

Traffic Emergency Zone Declaration

Kamehameha V Highway (Route 450), Vicinity of
Waialua Stream

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 450, in the vicinity of Waialua Stream a traffic emergency zone?
- HDOT Inspection, Dec. 17
 - Current status

Traffic Emergency Zones

- 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.

[§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.

Kamehameha V Highway at Mile Post 18.7



As of Thursday, Dec. 19:

- Barriers to prevent vehicles from driving over the undermined area have been set.
- The shoulder of the single remaining lane has been cleared to ensure that emergency and large vehicles are able to pass through safely.
- Contraflow traffic will remain in place.
- HDOT is working on an action plan and getting a design team in place to come up with the best solution using our past experiences in protecting other coastal highways.
- HDOT crews will be monitoring the roadway throughout each work week.
- Reports about the road condition may be made to the Maui District Highways Office at (808) 873-3535.



Questions?