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Get the 511 on Traffic

911 is for emergencies...411 is for phone numbers...and now there's 511, where Southern Californians can go to get up-to-the-minute traffic information and commute help.

By calling 511 from a cellphone or landline—or by going to ie511.org in the Inland Empire (or soon go511.com in Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties)—you can get real-time traffic, incident and road closure information; carpool matching; bus, rail and Metrolink routing; Park & Ride lot and carpool lane maps and more.

It's part of a national 511 network that offers assistance to travelers—whether for casual trips or the commute.

Alternate phone numbers (if 511 direct doesn't work for your phone) are: 1.877.MYIE511 in the Inland Empire and 1.877.22.GO511 in the greater Los Angeles/Orange/Ventura area.

The system is unrolling throughout 2010 so if your area doesn't offer it now, stay tuned.



In Brief



New Bikestations in Covina and Claremont

Commuters that want to mix transit with bicycling to work will soon have two new resources: bike-transit centers that will be opening at Covina and Claremont Metrolink stations. Called Bikestations, each will feature high-tech bike parking facilities that safely and securely store bicycles as well as other amenities like air pumps, restrooms, changing rooms, repair stands and more. Bikestation Covina will open this month, and the Claremont facility is currently under construction to open within months. For more information, go to bikestation.com

Silver Line from South Bay to the Valley

Metro has launched a new bus service—the Silver Line—that connects the South Bay and San Gabriel Valley via downtown Los Angeles. It operates daily and every five to 15 minutes during weekday rush hours, traveling on carpool lanes on the Harbor (110) and Santa Monica (10) freeways. For more information, go to metro.net



405 Carpool Lane Opens

Good news for ridesharers: Caltrans recently opened a new carpool lane on the San Diego Freeway (I-405) from the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) to the Marina Freeway (SR-90). When joined to the carpool lane now under construction between I-10 and the Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101)—expected to be completed in 2013—there will be a continuous carpool lane on I-405 in both directions throughout Los Angeles County.

