



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Westbound I-80 Auxiliary Lane Closed Due to Retaining Wall Failure in Pinole**

**Pinole-** Caltrans Crews have closed the westbound I-80 Auxiliary Lane between the Pinole Valley Road and Appian Way Interchanges, because of partial failure of the retaining wall resulting from recent storms. The freeway shoulder and retaining wall have shown increasing distress and cracking due to the increased load caused by this seasons heavy rains.

The Pinole Valley on-ramp to westbound I-80 remains open and signs are advising westbound I-80 and Pinole Valley On-ramp traffic of the reduced merging distance onto westbound I-80. The westbound I-80 Auxiliary Lane between Pinole Valley Road and Appian Way will be closed for an indefinite period of time, while engineers continue to monitor the extent of the crib retaining wall's failure.

Traffic delays are anticipated, and motorists are advised to use caution through the area. Motorists are also advised that traffic violations in Maintenance and Construction zones, are subject to double fines and to **"slow for the cone zone"**.

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