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Downtown Bus Route Changes

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Originally intended to connect riders coming or going from the Lafayette or Walnut Creek BART stations, County Connection bus route 25 changed its path recently to attract more riders.

This route has not been a huge success from the beginning, with the lowest number of riders in the entire County Connection system. Average weekday ridership was only 40 passengers - the equivalent of 3.6 passengers per hour - there was clearly room for improvement.

With a BART station on both ends, Route 25 still travels up and down the Mt. Diablo corridor but it's been slightly changed to avoid the freeway. The new route follows Mt. Diablo to Pleasant Hill Road to Olympic - and now makes stops at Saranap and Rossmoor transfer stations, ending at Walnut Creek BART.

With fares of \$2.00 for adults and only \$1.00 for seniors, the newly adjusted route could be just the ticket for non-drivers. The first bus of the day leaves Lafayette BART at 7:30 in the morning and runs until 6:30 p.m.

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