

WHAT IS BUS TRACKER?

CTA Bus Tracker uses GPS devices to report bus location data (and more) back to our servers. We can then, in real time, show you where buses are on a map and estimate when they will arrive at your stop.

CTA Bus Riders can get real-time bus arrival times:

- By going to the CTA's Website,
- By subscribing to receive automatic email or text alerts for specific bus routes at specific bus stops, or
- By texting 41411 with the bus stop ID number (bus stop IDs can be obtained by going to the CTA's website at transitchicago.com)

Get bus information on-line or by subscribing for automatic email or text alerts.

1. Go to the CTA's website at transitchicago.com,
2. On the top menu bar, click on "Travel Information,"
3. Scroll down and click on "Bus Tracker,"
4. Click on the "Bus Times" icon to view bus arrival times for any route you select;
Click on "Subscribe" to subscribe for free and receive automatic real-time bus arrival information via email or text for specific bus routes, at specific bus stops, at the specific times of days that you select.

***Important note:** Standard carrier charges for text messaging may apply. Check with your mobile carrier first.

Get bus information by texting 41411.

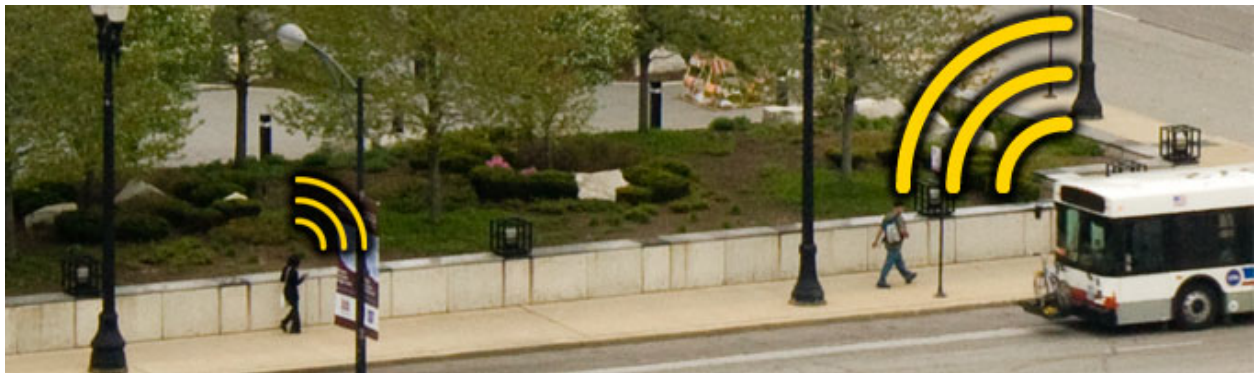
1. Find your favorite bus stop IDs at the CTA's website (you may want to do this beforehand and keep them in your wallet for easy access),
2. Text "CTA bus (and the bus stop ID) to 41411. *Be sure to text the word "ctabus", a space, and then the actual stop ID number, such as "ctabus 14624" (without quotes).*
3. Receive estimated bus arrival times.



bus tracker
by text

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The Basics

It's easy as 1-2-3:

1. **Find your stop ID.** ([Go to transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com) to find the bus stop ID number.)
2. **Text **ctabus [stopID]** to 41411.**

Be sure to text the word "ctabus", a space, and then the actual stop ID number, such as "ctabus 14624" (without quotes).
3. **Receive estimated arrival times.**

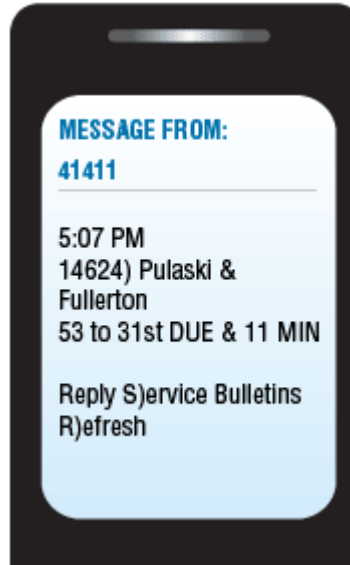
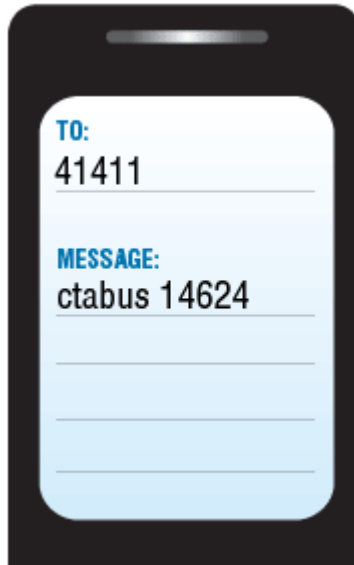
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Example

Here's how the text message you send might look if you were going to catch a #53 Pulaski bus at Fullerton heading south (which stops at stop ID 14624).

Try it!

Send "**ctabus 14624**" (without the quotes) to **41411**. After your message is received, you'll get a message like this:



This example response says that, as of 5:07 PM, at stop 14624 (at Pulaski & Fullerton), Bus Tracker estimates that a #53 bus to 31st is **due** to arrive, and then another one should arrive in about **11 minutes**.

Additional Commands

Also, you can also reply to this message with "**S**" to get any service bulletins that may affect your trip (customer alerts), or "**R**" to get the latest, most updated result for the same stop.

If your stop has multiple routes serving it, your results may not fit in one text message. In that case, you can also reply with "**N**" to see the next result for the stop you requested.

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Narrowing your results

To get just the routes you're interested (and potentially reduce the number of texts you need to send or receive to get the information you want), you can also specify a route number in your request. Add "**rt[#]**" (with the route number instead of the number sign) to your request.

Example:

ctabus 1124 rt145

Instead of getting all results for buses predicted to arrive at stop 1124 (Michigan & Ontario), you'll only get results for #145 Wilson/Michigan Express buses.