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LANDSLIDE UPDATE: TWO FREEWAY CONNECTORS REMAIN CLOSED

**WESTBOUND I-10 CONNECTOR TO NORTHBOUND SR-57
NORTHBOUND SR-71 CONNECTOR TO NORTHBOUND SR-57**

SAN DIMAS – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will continue to close the following two freeway connectors until further notice:

- westbound San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) connector to northbound Orange Freeway (State Route 57); and
- northbound State Route 71 connector to northbound SR-57.

The closures are due to a landslide that occurred at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, which sent mud, rock, and debris onto the freeway system.

Caltrans geotechnical engineers were on site throughout the weekend to access the damage and design a stabilization plan. Crews worked to stabilize the hillside by removing loose gravel and grading the slope. Over the weekend, 11,000 cubic yards of loose dirt and rock were hauled away and 80,000 square feet of plastic was placed, covering the slope to prevent further damage by forecasted rain.

Work crews continue to haul excess soil material and place concrete median barriers (K-rail) that will remain in place until repairs are complete. The contractor is Autobahn Construction Inc., of Orange, Ca.

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