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## Alternative Tips For Getting To Work In The Event Of A Transit Strike

DIAL UP BROAD BAND

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*Trying to figure out how you'll get to work if there's a strike? NY1 Tech Beat reporter Adam Balkin filed the following report on how some sites on the internet can help.*

Call it denial or call it wishful thinking, but it seems many New Yorkers haven't put much serious thought into how they'll get to work in case of a transit strike.

If you'd prefer to be a little more prepared, the internet holds many commuting alternatives for you.

From the very simple – you can check out Metro North or LIRR maps, you may be surprised how close some of those trains stop to your home – to a little bit more complex – go online to help find ways to drive in by meeting the HOV four-person per car restrictions.

There are several carpooling websites. We found two with the majority of listings for our area: [www.carpoolworld.com](http://www.carpoolworld.com) and the site that always seems to come through in a pinch, [www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com).

They both let you drill down to specific boroughs. And if you search hard enough, [Craigslist](http://Craigslist) even has apartments in Manhattan you can rent for a night if hotels near your office are full.

Google Labs, where the online giant tests new concepts, has [Google Ride Finder](http://Google Ride Finder). In the future it's supposed to help you pinpoint the exact locations of cabs near you. Right now though, it just shows some meeting points for a couple of shuttle services.

Some folks insists that, even with this ridiculously cold weather, biking may actually be your best option.

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"The average New York City subway commute is five miles or less, that's very easily bike-able for New Yorkers," says Noah Budnick of Transportation Alternatives.

"It takes about a half hour to bike five miles, and that's less time than the average New York City commute."

"People should visit our website [www.transalt.org](http://www.transalt.org), we have all the information you need to ride around the city – links to maps, links to local bike shops or places where you can get your bike repaired or find out where to rent a bike. You can also get tips on riding in traffic," adds Budnick.

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