

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

In the Matter of the Application	)	
For Variance for:	)	
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STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF	)	Docket No. 26-NR-VN-06
TRANSPORTATION (HDOT)	)	V-1471
NOISE – REHABILITATION AND	)	
SEISMIC RETROFIT OF THREE	)	
BRIDGES ALONG HALEAKALA	)	
HIGHWAY, KULA, MAUI	)	

DECISION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Chapter 342F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (H.R.S.), and Chapter 11-46, Hawaii Administrative Rules (H.A.R.), Community Noise Control; and based upon the application and review by the Indoor and Radiological Health Branch, the variance request from the provisions of Section 11-46-6(a), H.A.R., is hereby GRANTED with the following restrictions and conditions:

1. The variance shall be granted to perform rehabilitation and seismic retrofitting to three (3) bridges. The scope of the work consists of full roadway closures to allow for excavation behind the abutment approaches, filling the excavated area with concrete and the installation of soil nails. Full closure of each bridge is required for up to thirty (30) days. Pier construction includes removing debris from bridge piers, wrapping piers with carbon fiber and pier footing upgrades. There will also be replacement of creep blocks at the bridge bents.
2. The project will take place at three (3) bridges (Alae Bridge, Pohakuokala Bridge, and Waiale Bridge), along Haleakala Highway, Route 377, Kula.
3. The variance shall be granted from November 1, 2026 until October 31, 2028.
4. The variance shall be granted for the following days/times:

Saturday	6:00 p.m.	to	Monday	7:00 a.m.
Monday	6:00 p.m.	to	Tuesday	7:00 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	to	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	to	Thursday	7:00 a.m.
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	to	Friday	7:00 a.m.
Friday	6:00 p.m.	to	Saturday	9:00 a.m.

No work will occur during the seabird fledging season (September 15 to December 15), on State Holidays, and during the Holiday Season.

5. The variance shall be granted with the following restrictions:
 - a. The use of auger drill rigs, concrete saws, jackhammers, hoe rams, pavement scarifier, pneumatic tools, rock drills, and Vac-trucks shall be prohibited after 10:00 p.m. within 500 feet of residences.
 - b. The use of backhoes, ground compactors, concrete mixer trucks, concrete pump trucks, dump trucks, excavators, front end loaders, pavers, rivet busters/chipping guns, rollers, scrapers, shotcrete pumps, and vacuum street sweepers shall be prohibited after midnight within 500 feet of residences.
6. The applicant shall notify the Indoor and Radiological Health Branch as to the date and time of any variance hour activity as soon as the dates are confirmed, and when the project is completed.
7. The applicant shall make every effort to minimize noise emanating from the project.
8. The use of reverse signal alarms is prohibited from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Alternative methods such as utilizing a ground guide for signaling shall be employed.
9. Traffic noise from heavy vehicles travelling to and from the project site shall be minimized near residences.
10. The applicant shall have a job-site inspector to whom immediate complaints can be forwarded for prompt response, and who shall have the general responsibility of monitoring quiet work procedures.
11. Residents and businesses that may be impacted by the activity shall be given sufficient notice regarding the project. The notification for the planned activity will also contain the name and telephone number of the job-site inspector. In addition, a copy of any notifications, as well as progress reports, will also be sent to the Indoor and Radiological Health Branch.
12. If the noise level is such that numerous complaints are received by the Department, the applicant shall cease operations upon receipt of an order and complete the project during hours on weekdays and weekends as directed.
13. Pursuant to Section 342F-5(d)(3), H.R.S., the applicant shall be required to perform noise sampling during the variance hours and report the results of such sampling to the Indoor and Radiological Health Branch.

14. Should the duration of the project continue beyond the expiration date, the applicant shall submit a request for extension along with an updated work schedule prior to October 31, 2028.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, August 04, 2026.



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