



NEWS RELEASE

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STORM ROAD INFORMATION BULLETIN

** 1 p.m. **

Oakland - Heavy storms have impacted Bay Area freeways, highways and bridges. Heavy rains and high winds are making travel across bridges treacherous for high-profile vehicles. Localized flooding and mudslides can occur anytime blocking ramps, lanes and shoulders.

Caltrans crews are in the field clearing drains and debris and posting warning signs where possible, but conditions can change rapidly. Motorists are strongly cautioned to delay trips when possible and drive very carefully if they are on the road as crews may not have reached a particular area yet.

Statewide road information is available at 1-800-427-7623.

Current road conditions for the Bay Area are:

Marin

US 101: Closed northbound at Bellam Boulevard/Francisco Boulevard and southbound at Central San Rafael exits due to risk of construction falsework from the 101/580 interchange construction project loosening and falling onto passing vehicles. Traffic detoured onto city streets. The contractor prepared for the storm by securing falsework, but winds are extraordinarily high and it is unsafe to keep the road open. Estimated time of opening is between 8 p.m. and midnight.

Interstate 580: Richmond-San Rafael Bridge closed both directions due to high winds.

Highway 1: Stinson Beach to Bolinas turnoff closed due to flooding.

Contra Costa County

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Alameda County

Route 84: All lanes are now open.

Santa Clara County





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Route 17: Closed northbound due to downed tree, just south of the Summit.

Route 17: Right lane is closed southbound just south of Madrone Road due to rockslide. Estimated time of opening is 3:30 p.m.

Solano County

Interstate 80: Eastbound, two left lanes are blocked just east of Route 113 due to an overturned trailer.

San Francisco County

US 101: Northbound connector toward Golden Gate Bridge to southbound 1/19th Avenue closed due to hole in the roadway. Estimated time of opening is 4 p.m.

San Mateo County

All roads being watched for potential trees and power lines down and mudslides

Santa Clara County

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Sonoma County

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Napa County

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Updates will be provided throughout the day.

