

[John Gruver](#) Mar 12, 2019 11:35pm

Well, what do you know? HWY 92 seems to have tree trimming in action (or???) even though there's a SIG alert with tunnel closed??? Hours to get from 280 to HMB... much less time over 84

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This is a serious problem. From an emergency standpoint it's absolutely absurd that a power outage could stop people from getting home, or off the coast if that's what might be required. As Foggy Dew stated, somewhere between \$300M and \$400M was spent to construct this "state of the art" tunnel. I'm trying to remember when the Slide was impassible due to a power outage...oh that's right...never. The math of spending \$30M every 10 years or so to clear landslides versus \$400M on a tunnel has never ceased to amaze me. Please contact San Mateo County regarding our safety and the tunnel. I know I will.

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What I do not understand is why a power outage shuts down the tunnel at all? It's a mile of absolutely straight road, the safest, straightest road on the entire San Mateo coast, and all a driver has to do is turn on their darned headlights (even when the power is on, BTW) and drive straight for about 2 minutes.

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According to the CHP page, CalTrans only has 45 min of backup battery power. I can't believe they spent almost a half billion dollars on the tunnel and don't have a backup generator that can last more than 45 minutes.