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The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), in cooperation with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), and the Los Angeles Dodgers, has provided bus service between Union Station and Dodger Stadium since 2010. Beginning in 2012, the Dodger Stadium Express (DSE) has been implemented with funding assistance from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) Major Event Center Transportation Program, with the objective of reducing emissions from automobile trips and overall vehicle miles traveled.

The 2019 season marked the third year Metro worked with its newest partner, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). This season saw continued improvement in efficiency and expediency through continuous communication and strategic planning between Metro, LAPD, and the rest of the agencies that contribute to making this project a success.

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Project Description and Work Performed

Dodger Stadium, home to the Los Angeles Dodgers, Major League Baseball (MLB) team, is a sporting event venue located north of Downtown Los Angeles. It is bordered by the communities of Solano Canyon, Echo Park, Chinatown, and Elysian Park. The maximum occupancy of Dodger Stadium is 56,000. The parking lot has 17,300 designated stalls.

During each MLB season the stadium hosts near capacity crowds, with Dodger Stadium holding multiple records for the highest attendance in a season. The Dodger Stadium Express (DSE) service supports approximately 82 scheduled home games and up to 10 post-season playoff games. Dodgers fans ride the system at no charge as the prime means of transportation to the stadium.

DSE service is used to mitigate the total gridlock situation encountered by attendees traveling to the stadium via Sunset Blvd., as it is the main collector street that connects Vin Scully Ave. to the Dodger Stadium main entrance. Average weekday PM peak hour Level of Service (LOS) on Sunset Blvd. is level D (Volume-to-Capacity Ratio (V/C) = 0.879). Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has surveyed Sunset Blvd. on a game day and the LOS is level F (V/C = 1.56).

The 2019 season opened on March 29, 2019. A total of one (1) pre-season game, eighty-two (82) home games, an additional three (3) postseason games, and one (1) concert were serviced during this contract period. The Dodgers were successful in attaining playoff status and entered the 2019 postseason. Since the DSE service was implemented, the Dodgers have successfully advanced to the post-season the last eight seasons.

The DSE service also provided support for an additional event. The DSE operated during the final concert of Paul McCartney's Freshen Up Tour, held at Dodger Stadium on July 13, 2019. A record number of riders (307,124) used the DSE service as transportation during this event.

The DSE route begins at the southwest area of Union Station. Buses depart from a loading area which is signed specifically for the service. Signage is also posted throughout Union Station, including the main lobby at the Alameda St., the entrance to the Metro Gold Line interface at Tracks 1 & 2, along the Metro Red Line platform, various parking levels, and on wayfinding kiosks.

After departing Union Station, the route proceeds west on Cesar Chavez Ave., stopping to pick up patrons on Cesar Chavez Ave under the Hills St. overpass, proceeding west on Sunset Blvd, and finally the route turns north on Vin Scully Ave. For faster entry into the stadium, the bus route utilizes the guard shack lane for express lane entry.

To ease the flow of traffic, LADOT engineers install cones demarking the bus lane and separating travel from the regular flow of traffic. Only buses are permitted to travel in the westbound direction between four 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The parking enforcement personnel post signage extending parking restrictions to 8:00 p.m. allowing for extended lane access. LADOT also uses traffic enforcement officers for ticketing and towing vehicles that violate the posted parking restrictions. Once the inbound movement has been completed, at approximately 8:00 p.m., the coning is removed. Typically, afternoon and evening games only require parking restrictions on the westbound side. LADOT adjusts parking restriction times that affect both the westbound and eastbound directions for game days with early start times. The program includes law enforcement officers assisting in “clearing” the lanes throughout the inbound process.

