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## **TEMPORARY WALL CONSTRUCTION BEGINS AT PINOLE SLIDE Night Time Lane Closures**

**Pinole** – Tomorrow night on westbound Interstate 80 near Pinole Valley Road, crews will begin to construct a temporary wall at the edge of the far right lane, which is currently blocked by concrete barrier to protect motorists from the major landslide that occurred on Sunday, April 30. During work, only two lanes will be open each night for approximately the next two weeks between Pinole Valley Road and Appian Way.

Lane closure times are:      **Mondays to Thursdays from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.**  
   **Fridays from 9:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.**  
   **Saturdays from 10:30 p.m. to 9 a.m.**  
   **Sundays from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

Each morning, three lanes will be open for traffic. Motorists will still be able to use all lanes up to Appian Way where the 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. carpool lane starts during weekdays.

Once this temporary wall is completed in about two weeks, Caltrans can re-open the right lane to ease traffic congestion on the freeway. Additionally, the wall will protect motorists from falling debris as crews begin to excavate the loose dirt on the hill.

In June, contractor crews will begin to construct a retaining wall higher on the hill to help prevent future landslides. The heavy rains in March saturated the hillside to the west of the freeway. Caltrans closed a portion of the auxiliary lane about two weeks ago when the retaining wall began to bulge. This slide is much larger and springs from higher up on the hill.

Motorists are still strongly encouraged to use alternate routes, including the Benicia and Golden Gate bridges and San Pablo Avenue/Route 123 for the next two weeks. Plan ahead and call 511 for assistance with public transit such as buses, BART, Amtrak Capital Corridors and Vallejo Baylink Ferry.

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