

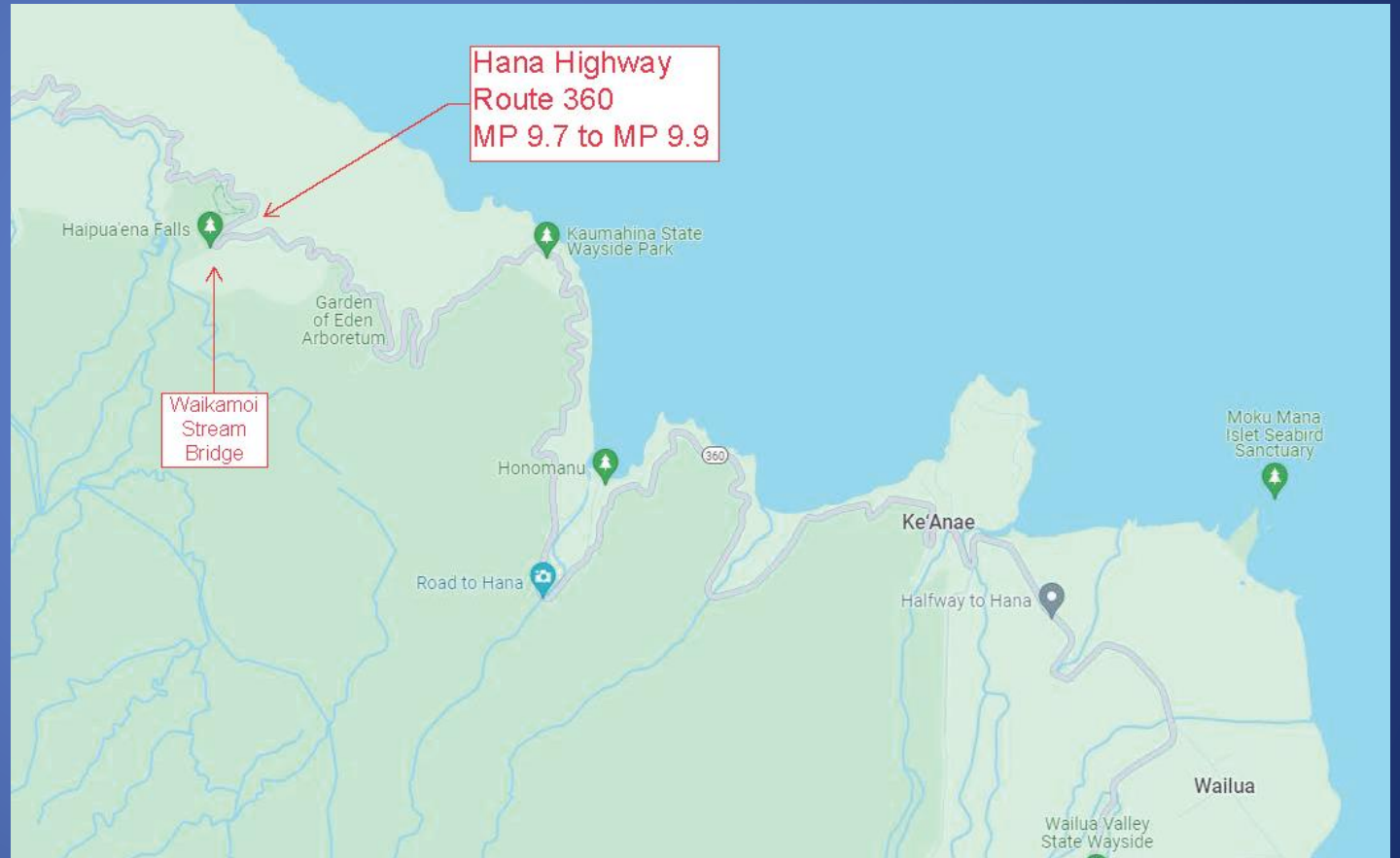
Traffic Emergency Zone Designation

Hana Highway (Route 360)
Vicinity of Waikamoi Stream
Keanae, Maui

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Hana Highway Route 360, Mile Post 9.7 to 9.9

- Historical rockfall area with large boulders.
- Popular tourist area for nature trail and waterfalls.



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- Clearing of vegetation in February, inspection with geotechnical engineer on March 27 who recommends emergency mitigation measures along 900 feet of roadway apparently susceptible to multiple rock embankment failures.
- Rock slope failure would cause closure of Hana Highway, cutting off access between the Haiku area and East Maui.
- Pi'ilani Highway around south Maui is not an adequate alternative for commercial and tourist traffic.
- Maui County has limited traffic in the Kipahulu area to locals and emergency vehicles due to erosion damage to the roadway.



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 Mitigation



Examples of ring nets

- Mitigation includes scaling by qualified and experienced personnel to remove loose rocks and boulders.
- Intermittent road closures of 20 to 30 minutes from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Friday will be needed for the mitigation work.
- Work is expected to last through April.
- Installation of ring net systems will be scheduled after material is delivered.

Questions?