

Potter Hill (MP 103) Embankment Repair and Slope Stabilization

Background

PROJECT

Oct. 29

2019

The 7.1 magnitude earthquake on Nov. 3O, 2O18, damaged Alaska Railroad (ARRC) track infrastructure in several areas in Southcentral Alaska. This project addresses one area of damage along the mainline track near Potter Hill (ARRC milepost 1O3) in South Anchorage. ARRC will repair embankment that failed and will stabillize the adjacent slope that lies between the track and the Ocean View Bluff neighborhood. The project is within the ARRC right-of-way (ROW) and is part of a broader effort to address damage from the earthquake.

Scope

The majority of slope and embankment work will occur on the inlet side of the tracks, adjacent to homes along Jarvi Drive, Hancock Lane and Turnagain Bluff Way. Slope material that was displaced or shifted during the earthquake will be replaced. Damaged slope structure will be rebuilt to promote slope stability. At the northern, or up slope, edge of the ARRC ROW (within the Ocean View Bluff community) the project will clean and restore the ditchline and retore the damaged storm structure.



Project area map in South Anchorage (Potter Hill area) Ocean View Bluff community.



Project Benefits

Repairing the damaged embankment and associated drainage structures will help prevent additional embankment failure.

The project also benefits homeowners along the project corridor. The project maintains and repairs existing facilities designed to provide slope stability and support for homes along the bluff. Ditching and storm structure restoration will provide adquate bluff drainage, and reduce erosion potential.

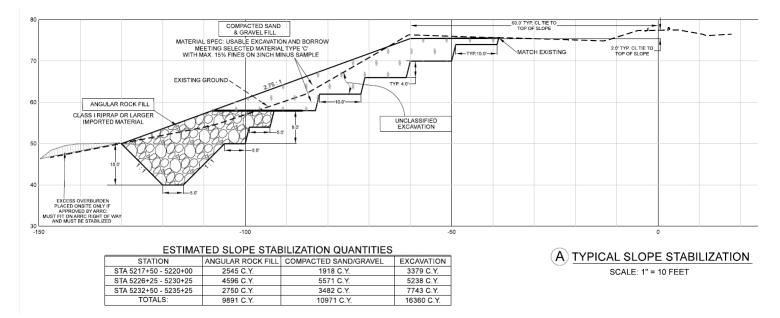
Project Status

 Following the Nov. 30 earthquake, ARRC's Engineering and Project Management departments responded quickly to oversee professional surveying, engineering and design work.

- Beginning in November 2019, ARRC will transport slope stabilization material, by rail, from quarries in Southcentral Alaska to the project site.
- Granite Construction Company is awarded the civil construction work, scheduled to begin in mid-November 2019. Project completion is expected by spring 2020, when vegetative stabilization efforts can conclude.

Project Funding

 This project is funded with money generated by Alaska Railroad operations. ARRC has requested assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



This engineering drawing shows the key elements of slope stabilization efforts that will occur as part of this project.

Additional engineering drawings for the project improvement plan are available online at AlaskaRailrod.com > Corporate > Projects (click on Anchorage Projects and scroll to the "MP 103 Potter Hill Earthquake Repair" project heading.