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5 Easy Things Do Now to Be Ready for Commuting in a Crisis



Southern California’s notorious traffic can already make for a tough commute. It can become downright impossible when a disaster such as an earthquake, flood or fire strikes—or even a crisis on a smaller scale, like a flat tire.

Though you can’t always stop disasters from happening, you can be prepared so you aren’t stranded. Here’s how:

1. Make a list of alternate routes to get to work/home on your usual commute.

On it, be sure to include driving routes as well as bus or rail. Keep the list handy so you can get where you need to go even if phones and the Internet are down. (You can find bus/rail routing at go511.com, ridematch.info or IECommuter.org.)

2. Get the app. Many transit providers use the **Transit app** to track bus and rail in real time so you can see if your usual bus isn’t running as scheduled due to a crisis.

You can also use it to find other transit options nearby if you have to evacuate the bus you’re on.

3. Program key contacts into your phone. This may include your usual transit provider’s customer service line, the local freeway service patrol, AAA, California Highway Patrol (1.800.TELL.CHP)—or even a friend or coworker with a similar commute who might be able to help if a situation arises.

4. Check to see if your employer offers Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH). With GRH, if you carpooled, rode transit, walked or biked to work, you can get a free ride home in case of personal emergency or illness.

5. Call 511, Southern California’s 24-hour transportation helpline. Discover how you can get the latest in alerts, as well as traffic reports, public transit information, motorist aid and more. It’s not only handy in a crisis but also for finding options for your usual commute.

A Whole New Ballgame

Get to the stadium to cheer on your favorite team without dealing with the hassle and expense of driving and parking.

The Dodger Stadium Express

Metro’s Dodger Stadium Express runs from L.A. Union Station and Harbor Gateway Transit Center in the South Bay to the ballpark for every home game. Rides are free with a game ticket. (Regular fares apply on all other connecting bus and rail service.)



The Angels Express Train Is Back

MetroLink is bringing back its **Angels Express** trains. The Angels Express will be available for select home games with trains operating from L.A. Union Station, Oceanside and Riverside-Downtown to Anaheim, just steps from the stadium. Fares are only \$10.



National Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day is March 18—take a minute to thank a transit worker!



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