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- Notification of Hazard
  - On December 4, 2023 HDOT discovered shoreline erosion undermining the highway. Following inspections conducted on December 5, 2023, Kuhio Highway MP 4.3 needs 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
  - Remove loose and unstable debris and vegetation
  - Install an ungrouted rock revetment to protect area and tie into existing boulders in the area
  - Reconstruct the undermined roadway and grass shoulder
  - Initial estimates are for work to be completed in three to four weeks; daily schedule 8:30-3:00, traffic dependent.
  - Work will require single lane closures with intermittent full highway closures



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