

Storm-related landslide closes Piedmont street

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More than a quarter-mile stretch of busy Moraga Avenue was closed Friday morning by a landslide and fallen trees and wires that also caused a power outage to dozens of residents, officials said.

The storm-related damage happened about 7 a.m. and forced the closure of the 900 block of Moraga Avenue between the general area of Maxwellton Road and Coach's Field at Red Rock Road, said city clerk and spokesman John Tulloch.

PG&E and city crews are on the scene, where at least two trees have fallen across the road and mud has covered the entire westbound lane and part of the eastbound lane.

There was also some concern about the stability of a home and retaining wall on Maxwellton Road, officials said.

Moraga Avenue, which runs between the Montclair section of Oakland through Piedmont to Pleasant Valley Avenue in Oakland is usually heavily traveled but traffic has been less this week because of spring break for schools.

It was not known Friday morning how long the roadway would be closed.

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