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Matthew Brady, District Director
Caltrans District 1
P.O. Box 3700
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Re: Safety Concern at Guard Rail on State Route 1 (MEN-001, PM 78.8)

Dear Director Brady:

Members of the Westport community wish to express our deep appreciation for your department's aggressive efforts to complete emergency slide repairs along State Route 1 in the vicinity of our village. This transportation route is an essential connection to the wider world. We do want to mention one concern related to those repairs, however.

At our past two public meetings held April 3 and May 1, 2018 a safety issue has been identified with the guard rail installed at the northern end of a new retaining wall at post mile 78.8. Instead of flaring away from the southbound lane, this rail curves inward and is dangerously close to the fog line. This creates a hazard for vehicles that may stray outside of the demarcated lane. There is also space on the outside of the rail for a vehicle to travel over the bluff edge. Two photographs of this location are attached for your reference.

We ask that you evaluate this safety concern and take remedial action if appropriate. Thank you for considering the comments expressed by our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thad M. Van Bueren".

Chairperson

Cc: Darron Hill, Caltrans Traffic Safety Chief
Mendocino Council of Governments
Mendocino County Supervisor Dan Gjerde



Approaching PM 78.8 on southbound MEN-001 showing guard rail posing a safety concern.



Close up showing proximity of north end of guard rail to the fog line.