



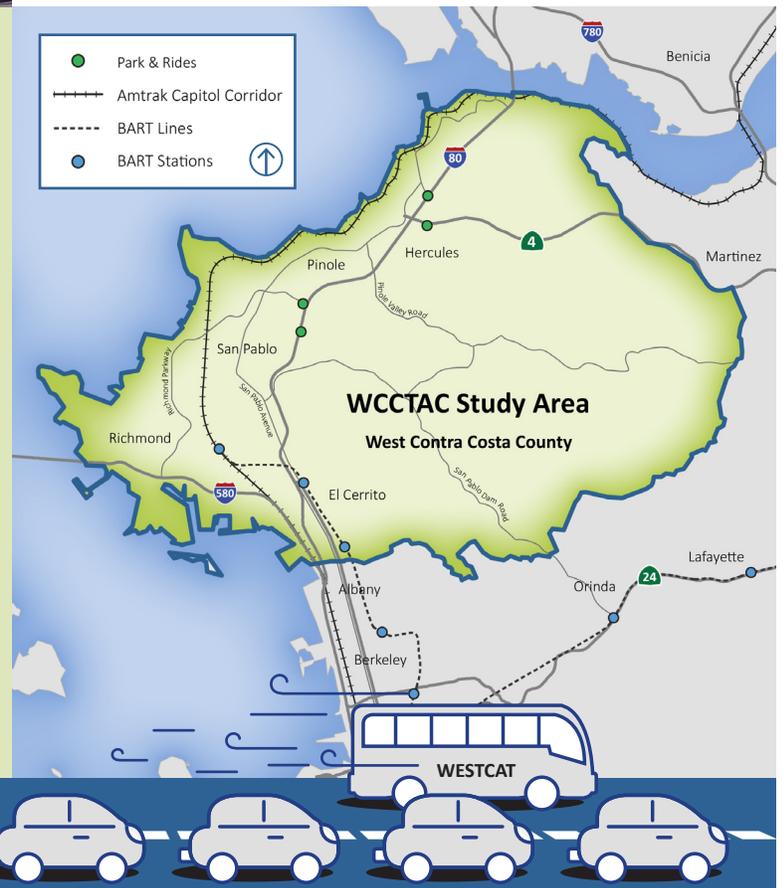
# THE WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY EXPRESS BUS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



The West Contra Costa County Express Bus Implementation Plan will improve travel options from Hercules, Pinole, San Pablo, Richmond, and unincorporated communities in west Contra Costa County to destinations in Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, and San Francisco. Built on ideas from current and potential riders, the Plan will identify clear direction for action, including preferred bus route alignment, bus stop locations, operating schedule, suggested fare, and bicycle and pedestrian facility gaps in the areas surrounding future bus stops.

## WHAT IS AN EXPRESS BUS?

An **Express Bus** is designed to travel faster and on a more direct route than traditional local bus service. An express bus has relatively few stops to pick up passengers, and then travels non-stop for much of the route to its destination. Express buses travel faster than local buses because they often utilize carpool and express lanes and also take advantage of transit priority improvements on local streets, such as activating traffic signals in their favor as they approach busy intersections.



# BENEFITS OF AN EXPRESS BUS

The Express Bus Implementation Plan will increase travel options for West Contra Costa residents and commuters. More people riding public transit means reduced commute times, improved air quality, and increased quality of life for everyone. Direct benefits of express bus service include:

-  **Less expensive than owning, insuring and maintaining a car**
-  **Faster and more direct than traditional bus routes**
-  **Less wait time, with buses every 10 to 12 minutes during commute hours, and every 30 minutes during non-commute hours**
-  **Access to carpool and express lanes and on-ramps**
-  **No more hunting and/or paying for parking/parking tickets**



## QUESTIONS?

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# PROJECT TIMELINE



- FALL 2018** Gather baseline data. **Collect first phase of community input**, on service needs and priorities.
- WINTER 2018/19** Identify potential route and stop location options.
- SPRING 2019** **Second phase of community input**, on identified opportunities.
- SUMMER 2019** Prepare draft implementation plan.
- FALL/WINTER 2019** Finalize implementation plan and **third phase of community input**, on final plan.

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED



To keep track of the project, and to voice your opinion, visit the online engagement portal and the project webpage.

**Online Engagement Portal:**  
[wcctac.org/app\\_pages/view/681](http://wcctac.org/app_pages/view/681)

**Webpage:**  
[wcctac.org/app\\_pages/view/672](http://wcctac.org/app_pages/view/672)



**You can also attend an outreach event!**

For a list of upcoming meetings, visit the project webpage.