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Weather-Related Traffic Impacts

Oakland, CA — Rain and stormy weather are forecasted by the National Weather Service to continue tonight and into next week. The City of Oakland has received more than 335 calls for service for flooding, fallen trees and other weather-related issues since storming began in early January, and we are working around the clock to address them.

So far in January, Public Works has experienced over 20 mudslides and downed trees of varying sizes citywide. Many of the locations have been cleared, and most roads are open to residents.

However, the following road closures, either partial or full, remain in effect:

- In the 6400 block of Shelterwood Drive: one-lane closure.
- In the 6400 block of Thorndale Drive: both lanes closed. Parts of nearby Elverton Drive are impacted.
- In the 6500 block of Heather Ridge Way: one-lane closure.
- In the 6000 block of Balboa Drive: shoulder partially blocked by a mudslide.
- Westover Drive: closed between Doran Drive and Shelterwood Drive.

As we continue to address storm impacts, we ask for the assistance of Oakland's residents and property owners to prepare and keep their property safe from weather impacts.

The City has made sandbag materials available free of charge to the public at two locations:

- The Municipal Service Center, 7101 Edgewater Drive, on weekdays from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Drainage Services Facility, 5921 Shepherd Canyon Road, on weekdays from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

This weekend ONLY, those supplies will also be made available at both of the above locations on Sunday, Jan. 22, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

However, SUPPLIES ARE CURRENTLY EXTREMELY LIMITED, and we encourage the community to consider finding the same supplies at a local hardware, home improvement or landscape supply store. Over the last week, the City distributed more than 12,000 sandbags and many miles of plastic sheeting to protect public hillsides against potential slides. Our priority, as always, is to protect homeowner safety, property and infrastructure.

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Rain causes potholes; lots of rain can cause lots of potholes. Drivers and cyclists should be especially careful over the coming weeks to watch for new damage to our roadways. Many of our roadway workers and resources are focused right now on safety issues raised by the storms, and once we address them we will resume our focus on road repair.

Please continue to report any issues to the Oakland Call Center, which you can reach at (510) 615-5566, www.oaklandpw.com, callcenter@oaklandnet.com or through the mobile app SeeClickFix. We are grateful for the public's assistance, patience and understanding.

We want to make sure you have all the information and tools you need. Please watch this instructional video for tips on sandbagging your property to prevent flooding. In the information posted just below the video, you will also find a link to more preparation and storm safety tips:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRylOmhwgX8>

The City of Oakland will be sending updates regarding road closures via text and email messages by Nixle. To subscribe for Nixle updates, please text your zip code to 888777 to opt-in or visit www.nixle.com.

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