



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Retaining Wall Failure Closes Westbound I-80 Lanes & Pinole Ramp I-80 Carpool (HOV) lane Restrictions Moved West of Slide

Pinole- Caltrans Crews have closed the westbound I-80 #4 lane and Auxiliary lane, or right two lanes between the Pinole Valley Road and Appian Way Interchanges, due to failure of the retaining wall resulting from recent storms. The on-ramp to westbound I-80 from Pinole Valley Road has also been closed and traffic is advised the use San Pablo Avenue west to Appian Way and then onto the westbound I-80 on ramp at Appian Way, or San Pablo Avenue east to John Muir Parkway/State Route 4 east an then onto the Route 4 westbound on-ramp to I-80 in Hercules.

Due to the temporary reduced capacity on westbound I-80 through Pinole, the carpool (HOV) lane restrictions on westbound I-80 have been moved from Route 4 in Hercules to just west of Appian Way in Pinole. This temporary movement of the HOV/carpool lane restrictions will remain in effect until the forth westbound lane on I-80 is reopened. Emergency repairs are currently in progress and the fourth westbound I-80 lane is estimated to reopen, in approximately one week.

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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