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## New BART line to Antioch packing in riders: Roadshow



The new BART train arrives at the Antioch station on May 26. (Photo by Haley Nelson, file)

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**Q:** How much of a positive impact, if any, has the new diesel BART line made on traffic on Route 4?

## Joe Nagle

*Pittsburg*

**A:** Hard to say as traffic counts need more time to be assessed. But here is some encouraging data. The new BART to Antioch line has exceeded expectations far faster than anticipated. The initial expected daily ridership was 5,600 trips or 2,800 trips each way. But by the second week of service, ridership was over 7,000 trips — about 3,500 trips each way.

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**Q:** A friend in her 90's no longer drives, but has a handicap placard. Twice this past year, friends have driven her to meetings, one at a retirement home and the other at a restaurant, where an employee at the home and a passerby at the restaurant informed the driver that they were breaking the law by parking in the handicap space. Though my friend's placard was displayed, the critics claimed that the driver must be the disabled person. In both cases the driver moved the car due to the intimidations.

## Tom Lustig

*Mountain View*

**A:** They were wrong. A disabled person can use a placard as a passenger in someone else's car.

**Q:** They finally repaved Interstate 80 between Pinole and Albany. It's a real pleasure to ride that stretch now without the potholes.

**John Underhill**

*El Cerrito*

**A:** I bet. This is rubberized asphalt, smooth and less noisy.

**Q:** When has it become acceptable to drive on the freeway shoulders and cut back in traffic? I see this every day on Highway 24 east near Lafayette.

**Holly Schroth**

**A:** Legal, no. Acceptable, in far too many places.

**Q:** We are two people driving to San Jose on Interstate 680 in Contra Costa County during commute hours and wanted to know if the fee shown on the FasTrak sign overhead applies to the car, if the Fastrak flex toll tag is set to two people?

**Beth Trafton**

*Alamo*

**A:** No. Two people or more allows you to legally use the carpool lane without being charged, but you need a flex tag.

**Q:** Give my best to Mrs. Roadshow and happy trails to you both. You have really helped us out in the past with my hub's driver's license.

**Genie Hawkins**

*San Jose*

**A:** Today I want to share some really good news. Jan and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary soon. Thanks, Jan, for our wonderful lives together.

And five weeks ago, our first grandchild, Oliver, arrived. His parents are our daughter, Anne, and her husband, John. They say they can't imagine life without him, nor can the rest of us in the family.

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