

# Highway U.S. 395 Red Rock Safety Project

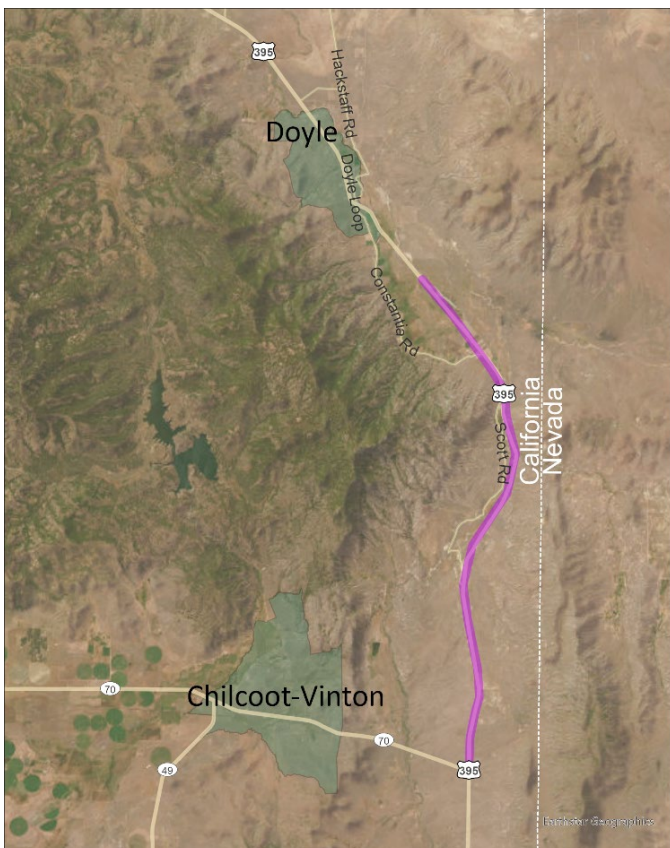
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## Project Description

The U.S. 395 Red Rock Safety Project is a transformative investment in safety, mobility, and resilience for Lassen County and the surrounding region. This critical stretch of highway—from the Nevada state line to the town of Doyle—connects rural communities, supports vital freight movement, and serves as a lifeline for residents, travelers, and emergency services. Over the past decade, traffic along this corridor has increased by 30%, including a 55% surge in large truck traffic, placing greater strain on outdated infrastructure.



At the same time, collisions have risen by 25%, including increases in both fatal and non-fatal accidents, with crash rates higher than the statewide average. Law enforcement has also reported a rise in traffic stops and citations, underscoring growing safety concerns. These trends highlight the increasing need for important upgrades along this section of U.S. 395. The Red Rock Safety Project responds with a comprehensive set of improvements aimed at protecting lives, supporting efficient freight movement, and striving to help ensure safer, more reliable travel for everyone who relies on this essential route.



With a \$50 million investment, the Red Rock Safety Project stands among California’s most significant commitments to improving transportation safety. The project includes roadway widening, centerline rumble strips, and median barriers to minimize the chances of vehicles entering opposing lanes. It will also add 10 strategically placed truck turnouts, enhance clear recovery zones, and upgrade signage, striping, and guardrails to meet current safety standards. Two bridge structures will be widened, and a wildlife crossing with fencing will be constructed to reduce animal-vehicle collisions.

These upgrades are designed to improve visibility, reduce crash severity, and create a safer, more efficient route for residents, emergency responders, and commercial drivers.



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As freight traffic continues to grow on U.S. 395, the project plays a crucial role in supporting the movement of goods and strengthening the regional economy. For the rural communities that depend on this corridor, the project means more reliable access to fundamental services like jobs, schools, and healthcare—while promoting a safer journey for everyone.

Ultimately, the U.S. 395 Red Rock Safety Project is about reducing risk to the public, supporting economic activity, and preparing the corridor for future demands. Construction is expected to begin following completion of the environmental and design phases.

## Project Location:

- U.S. Highway 395 3 miles north of Hallelujah Junction to 5 miles south of Doyle

## Current Project Status\*

- Environmental (PA&ED) Phase – March 2028
- Begin Construction – Sept 2029

## Estimated Funding:

SHOPP Safety Program 010	\$70 million
SB 1 Funds Anticipated	TBD

*\* Project Description based on information provided by Caltrans; dates and cost are approximate and subject to change. For more information, contact Caltrans at [D2PIO@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D2PIO@dot.ca.gov) or (530) 225-3426*

