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BASICH BOULEVARD CLOSURE TO CONTINUE

Basich Boulevard between the 1300 block and Harborview Drive will remain fully closed to all users due to an ongoing landslide and dangerous conditions. A timeline for making repairs and reopening the roadway is under development. Users are advised to plan for the roadway being closed until spring or summer of 2020 as major repairs will be required to restore the roadway and utilities.

Background:

Surface settlement of the roadway at the location of the slide was observed in April of 2018. At that time the roadway was closed and a geotechnical engineer evaluated the roadway and hillside. The geotechnical engineer recommended to repair the roadway surface and monitor it for ongoing settlement. Repairs to the roadway surface were completed in September of 2018. Minor, ongoing settlement was observed after that time followed by sudden significant settlement observed on December 22, 2019. In response, the City closed the roadway, issued an emergency proclamation, and engaged a geotechnical engineer to determine the cause of the settlement. Since that time, the settlement has developed into a landslide and has caused major damage to the roadway. Repairs will likely require stabilization of the ground and reconstruction of the roadway embankment, utilities, and road surface.

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