

I-84 Construction Projects



Rockfall Repair at Hood River

Hood River Rockfall Repair

In February 2014, a large rockfall event occurred just west of Hood River on Interstate 84 (at milepost 61). Rockfall material blocked the eastbound travel lanes and the lanes were closed for five days while crews removed material from the roadway and removed loose rock. The Oregon Department of Transportation is working on a project to reduce the potential for future large scale rockfall events in this area, making I-84 safer for all travelers.

The project will improve slope stability and provide a vegetated roadside barrier to reduce the potential for rocks from entering the highway.

Why is it needed?

The hillside to the south of I-84 at this location has historically produced rockfall events. During these events, rockfall material generally remains confined to the existing catchment area at the base of the slope (the area that looks like a ditch off the highway). However, large events in 2003 and 2014 filled the catchment area and spilled out onto I-84, creating a safety concern for travelers as well as damaging the highway.

What are the details?

The project will include the following:

- “**Slope scaling**” to remove loose rock blocks.
- Installing “**rock bolts**” and “**horizontal drains**” to improve long-term slope stability and channel water away from the hillside.
- **Constructing a roadside barrier** about 12-feet high and 223-feet long. The barrier will be planted to reduce the visual impacts.

ODOT selected the most cost-effective solution for the area, that would minimize impacts to nearby residents and travelers on I-84.

When will it happen?

Construction will take place from **September 2016 to May 2017**.*

The project will require a single eastbound lane closure (closed day and night) from September 6 to November 21, 2016 to ensure traveler safety. Lanes may be closed anytime during the work.

Travelers should expect delays when driving and be prepared for trucks entering the roadway.

Bicyclists will still be able to travel on the highway shoulder, but should take extra precautions when biking through the work area.

2016-17 Construction Schedule*

Extending the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail:

Feb. - Jul. 2016*; Sep. 24, 2016 trail opening*

Mosier to The Dalles Paving and Median Barrier

Replacement: Jun. - Sep. 2016*

Hood River Rockfall Repair: (see above) Sep. 2016 - May 2017*

Multnomah Falls Electronic Sign System: spring-summer 2017*

Extend the Historic Highway State Trail: early 2017-late 2018*

Farley Slide Repair: (east of Cascade Locks) spring-fall 2018*

*Schedule is subject to change

Questions?

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