

# CommuteSmart News

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## Carmageddon II – Coming Soon

The second 10-mile closure of the I-405—popularly known as “Carmageddon”—is scheduled for Sept. 29-30, when contractors will demolish the remaining side of the Mulholland Bridge. To avoid potential gridlock in the greater Los Angeles region, motorists are urged to plan ahead, avoid the area, use Metrolink or Metro Rail, or eat, shop or play locally.

On Friday, Sept. 28, ramps between the I-10 and US 101 will begin to shut down as early as 7 p.m. Closure of individual freeway lanes will begin at 10 p.m. The closure is scheduled to continue until 5 a.m. Monday morning, Oct. 1 (which also just happens to be the first day of California Rideshare Week).

According to Metro, the potential for gridlock during this Carmageddon is greater than in 2011 because 1) last year’s campaign to stay off freeways was such a success that motorists may not take the closures seriously, and 2) the contractor has more demolition work to perform within the same 53-hour period, so an early reopening (as happened previously) is not likely.

“Last year, we proved that Angelenos far and wide could rise to the occasion to turn Carmageddon into ‘Carmaheaven’ free of apocalyptic traffic congestion,” said LA City Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. “We are again calling on the public to do its civic duty. Do not become complacent.”

The I-405 is the nation’s busiest freeway. Half a million motorists drive this portion of the freeway over a typical weekend.

For the latest updates, go to [metro.net/405](http://metro.net/405).

## To Find an Alternate Route...

Call 511, or visit [IE511.org](http://IE511.org) in the Inland Empire or [go511.com](http://go511.com) in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties. You can find out freeway conditions, as well as get alternatives such as carpool matches, vanpool information, transit routing and more.



## When Will the Bus Get Here?

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### NextBus

**What it does:** Uses GPS technology to track bus locations and delivers estimated arrival times based on that data.

**To find your bus:** Go to [nextbus.com](http://nextbus.com) and plug in transit provider and your route and stop number. You can also register a regular commute for faster access.

**Areas serviced:** Los Angeles Metro, Camarillo Area (CAT), Glendale Beeline, Gold Coast Transit, Moorpark Transit, North County Transit District, Playa Vista, Simi Valley (SVT), Thousand Oaks (TOT) and UCLA.

**More info:** [nextbus.com](http://nextbus.com)



### Text4Next

**What it does:** Lets you use your cell phone to get the next three scheduled times the bus will arrive at your bus stop.

**To find your bus:** Send a text to 628246 (OCTAGO), type in the word “bus,” your stop number and your route number.

**Areas serviced:** Orange County (OCTA) buses and Metrolink in Orange County.

**More info:** [octa.net](http://octa.net)

Bus 1011 57

Next 3 Scheduled Times:  
416p route 057  
446p route 057  
519p route 057

