

Traffic Emergency Zone Declaration

Kamehameha Highway (Route 83), Vicinity of
Waimea Bay

Agenda

- Traffic Emergency Zone
 - What is a traffic emergency zone?
 - What does the establishment of a traffic emergency zone do?
 - Why is HDOT declaring Kamehameha Highway, Route 83, in the vicinity of Waimea Bay a traffic emergency zone?
- Feb. 5 Rockfall Event
 - Current status
 - Rockfall mitigation plan
 - Schedule

Traffic Emergency Zones

[§264-1.5] Emergency powers; traffic emergency zones. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if the governor or state director of transportation, in the case of a state highway, or the mayor of a county or the county director of transportation, in the case of a county highway, determines that substantial endangerment to public health and safety is or is highly likely to be caused by the temporary closure of, or the lack of adequate access to an area by, a county highway or a state highway as defined under section 264-1(a), which requires immediate action, the governor or state director of transportation, in the case of a state highway, or a mayor of a county or the county director of transportation, in the case of a county highway, without a public hearing, may designate the area to be a traffic emergency zone, and may take any action that may be necessary until access to the designated area has been established. The designation shall fix a place and time, not later than twenty-four hours after the designation, for a hearing to be held before the state director of transportation, or the county director of transportation.

- Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 264-1.5 authorizes the Governor or the State Director of Transportation to designate a state highway as a “traffic emergency zone.”
- This allows for expedited procurement and waives certain permitting requirements.

Rockfall Impact Fence



- Emergency procurement will install 190 linear feet of impact fencing at the site of the Feb. 5 rockfall.
- Est. delivery March 2023
- Construction will take approximately two months
- Single lane closures will be needed for 18 days of work during drilling and pouring cement for posts.

Questions?