

Traffic Emergency Zone Declaration

Farrington Highway (Route 93), Vicinity of Keaau
Stream Bridge

Agenda

- Traffic Emergency Zone
 - What is a traffic emergency zone?
 - What does the establishment of a traffic emergency zone do?
 - Why is HDOT declaring Farrington Highway near Keaau Stream Bridge traffic emergency zone?
- Repair Plan
 - Current status
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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.

Repair Plan



- 200-foot section of makai shoulder and guardrails north of Keaau Stream Bridge in Makaha have been undermined.
- Crew will create a revetment with boulders and existing cobbles in front of the undermined section.
- The area behind the revetment will be backfilled with Controlled Low Strength Material (CLSM) concrete.

Work Schedule

- Repairs to begin Monday, March 31, 2025.
- Closure will be of the single makai (townbound) lane of Farrington Highway in the vicinity of Keaau Stream Bridge. Travel in both directions will be maintained using alternating traffic control (i.e., contraflow in the remaining lane).
- Repair duration is expected to be 11 days.
- Working hours will be daily, Monday – Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Questions?