnibus package included \$500,000 in funding over the biennium for non-infrastructure SRTS activities.

In 2013, \$3.5 million was awarded to 13 infrastructure projects statewide. An additional \$800,000 went to non-infrastructure SRTS activities, including planning and implementation of local SRTS programs. These non-infrastructure activities will reach more than 50,000 students during the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years by providing local coordination, purchasing bicycle fleets, implementing crossing guard programs and developing safety campaigns. In addition, MnDOT continued to offer technical assistance and to partner and coordinate with the Minnesota Department of Health's Statewide Health Improvement Program.

Please contact me, or Lisa Austin, SRTS Coordinator, at 651-366-4193, with any questions about the SRTS report or program.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Zelle
Commissioner

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