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Software Application Allows Riders to Track Buses Online

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Bus tracker Chris Lohmann Photo Sophie Braccini

really well but I think the best value comes from being able to view arrival times when you are en route on BART."

Finding and using Bus Tracker is easy. First, visit www.cccta.org and click on "Bus Tracker" - on the upper right of the home page. Then choose "bus location map" and click on "find stop" - Lafayette/Moraga/Orinda is Route 6. The map displays where the bus is located on the route and is refreshed every 30 seconds. There is a smartphone version to plan on the go, but Lohmann notes, "I tried using this on my iPhone and it only works so-so."

"If they would develop an app optimized for smartphones to track the bus routes that is something I would use on a daily basis," he says. "The text version is okay and useful but not as user-friendly as the BART app, for example. I use their app every day and it has proven to be very useful. I hope that they go beyond the text version for mobile phones."

In an area like ours where buses are infrequent, this added feature will add peace of mind and more predictability. "I have to say that [Bus Tracker] is a great service and it would be great if [CCCTA] were to add a 9 p. m. bus to their regular daily schedule," concludes Lohmann.

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