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## **Lanes on I-80 Closed Until Further Notice; Commuters Encouraged to Use Transit until Pinole Slide is Cleared**

**Pinole-** The lane closures on westbound Interstate 80 will remain in effect until further notice due to the major landslide that occurred on Sunday. Only three mixed-flow lanes will be open between the Pinole Valley Road and Appian Way interchanges. The Pinole Valley Road westbound on-ramp will also remain closed.

Traffic will be heavy during the mornings, so commuters are encouraged to use transit. Amtrak's Capitol Corridor connects at the Richmond BART Station. The BayLink Ferry and regional bus systems, such as Vallejo Transit, WestCAT and AC Transit, are other options, along with carpooling. Commuters can visit <http://www.transit511.org> for more rideshare and transit information.

Motorists who choose to drive may use San Pablo Avenue west to Appian Way for a local alternate route, or I-680 across the Benicia Bridge to Route 24 west, or Route 37 west to US 101 across the Golden Gate Bridge for a regional alternate route.

Carpool lane restrictions on westbound I-80 have been moved from Route 4 in Hercules to just west of Appian Way in Pinole. This will remain in effect until the fourth westbound lane on I-80 is reopened.

Engineers are currently assessing the magnitude of the slide and designing a short term repair to re-open the fourth lane.

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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