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**PALI HIGHWAY COMPLETE CLOSURE SCHEDULED  
FRIDAY NIGHT THROUGH MONDAY MORNING**

HONOLULU — The state Department of Transportation (DOT) advises Oahu motorists that all lanes of Pali Highway will be closed in both directions between Waokanaka Street and Kamehameha Highway at Castle Junction from 8 p.m., Friday night, March 11, through 3 a.m., Monday morning, March 14.

The full closure of the highway over this 55-hour period will be required for rockfall mitigation and slope stabilization work on the adjacent hillside. Recent heavy rainfall triggered a landslide in the area on February 28 that brought soil and rock debris onto the Kailua-bound lanes. DOT crews removed approximately 22 dump truck loads of loose soil, plant and rock debris, including boulders approximately six-feet in diameter, from the hillside.

“The full closure is necessary to allow our crews to do a thorough stabilization of the hillside, which will include some excavation and the removal of potentially hazardous rocks and boulders,” said Glenn Okimoto, state DOT Director. “We do apologize for the inconvenience, but the public’s safety is our primary concern and this work will help to keep motorists safe in the event of future heavy rains.”

Kailua-bound lanes will also be closed next week on Monday, March 14, through Friday, March 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., daily, for continued inspections and stabilization work.

During the closures, motorists are advised to use the H-3 Freeway or Likelike Highway as alternate routes.

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