



## Planning your trip/ Reading the schedule

To plan and complete your trip using the online or printed maps & schedules, you need to know:

1. Where you are & where you want to go (as well as what time you want to arrive at your destination)
2. Which bus route will get you there (including direction of travel )
3. How to read the schedule (when the bus departs and arrives)

### 1. Where You Are & Where You Want to Go

Use the Tri Delta Transit System Map to locate your destination and starting point. The system map is located in the center of the schedule booklet and provides an excellent overview of Tri Delta Transit bus routes and our service area. For this example, we'll say your destination is Los Medanos College in Pittsburg and your starting point is the Brentwood Park & Ride.



### 2. Finding the Correct Bus Route and Direction of Travel

Once you've identified where you want to go (LMC), you need to find out which bus route(s) travel to/near your destination. To do this, follow these simple steps:

- 1) Locate your final destination on the System Map
- 2) Identify which bus route(s) travels to, or close to, your destination—The bus routes on the system map are color coded to help you. Be sure to check if the route is a weekend or weekday route. Use the color key on the system map to assist you with this. **Example:** Using the color codes, we can see that routes serving Los Medanos College include: 380, 387, 388, 391, 392, 393, 394
- 3) Locate your starting point on the system map to find the nearest place to catch the bus you need. Bus stops are indicated by black dots on the system map. Note: If the bus route that serves your final destination is not listed near your starting point, you may need to transfer buses to reach your destination.

For this example you can see that route 391, which serves LMC, also serves the Brentwood Park & Ride. **YOU'VE JUST IDENTIFIED WHICH BUS YOU CAN USE TO GET YOU WHERE YOU WANT TO GO!**

- 4) Now, determine the direction of travel you need: Hint: Buses traveling toward BART from the Brentwood/Antioch area are Westbound buses. Buses traveling toward Brentwood are Eastbound buses.

For our example, Route 391 will be traveling from Brentwood in the direction of BART so your bus is traveling Westbound. **YOU JUST FIGURED OUT THAT YOU NEED THE 391 WESTBOUND TO GO FROM THE BRENTWOOD PARK & RIDE TO LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE!**

- 5) Now that you know the bus route and direction you need to get to your destination it is time to find out what time you need to catch the bus so you get there on time. To do this, you need to know how to read the schedule.

### Route 391 Westbound Schedule

Brentwood Park & Ride	Empire/ HWY 4	Antioch Park & Ride	Los Medanos College
4:06 AM	4:37 AM	4:48 AM	5:06 AM
4:48 AM	5:19 AM	5:30 AM	5:48 AM
5:13 AM	5:44 AM	5:55 AM	6:13 AM
5:40 AM	6:11 AM	6:22 AM	6:40 AM
6:16 AM	6:47 AM	6:58 AM	7:16 AM
6:41 AM	7:12 AM	7:23 AM	7:41 AM
7:07 AM	7:38 AM	7:49 AM	8:07 AM
7:48 AM	8:19 AM	8:30 AM	8:48 AM
8:28 AM	8:59 AM	9:10 AM	9:28 AM

### How To Read The Schedule

Each individual route has its own map and timetable. The timetable lists numbered time points along the route (these are times that the bus is scheduled to arrive at these spots along the route). Time points will allow you to quickly find out approximately what time the bus arrives, both at your destination and your starting point. For our example, the 391 Westbound map & timetable is shown above. To read the schedule:

- 1) First, locate your destination on the route map and find its nearest time point.
- 2) Read down the correct time point column to find the bus arrival time closest to your desired arrival time. Remember, not all bus stops are shown on individual route maps—

only time points are shown. If your actual destination is not a time point, use the time point that comes AFTER your location to plan your arrival time.

- 3) From your arrival time, follow the row of times back to your starting time point to determine your departure time. If your starting point is not listed, use the numbered time point that comes BEFORE your starting point to determine when you should be at your stop.

For our Los Medanos College example, let's say we want to arrive at LMC by 9:00 am

By reading down the column of times listed under the "Los Medanos College," time point, you find the closest bus arrival time to your desired time of 9:00 a.m. is at 8:48 a.m. This is the bus that will get you there on time!

Follow that row of arrival times back to your origin at the Brentwood Park & Ride and you'll find that the bus you need to catch to get you to LMC by 8:30 a.m. will depart the Brentwood Park & Ride at 7:48 a.m.

**THEREFORE YOU MUST CATCH ROUTE 391 WESTBOUND AT THE BRENTWOOD PARK & RIDE AT 7:48 A.M. TO ARRIVE AT YOUR DESTINATION OF LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE BY 8:48 A.M. TIP: Always arrive at your bus stop at least five minutes ahead of time to make sure you don't miss your bus. In this case, arrive no later than 7:43 a.m.**

Once you've planned a trip or two you'll find it to be a simple process. But remember, the electronic Trip Planner on our web site can do this for you or you can call us for assistance. Enjoy your travels on Tri Delta Transit.