

# Climate Change & Hawaii Roads

Shoreline protection, rockfall hazards, and the way forward.



### Assumptions: Coastal Roads & SLR

- Hawaii will have to contend with the impacts of climate change on our coastal roads.
- The Hawaii Climate Change and Adaptation Commission forecasts 3.2 feet/1 m sea level rise by 2100.
- 10-15% of the state's highway system would be affected.

# Statewide Highway Shoreline Protection Study

Updates 2003 study with new methodology.

2019 Study finalized/released - June 2019.

Study identifies and prioritize state roads in need of immediate and short-term erosion control/shoreline remediation measures, as well as sites that should be monitored.

Oahu mobilization anticipated Summer 2019. Immediate mitigations complete within one calendar year.

#### Methodology

- Sites are evaluated using Coastal Road Erosion Susceptibility Index (CRESI)
- CRESI uses 11 different variables (Beach Geomorphology, Coast Geomorphology, Erodible Volume, Slope, Coast ground cover & structures, Road base/subgrade, Armoring, Relative sea level change rate, Shoreline accretion/erosion rate, Mean tidal change, and Significant wave height).
- Expected traffic impacts (of the use of the roadway being effected by coastal erosion) and surrounding land use of the site will be added to final calculations.

#### **Priority Level/Tier Rankings**

#### Tier 1 Immediate.

Repairs
 recommended
 within 12
 months.

#### Tier 2 Shortterm.

Repairs
 recommended
 within 1-5
 years.

#### Tier 3 Long-term management.

- 5 10 years
- Monitor
   existing
   shoreline
   improvements
   and consider
   additional
   evaluation.

#### Tier 4 Periodic monitoring.

- Beyond 10 years
- Site will remain on inventory with periodic monitoring.





#### **Preliminary Ranking of Tier 1 Sites**

- 1. Oahu #7 (Kamehameha Highway in Hauula at Pokiwai Road)
- 2. Oahu #6 (Kamehameha Highway in Kaaawa at Crouching Lion)
- 3. Maui #4
- 4. Oahu #4 (Kamehameha Highway in Kaaawa at Puakenikeni Road)
- 5. Oahu #3 (Kamehameha Highway in Kaaawa vicinity of Kalaeoio Beach Park)
- 6. Molokai #2
- 7. Molokai #3
- 8. Oahu #5 (Kamehameha Highway in Kaaawa vicinity of Makaua Village)
- 9. Kauai #2
- 10. Molokai #4
- 11. Molokai #7
- 12. Molokai #8
- 13. Oahu #12 (Farrington Highway in Makua at Keaau Stream Bridge)



#### Route 83 (Hauula/Pokiwai Road)

**Before (KITV Photo)** 



After (HDOT Photo)







#### OTHER HAZARDS



#### **April Flood**

- Historic flooding April 14 & 15 caused multiple landslides and washed out portions of Route 560 on Kauai.
- Route 560 is the only way in and out for approximately 600 people.
- Landslides and rockfalls were also seen in East Oahu, but were cleared on April 14.











## Realignment cost example

Costs to date for completed phases of the Honoapiilani Highway Realignment (Lahaina Bypass)

- Phase 1A \$80 M
- Phase 1B-1 \$35 M
- Phase 1B-2 \$45 M

Total estimate including design, construction and R/W: \$450 M



#### What can we do?

- Work with experts to prioritize sites and design mitigation measures.
- Speak with the community on what the future of Hawaii's roads might look like.
- Work with stakeholders on land use, access, and other considerations.
- Future decisions for roads, more than just DOT. Need alignment with State, County and Fed agencies and community.



#### Mahalo

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