

NDOT to complete Hwy. 50 work near Cave Rock

Beginning May 7, single lane closures will be in place on Highway 50 near Cave Rock as the Nevada Department of Transportation completes roadside slope repairs.

In the winter of 2016-17, numerous boulders the size of large passenger vehicles fell from a roadside slope onto eastbound travel lanes of 50 near Logan Creek Drive north of Cave Rock.

Last summer, NDOT began construction of a **roadside wall** to reinforce and encase the approximately 60-foot high slope and help prevent future erosion. Anchor bars were drilled into the slope to secure heavy-duty mesh. The mesh was then covered with more than 1,000 yards of thick sprayable “shotcrete” concrete to create what is called a soil nail wall.

Beginning Monday, travel will be reduced to one lane in each direction as construction crews apply the final aesthetic layer of concrete and finalize repairs to roadway surface and curbing damaged by the boulders. The concrete will be hand-sculpted to match colors and textures of nearby natural roadside slopes.

Construction is anticipated to complete, and the highway opened to two lanes in each direction, later this year.