Pace customers can get real-time information about when the next bus is arriving at their stop by texting us an SMS message.

How do I get the next bus arrival time?
Type 41411 as the phone number to which you are sending a text message. Then, in the body of the message, type Pace, then a space, then the code number you see on the bus stop sign. You should receive a reply a few seconds later.

The first time you use the service, you’ll get an introductory welcome message. You’ll only get real-time bus arrival information when you request it with a text message that you send.

How do I know the code number for my bus stop?
The easiest way to determine the code number for your bus stop is to see it on the bus stop sign. Pace is in the process of posting numbers on tens of thousands of signs. It may be a while before every bus stop sign has a code number on it.

If the bus stop sign at which you regularly board does not yet have a code, you can visit Bus Tracker at PaceBus.com to look up the real-time bus arrival information for your stop and, at the same time, obtain the code number for future reference.

In addition to this text messaging service, there are several ways riders can find out when a bus will be arriving at any particular stop in the Pace service area: Bus Tracker, Bus Tracker Multi-Route Map, and email alerts.

Real-Time Bus Arrival Text Messaging Service

In order to improve on-time reliability, this route now operates under the Posted Stops Only policy. You will be able to get on (board) and off (alight) buses on this route only at Pace posted stop signs.

Look for these instruction symbols on printed schedules.

This symbol indicates that a route operates on a Posted Stops Only policy:

Some other routes also operate on a Posted Stops Only policy along the entire route. In addition, all routes that travel into Chicago operate on a Posted Stops Only policy within city limits. Pace is currently working to convert most routes in its network to this type of operation.

Posted Stops
Designated Boarding and Alighting Locations

This symbol indicates that a route operates partially on a Posted Stops Only policy:

Some other routes also operate on a Posted Stops Only policy along the entire route. In addition, all routes that travel into Chicago operate on a Posted Stops Only policy within city limits. Pace is currently working to convert most routes in its network to this type of operation.