Once inside Dodger Stadium, the route proceeds to the left. The route utilizes a one-way inner ring roadway and proceeds to a specific alighting and boarding area at Lot G. The bus continues a one-way inner ring roadway to Lot P, located at the upper deck level. The second stop was implemented in 2014 to provide quick and easy access for upper deck/reserve deck fans to alight and board. Bus staging is also provided during the game and allows for quick re-boarding for trips departing back to Union Station. The return route during the game follows the same alignment as the trips to Dodger Stadium. The service from both locations travel out Gate A (main gate on Vin Scully Drive) and along Cesar Chavez, stopping at Main St. and again at Alameda St. The Alameda St. stop was implemented in 2017 as a request from passengers wishing to exit sooner than arriving at the Union Station final stop.

Prior to each homestand, Dodger management provided Metro staff with the anticipated attendance level based on current ticket sales and projections. The number of buses used for the service varied based on an estimated attendance number. A minimum of seven (7) buses were deployed for each game.

Beginning 90-120 minutes prior to the game start, buses operate on a “load-and-go” basis or approximately every 10 minutes until the end of the second inning. Throughout the game, buses may travel between the stadium and stop approximately every 30 minutes from the third inning through the end of the seventh inning, at which time the frequency increases to 15-20 minutes. Buses are staged at the stadium to facilitate post game movement. Once the game is over, service is provided on a “load-and-go” basis. Buses leaving the Lot G loading area exit through the “110 Freeway Gate,” expediting their exit from the stadium thereby reducing their overall travel time. Buses travel to Union Station and return to Dodger Stadium for additional trips. The service continues operating up to 45 minutes after the game has ended. Oftentimes, the Dodgers will host special events at the Stadium (i.e. movie night, children running the bases, fireworks, etc.). The DSE service continues to operate up to 20 minutes post special event or 45 minutes after the game has ended, whichever is later.

Problems Encountered

Since 2010, the Dodgers organization and Metro have worked diligently to provide alternative public transit. The efforts have focused on providing choices to the public to travel to Dodger Stadium for Major League Baseball games and special events. Walking and bicycle paths have been incorporated through major traffic points as alternatives to driving in congested peak traffic times. Both organizations are committed to working cooperatively to develop sustainable operating plans for future events at Dodger Stadium.

The increase in the public's usage of rideshare companies (Uber, Lyft, etc.) has resulted in an increased influx of cars at Dodger Stadium's Sunset Gate. Due to the nature of their business, they do not purchase parking and therefore must enter using the same lane as the DSE. This creates a "bottleneck" for both inbound and outbound service and increases trip times for DSE passengers. Dodger Transportation Management and staff have made several adjustments to their system to accommodate rideshare. Some of the adjustments include relocating rideshare to a parking lot prior to the main entrance, reroute rideshare vehicle exit to avoid U-turns and delays caused by outbound traffic during inbound movement, etc.

Outbound service is affected by the rapid saturation of surface streets surrounding the stadium at the end of events. This oversaturation impedes the buses to exit the stadium and return to complete additional trips expeditiously. This pattern creates a momentary lapse in service after highly attended events that last approximately 15 minutes.

Emissions Benefits

Twelve 2008 NABI 45-foot low-floor buses were used for the event service. Each bus seats 46 passengers and accommodates an additional 21 standees (145% capacity). In addition, these buses are ADA compliant and can accommodate two (2) wheelchairs. The NABI bus is powered by a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Cummins L9N 320 8.9L engine.

Another factor in reducing emissions is the fact that the starting point for the service is Los Angeles Union Station. This location serves as the hub for thirty-one (31) bus lines and five (5) rail lines including: Metro, Foothill Transit, OCTA, Santa Clarita Transit, LADOT, Big Blue Bus, LAX Fly Away, and Torrance Transit. This area includes the Patsaouras Transit Plaza (15 lines), intersection of Cesar E. Chavez and Vignes St. (9 lines), El Monte Busway and Alameda St. (5 lines) and Alameda and Main Streets (2 lines). Union Station also is served by Metrolink, Amtrak, and Metro Rail Red, Purple and Gold Lines.

