

Traffic Emergency Zone Designation

Kuhio Highway Route 560 MP 6.9

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- Statewide Highway Rockfall Hazard Assessment Study
 - Visually assess overall slope conditions
 - Identify potential rockfall hazards that may warrant near to mid-term mitigation

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- Statewide Highway Rockfall Hazard Assessment Study
 - Kauai site visit by geotechnical engineer on October 4, 2023 identified Kuhio Highway MP 6.9 as needing immediate attention



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- Traffic Emergency Zone

- Hawaii Revised Statutes §264-1.5 Emergency powers; traffic emergency zones

“... if the ... state director of transportation, in the case of a state 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 state highway as defined under section 264-1(a), which requires immediate action, the ... state director of transportation, in the case of a state 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.”

- What does the designation of a traffic emergency zone do?

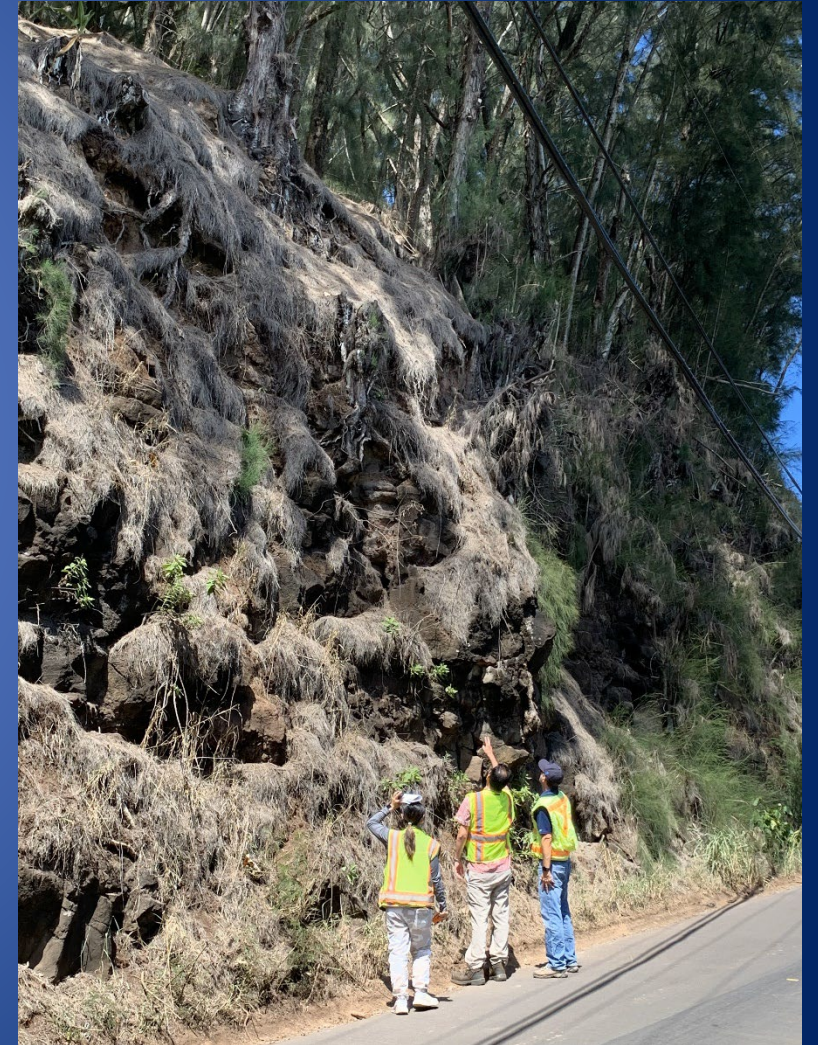
This allows for expedited procurement and waives certain permitting requirements.

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- Plan of Action

- As recommended by the geotechnical engineer, slope scaling – removal of loose and unstable material – by a contractor with a specialty rockfall mitigation classification
- Tree trimming and removal scheduled to begin October 10, 2023
- Initial estimates are that work will be completed in two to three weeks; daily schedule 8:30-3:00
- First two days will require full highway closures for 10 minutes, followed by opening for 10 minutes
- Subsequent work will require single lane closures with intermittent full highway closures



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Questions?