

Traffic Emergency Zone Designation

Kaumualii Highway Route 50 MP 10.1

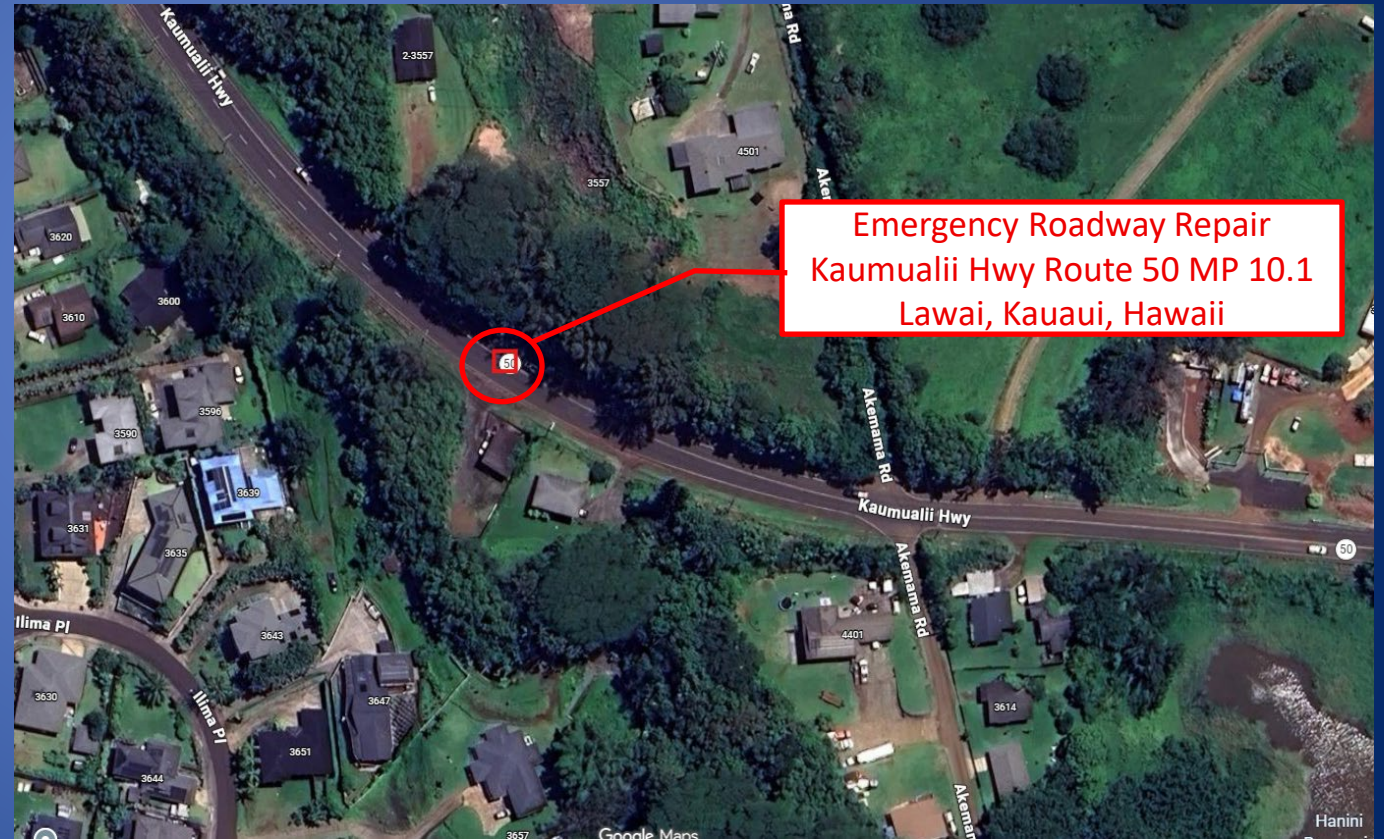
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- July 17, 2026 HDOT investigated roadway settlement occurring in the Westbound lane, just West of Akemama Road, which indicated signs of potential roadway failure.
- Findings confirmed the need for immediate roadway stabilization at the distressed location due to void beneath the highway.



Traffic Emergency Zone Designation Definitions

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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.

Traffic Emergency Zone Designation Repair Plan

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- Plan of Action

- Conduct additional field investigation and start initial stabilization effort.
 - Start Wednesday, July 29, 2026
 - 8:30am to Nighttime hours (TBD)
 - Lane Shift
- Pour/Pump flowable concrete fill in void under the roadway to stabilize the area.
- Reconstruct and resurface roadway, in damaged location.
- Repair schedule beyond 7/29 TBD
 - Lane closures may be necessary and will be announced when situation is reassessed after initial investigation and work.



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Questions?