During the 2019 baseball season, the DSE bus service carried approximately 307,124 passengers. In addition, this service effectively reduced approximately 153,562 car trips and 2,917,678 million miles traveled. Most passengers that rode the DSE used public transportation to connect to this service at Union Station. Some fans came from as far as Santa Barbara, San Diego, San Francisco, and the Central California region, including Modesto, Stockton, San Luis Obispo, and Sacramento.

Metro staff has recognized that baseball fans are using transit more than ever to access the games. In 2010, the service's first year, 122,273 passengers rode the DSE to Dodger

Stadium. By 2019, the passenger count increased to 307,124. This is a 250% increase over the service's first year.

Photographs & Outreach

The DSE marketing campaign was coordinated between Metro and the Dodgers marketing staff. The objective continues to be to increase awareness of the benefits of using the service and attract ridership to Dodger home games on the MSRC-funded service between Union Station and Dodger Stadium while encouraging use of public transportation between home and the stadium. The continued goal is the reduction of air pollution by calling attention to air quality efforts and clean transportation funding.

The DSE marketing campaign focused on several key messages:

- Use the DSE to improve air quality and enjoy the trip rather than being a driver fighting traffic
- Union Station offers a wide range of connections to the DSE, including Metro and municipal bus services, Metro Rail, Metrolink and Amtrak
- Service is available for all pre-season and regular season Dodger home games
- Free fare applies
- Service is made possible by the MSRC

Several techniques were used to reach new riders and maintain existing ones through onboard materials, press events, promoting with in-stadium advertising and social media.

- Take-One – Distributed to riders onboard all buses with full details on stops and schedule (English & Spanish)
- Bus Car Card – Posted on all Metro buses promoting service (English & Spanish); supplied to LADOT, Torrance Transit, Norwalk Transit, and GTrans (Gardena) for possible posting on their buses as well as printed material for distribution
- Rail Poster – Posted on all Metro Rail cars promoting service
- Metro Insider– Article in monthly on-board publication (English & Spanish) 2-3 times during the season; to include clean air factoids
- Metro Briefs Print Ads – Blurb in ongoing community promoting service (multiple languages) 2-3 times during the season
- Metro Briefs Radio Spots – Traffic radio spots promoting service 2 times during the season
- Telephone Messages on Hold – Announcement promoting service (English & Spanish) throughout the season
- Website and Banner Ad – Promotional banner on metro.net and go511.com homepage linking to complete service information; include link to Dodger site
- Social Media – Postings on Facebook, The Source, Twitter, and Instagram throughout the season
- Union Station banners – Wayfinding banners directing riders to service inside Red/Purple Line station and Gold Line station, floor decals and additional signage throughout Union Station

- Chinatown Station Backlit Ad – Ad in map case showing walking route from station to Dodger Stadium
- Ad posted to East Portal Info Tower at Union Station
- Ad posted to 3rd floor kiosk and screens at Metro HQ
- Transit Passenger Information System (TPIS) Advertisements – throughout the entire season
- DSE equipment for queue lines during season
- One (1) (15 second live or 30-second pre-recorded) spot surrounding the games on KLAC (English) and KTNQ (Spanish) radio broadcasts of Dodger games throughout the pre- and regular game season. This could include spots in-game and as well as within surrounding pre-post programming.
- Ad in “Dodgers Insider” 13 issues/12,000 issues per homestand from April-September
- DodgerVision at least once per game: pre-in-or postgame
- Detailed information of the service on the transportation page of Dodgers.com
- Placement on Dodgers.com homepage, with a click through to transit information
- Mention in e-blasts to ticket holders 2-3 times per season.
- Mention in Homestand reminder e-mails sent to individual ticket purchases holders several days prior to each game
- Supergraphics on the bus vehicles to help identify service
- MSRC/Metro Night at Dodger Stadium on a date to be determined that includes an MSRC board member throwing out the first pitch
- Inclusion of DSE schedule and Metro connections on group sales mailing
- Inclusion of DSE schedule and Metro connections at Dodger Stadium Guest Services locations and Ticket Windows
- DSE line queueing barriers at two stops within the Stadium

