

The Richardson Grove Improvement Project

Caltrans is proposing to make adjustments to the roadway alignment through Richardson Grove along US Highway 101, which is a narrow two-lane road with large old-growth redwood trees close to the roadway. Industry standard-sized trucks conforming to the Surface Transportation Assistance Act are currently prohibited from traveling on US 101 north of Leggett due to the narrow alignment at Richardson Grove. This stretch of road is critical to the commerce of Humboldt and other surrounding counties. In order to strengthen our local economy and public health it is important that larger vehicles be allowed to travel this part of the highway. Alternative solutions include escort services, contracted locally, to safely move large truck through at night.

The county is neutral on efforts to complete the Richardson Grove Improvement Project. The county supports efforts that would allow larger trucks into Humboldt County. The county supports these efforts upon confirmation that no old growth redwood trees are affected with this construction, either from tree removal or root disturbance.