

U.S. 101: Anderson Rockfall

Curry County

Project Description

This project will install a barrier-mounted rock protection screen along the northbound shoulder of U.S. 101 and protective rock screening along the slope behind the barrier to prevent rocks from falling into the roadway.

Purpose and Need

Loose rocks frequently fall from the slope on the northbound side of the highway into the travel lanes. These rocks can vary in size from a few inches in diameter to several feet. Rocks in the roadway create a hazard for motorists, either by vehicles colliding with them or drivers swerving to avoid them.

Proposed Solutions

Install a 42" barrier-mounted rock protection screen that is 800-feet long. Widen the shoulder to accommodate the barrier. Place wire-mesh protective screening along the slope (approximately 640 feet in length and 150 feet from bottom of slope to top).

Anticipated Benefits

- Reduce the number of vehicles that collide with rocks in the roadway.
- Reduce the number of lane departures from drivers swerving to avoid obstacles.
- Remove hazards that drivers often cannot see due to fog or weather conditions.
- Allow drivers to pass through area without stopping to clear hazards from the roadway.
- Help keep the highway corridor open and traffic moving, particularly during storms and poor weather.

Estimated Project Cost

Total estimated cost: \$1,877,218



Anderson Rockfall is located along U.S. 101 at milepost 334, about three miles south of Gold Beach.



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