These items listed were implemented throughout the year on the following schedule of publication:

March

Metro:

- Metro Dodger Stadium Express webpage (metro.net/dodgers)
 - Pageviews: 772
- Metro Dodger Stadium Express Opening Day Blog Posts (The Source + El Pasajero)
 - Blog posts promoted via Metro Facebook Page
- Promo on Metro website (metro.net)
 - Web banner ad on Metro home page linked to the Dodger Stadium Express webpage.
- Dodger Stadium Express Rail Posters (4-Color, English/Spanish)
 - Installed system wide
- Dodger Stadium Express Bus Car Cards (4-Color, English/Spanish)
 - Installed system wide and on all Dodger Stadium Express buses

- Dodgers Stadium Express Take One Brochure (4-Color, 5-Panels, English/Spanish)
 - Distributed on buses and trains system wide, quantity: 75,525
- Dodger Stadium Express Ad for Metro 3rd floor video wall
 - Viewed by Metro employees and the public
- Wayfinding on Red Line East Portal Exit rail station monitor
 - The ad runs continuously for 4 hours during game time, starting 2 ½ hours before game time and up to 90 minutes after game time on one unit
- Promos on all Red and Purple Line rail station monitors
 - The ad runs 6 times per hour, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week
- Dodger Stadium Express Bus Berth Sign (2-Color)
 - Installed at Union Station bus berth location
- Dodger Stadium Express Vinyl Banner (4-Color, 512" wide x 40" high)
 - Installed at Union Station East Portal
- Union Station Wayfinding Decals (30" x 40")
 - Installed throughout the platform and mezzanine levels of the Red/Purple Line at Union Station
 - Installed one on the elevator at the Gold Line Exit
- Dodger Stadium Express Wayfinding Stanchion Signs
 - Installed in the East Portal and Alameda ends of Union Station
- Dodger Stadium Express Directional Floor Graphic Decals
 - Installed in the Union Station Passageway
- Backlit ads at Metro Silver Line Stations
 - Ads in map cases showing Dodger Stadium Express boarding locations (Harbor Gateway Transit Center, Rosecrans Station, Harbor Freeway Station, Manchester Station, Slauson Station)
- Chinatown backlit ad
 - Ad in map case showing Dodger Stadium Express boarding

April

Metro:

- Metro Dodger Stadium Express webpage (metro.net/dodgers)
 - Pageviews: 1,572
- Promo on Metro website (metro.net)
 - Web banner ad on Metro home page linked to the Dodger Stadium Express webpage.
- Dodger Stadium Express Rail Posters (4-Color, English/Spanish)
 - Installed system wide

- Dodger Stadium Express Bus Car Cards (4-Color, English/Spanish)
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- Dodgers Stadium Express Take One Brochure (4-Color, 5-Panels, English/Spanish)
 - Distributed on buses and trains system wide, quantity: 62,175
- Dodger Stadium Express Ad for Metro 3rd floor video wall
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May

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- Promo on Metro website (metro.net)
 - Web banner ad on Metro home page linked to the Dodger Stadium Express webpage.
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June

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- Metro Dodger Stadium Express webpage (metro.net/dodgers)
 - Pageviews: 1,759
- Promo on Metro website (metro.net)
 - Web banner ad on Metro home page linked to the Dodger Stadium Express webpage.

- Dodger Stadium Express Rail Posters (4-Color, English/Spanish)
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July

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- Metro Dodger Stadium Express webpage (metro.net/dodgers)
 - Pageviews: 2,147

- Promo on Metro website (metro.net)
- Web banner ad on Metro home page linked to the Dodger Stadium Express webpage.

