

## **Guard Cable**

We are currently installing median guard cable on many of our interstates. This is an effective way of reducing crossover accidents. Our current standard is to install on slopes of 1V:6H but most of our interstate median slopes are steeper than 1V:6H. We have successfully installed guard cable on various slopes and have also secured design exceptions to construct guard cable on slopes as steep as 1V:5H. Placement of guard cable on new or existing slopes other than 1V:6H requires a design exception.

Low- or high-tension guard cable is available from many suppliers. Recently, one of the high-tension products was successfully tested on a 1V:4H slope and we hope to have FHWA approval in the near future.

A technical bulletin on guard cable is being finalized and should be available soon. Joe Jones in the Engineering Policy Group is the Central Office contact for guard cable use.