

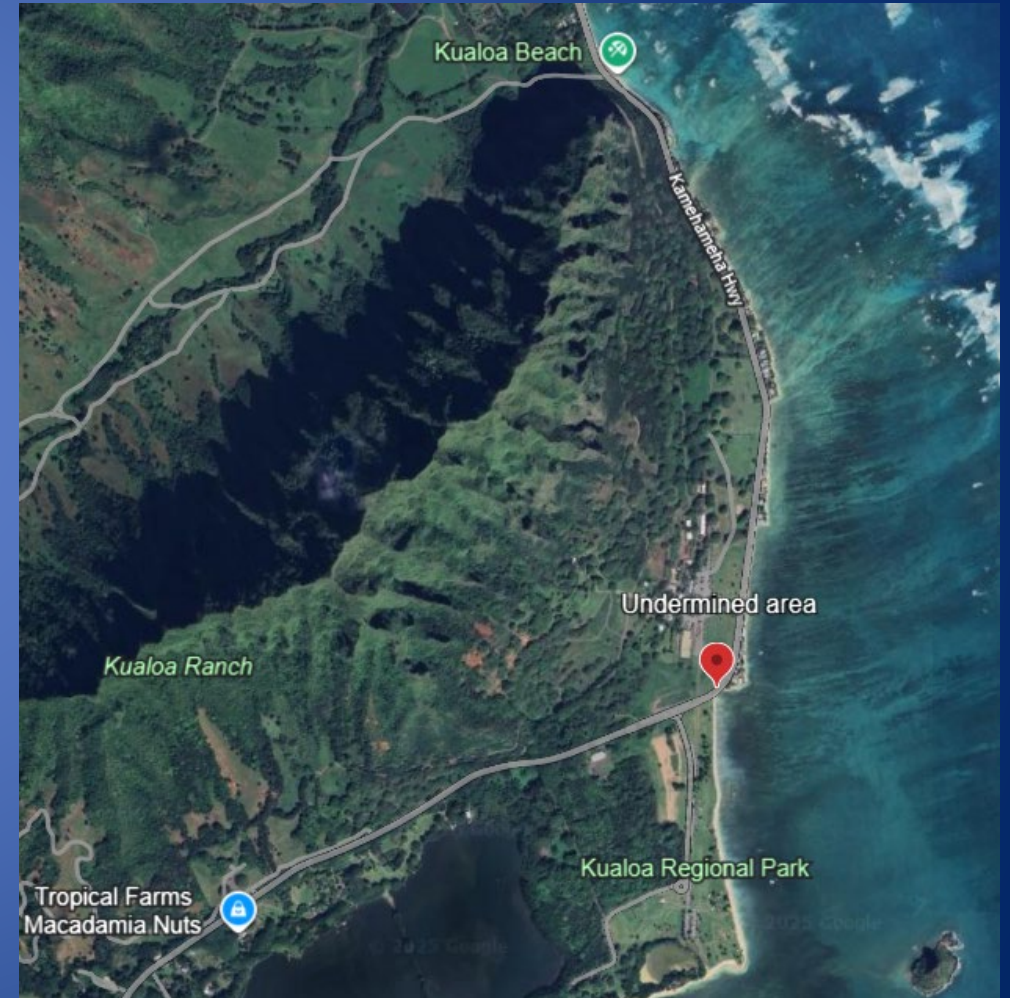
Traffic Emergency Zone Designation

Kamehameha Highway,
vicinity of Kualoa Beach Park
Island of O'ahu

Kualoa Traffic Emergency Zone Designation

Location

- Kamehameha Highway (Route 83) in the Ko'olaupoko district
 - 65-foot section of the makai shoulder of Route 83
 - Area is north of Kualoa Beach Park



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Findings

- Shoreline at Kualoa Regional Park was inspected Dec. 15, 2025
- Visible undermining observed at the bend
- Existing utility pole (pictured) is also undermined



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Statute

- 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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Repair Plan

- Create a revetment with boulders and existing cobble
- Backfill behind the revetment with Controlled Low Strength Material
- Relocate utility pole to the mauka side of the road



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Schedule

- Repairs began on Dec. 16, 2025
- Closure of Kamehameha Highway will be done one lane at a time
- Repair duration is expected to take 15 days
- Working hours will be daily, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Work will not be done on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day

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Discussion

Questions?