- Dodger Stadium Express Rail Posters (4-Color, English/Spanish)
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August

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- Metro Dodger Stadium Express webpage (metro.net/dodgers)

- Pageviews: 2,489
- Metro Dodger Stadium Express “Playoff Preview” Blog Post (The Source)
- Blog posts promoted via Metro Facebook Page
- Promo on Metro website (metro.net)
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September (Playoffs)

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October (Playoffs)

Metro:

- Metro Dodger Stadium Express webpage (metro.net/dodgers)
- Pageviews: 716
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Below are assets that the Dodgers provided all season:

Dodgers:

- Ad in “Dodgers Insider”
- Distributed (for sale) in Dodgers Stadium
- Video spot on “DodgerVision” at least once per game (pre-game)
- Dodger Stadium Express webpage on Dodgers website (<https://www.mlb.com/dodgers/ballpark/transportation/dodger-stadium-express>)
- Dodger Stadium Express “super graphics” displayed on ten (10) Metro buses to help identify the service

Photos and News Clips

metro.net

HOW TO REACH DODGER STADIUM FROM HERE:

Walk or cycle from Metro Chinatown Station to the game.

Walk/Cycle Route 1.3 miles

- > Turn to your right and head west on W College St
- > Turn right onto Yale St
- > Cross the 110 Freeway at the bridge
- > Turn right onto Stadium Way
- > Cross Stadium Way at Lookout Dr
- > Continue through to Gate E to the stadium

To view map of bike rack locations, visit dodgers.com/transportation.

Or Go Metro to Union Station and connect with the Dodger Stadium Express.

Board near the passenger drop-off/valet area near the Mozaic Apartments.

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GO METRO TO DODGER STADIUM.

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Connect with the Dodger Stadium Express at Rosecrans Station.

Game Day Tips:

- > Your Dodger ticket is good for the Dodger Stadium Express fare only; regular fares apply on all other connecting bus and rail service.
- > Buses run every 20 minutes starting 2 hours before game time, with the last bus leaving Harbor Gateway Transit Center at game time.
- > You'll be dropped off behind Right Field. Service back to the South Bay will pick up at the same stop after the game.
- > Return service begins after the end of the 7th inning and ends 45 minutes after the final out, or 20 minutes after post-game events.

Or Go Metro to Union Station and connect with the Dodger Stadium Express.

For route and stops, see the map.
Full details at metro.net/dodgers.



The Dodger Stadium Express remained a local favorite during the 2019 season and was mentioned in several local publications for its convenience and benefits to its passengers, local traffic conditions, and the environment.

The following article was posted to the Los Angeles Daily News website prior to the beginning of the season, reminding sports fans of the benefits of public transportation over commuting and services like Uber and Lyft:

NEWS

How to get to Dodger and Angel stadiums without driving or taking an Uber or Lyft

Metro, Metrolink offer driver alternatives to Dodgers, Angels

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Bostonians roll their eyes when asked, “What trains go to Fenway Park?” That’s because they all do.

Yankee Stadium? Take the 4, B or D trains and from the Hudson, Harlem and New Haven lines outside the city, it’s a straight shot to the House That Ruth Built.

But getting to L.A. Dodgers and Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim baseball games becomes a game-within-the-game involving fighting traffic, paying for parking and then sitting in more traffic just to get home.

With the famous “Freeway Series” continuing Tuesday at Dodger Stadium, the local transit folks are stepping to the plate with nondriving alternatives that are gaining popularity as Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside county traffic woes worsen.

To see the highest paid athlete in America, Mike Trout of the Angels, you could do what most of the team’s 40,000-plus game day fans do: Take the crowded 5, 91 and 57 freeways.

Or, beginning April 5 for the Angels home opener through 49 weeknight home games, you could ride the Angels Express. This Metrolink train will get you to the stadium and back to your station after the game’s last out, Monday through Friday for night games only, depending on where you live.

To avoid the traffic jams around Chavez Ravine and downtown Los Angeles, you can take free buses from the Harbor Gateway Transit Center in the South Bay or from Union Station in downtown L.A.

The idea is to avoid the stress of zigzagging through traffic before and after a Dodger game, while cutting down on air pollution.

