Richardson Grove

Need and Purpose

Route 101 is the primary north-south route serving the north coast of California and is critical to the commerce of the region. Route 101 through Richardson Grove is a narrow two-lane road with large old growth redwood trees adjacent to the traveled way.

Industry standard-sized trucks conforming to the Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) are currently prohibited from traveling Route 101 north of Leggett due to the narrow alignment at Richardson Grove. This location is one of the few remaining areas of the state in which these trucks are not permitted.

The truck restrictions at Richardson Grove are due to the tightness of the curves, making it difficult for longer trucks to stay within their lane. This stretch of Richardson Grove is the only remaining location on Route 101 restricting access of STAA trucks traveling into Humboldt County.

This project will improve the safety and operation of this section of the highway and adjust the roadway alignment to accommodate STAA truck travel through Richardson Grove.

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