**Boarding the Bus**

All AC Transit buses can kneel to facilitate boarding, just ask the operator. If you have a stroller, cart, or are using a wheelchair/mobility aid, you can request the ramp or passenger lift to help you board.

Have your payment ready to make boarding faster. If you’re paying with Clipper and are boarding a transbay bus for local service, make sure you tell the driver before you tag your Clipper card.

It is against state law to evade payment of bus fare or misuse transfers, passes, or tickets to avoid fare payment. Doing so is punishable by a fine of up to $250 (California Penal Code Section 640).

The priority seating areas are for seniors and persons with disabilities. Federal law requires that non-disabled riders vacate these seats when needed. If you’re standing, hold onto the stanchions or handrails as the bus may stop abruptly.

California Penal Code Section 640 prohibits smoking; eating or drinking; and loud disturbances aboard a bus. Assaulting a transit passenger or operator is a crime punishable by imprisonment, a fine of up to $10,000, or both (California Penal Code Section 243.3).

**Stopping and Exiting the Bus**

Request your stop at least a block ahead by pulling the cord or pressing the button. The “Stop Requested” sign will light up. If you are not sure when your stop is coming up, ask the operator to let you know.

Leave the bus through the rear doors whenever possible. Wait for the green light before pushing the door open (on buses with manually operated doors) or pressing the door-open button found on the stanchions adjacent to the door.

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**BUS RIDING BASICS**

**Holidays**

Buses will operate on Sunday schedules on

- New Year’s Day
- Independence Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Labor Day
- Presidents Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Memorial Day
- Christmas Day

**Locate Your Bus Stop**

Bus stops are usually marked by a metal sign, called a bus stop flag, which features the AC Transit logo. The line numbers or letters that serve the stop can be found on the flag. Make sure you are waiting at a stop served by the line you want to ride and that you are on the correct side of the street for your direction of travel. It’s a good idea to get to the bus stop a few minutes before the bus is expected.

Wait for the bus as close as possible to the bus stop pole to make it easier for the driver to see you. You don’t have to signal the bus, but doing so will help ensure the driver doesn’t miss you by mistake.

Smoking is prohibited at bus stops in most cities.
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