“The fastest way to ruin a fantastic day at Dodger Stadium watching the players hit it out of the park is sitting in post-game traffic,” L.A. County Supervisor and L.A. Metro board chair Sheila Kuehl said in a prepared statement. “The Dodger Stadium Express is a fun and stress-free way to avoid the pre- and post-game traffic.”

Since 2010, more than 2 million fans have taken the Dodger bus, according to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which is sponsoring the service. Half of the cost comes from a Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee grant.

In 2018, the bus had a banner year, providing rides to more than 371,000 fans.

Here’s how these car-less game day rides work:

Angel Express

Runs Monday through Fridays, night games only. But the five nights a week are only for Orange County passengers and only from these stations: Oceanside, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo, Irvine, Tustin, Santa Ana and Orange.

One train only on Friday nights goes from L.A. Union Station to Anaheim-ARTIC station and back (with stops in Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs, Buena Park and Fullerton). The train waits 30 minutes after the game to return north to Union Station.

The same is true for Angel fans in Riverside County. The Friday night only Angel Express leaves Perris (South and Downtown); Moreno Valley; Hunter Park-UCR; Riverside (Downtown and La Sierra); Corona (North Main and West) and Anaheim Canyon. At Orange, passengers transfer to the Angel Stadium train and vice versa on the return trip.

Round-trip tickets cost \$7 (adults); \$6 (seniors); \$4 (children ages 6-18 and ages 5 and under ride free). Tickets are available at all Metrolink ticket machines on day of the game or through the Metrolink app.



Dodgers fans can disembark at Union Station in downtown Los Angeles and catch a Dodgers Stadium Express Bus. The round-trip connection is complimentary with a Dodgers ticket. (Photo courtesy of OCTA)

Dodger Stadium Express

This line operates every home game from Union Station every 10 minutes and every 20 minutes from the Harbor Gateway Center. It will serve Tuesday's exhibition game but then begins Thursday for the Dodgers season opener against the Arizona Diamondbacks and continues the entire season.

The bus is free to ticket holders.

Buses run two hours before game time at Harbor Gateway and 90 minutes before start of game from Union Station. Buses run 45 minutes after the end of games.

The following article was released as the news of the Dodgers making it into the postseason spread:

Traffic & Transit

Dodger Stadium Bus To Transport Fans To And From Union Station

Fans looking to avoid Dodger playoffs traffic and parking headaches can take the Dodger Stadium Express bus service from Union Station.

By [SoCal Patch, News Partner](#)

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Fans looking to avoid Dodger playoffs traffic and parking headaches can take the Dodger Stadium Express bus service from Union Station. (AP Foto/Sam Gangwer)

LOS ANGELES, CA — Dodger Stadium Express bus service will be available for postseason play at Dodger Stadium, which begins Thursday.

Service from Union Station begins 90 minutes prior to the start of the games and runs until 45 minutes after the end of games. Service from the Harbor Gateway Transit Center begins two hours prior to the start of the games and ends 45 minutes after games are over.

The Dodger Stadium Express from Union Station will pick up fans every 10 minutes in front of Union Station near the taxi stop located near the Imperial Western Beer Company. Service will continue to Dodger Stadium via Sunset Boulevard and Cesar Chavez Avenue. It stops behind center field and the top deck.

From Harbor Gateway Transit Center, fans can board buses located at Bay 9, with buses running every 20 minutes. Fans will be dropped off behind right field at Dodger Stadium.

Half the cost of the Dodger Stadium Express is being provided under a grant from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee. Metro is providing the remaining funding from its operations budget, officials said.

Specific route and schedule information is available at www.metro.net or by calling 323-466-3876.

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Several other examples can be found online touting the Dodger Stadium Express for its affordability, convenience, and environmental benefits. Websites continue to echo the features of the service, such as its start time 90 minutes prior to the start of every game and free fare with same-day gameday ticket.
