Figure 2 – Easy and quick information: On the Internet with the first page normally opened by passengers (see "Seniors/Disabled"): example of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMTA)



#### Metro to operate on Sunday schedule on Memorial Day

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, Metrorail will operate on a Sunday schedule (8 a.m. to midnight). Parking at all Metro-operated lots will be free. Reduced fares will be in effect all day. Bicyclists will be allowed to transport their bicycles on Metrorail. Metrobus will operate on a Sunday schedule with supplemental service on some routes. MetroAccess will operate a weekday schedule (5:30 a.m. - midnight) and there will be no SmartMover service. See <a href="press release">press release</a> for details and other transit companies' Memorial Day service.

#### Holiday weekend events to cause Metrobus detours

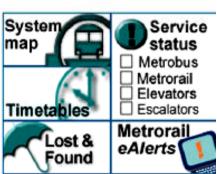
Street closings for Memorial Day weekend events will cause Metrobus detours downtown. See <u>weekend detours</u>.

Heightened security alert level announced; Metro increases security With the <u>announcement</u> of the Homeland Security level raised to orange for

With the <u>announcement</u> of the Homeland Security level raised to orange for "high," Metro is taking additional security precautions to keep customers safe while riding Metro. Metro Transit Police have deployed special response teams to conduct sweeps of Metrorail stations. This increased police presence is not a reaction to any specific, impending danger but to reassure customers and add another level of prevention. See Metro's <u>safety update</u> brochure and <u>emergency preparedness page</u> on how you can prepare for and help prevent emergencies.

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intersection or landmark. Do not include city, state or zip code in addresses.

Starting point: (Examples)

Figure 3

Centrally located information and orientation on a kerbside stop – Source: Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bürgerfreundliche Gestaltung von Haltestellen des öffentlichen Personennahverkehrs, direkt 51, Bonn 1997

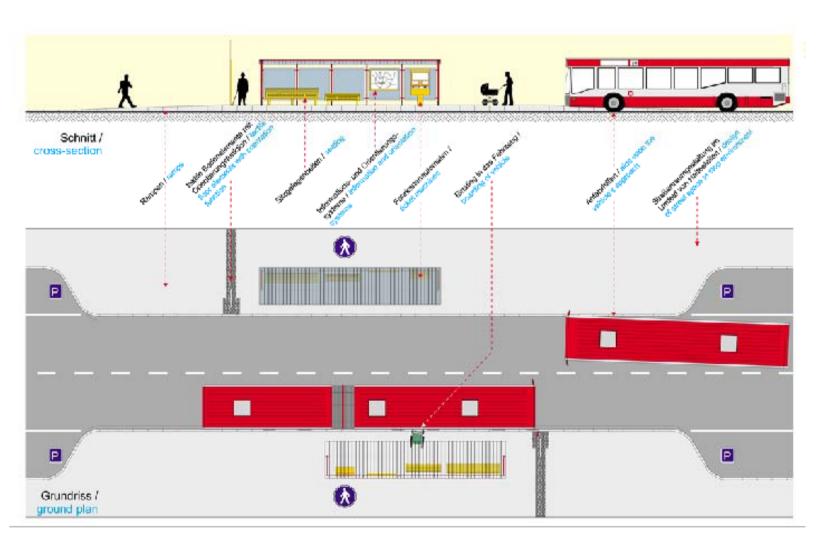


Figure 4
Most common symbol leading to information for people with reduced mobility: example of Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA),
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Figure 5
Clear structure and consistency of passenger information: example of MUNI (San Francisco)



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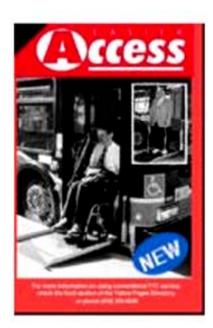
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Figure 7

Note from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority about alternative formats for people with visual impairments

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#### The Most Frequently Asked Questions About Metro's Accessible Service

The following list of most-asked questions is a part of Metro's efforts to provide full accessible transportation to persons with disabilities. For further information or comments about accessible service, please write <u>Metro Customer Relations</u>, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952

#### Q. How can additional information be obtained and how can problems be reported?

A. Passengers with disabilities who have a travel emergency related to Metro accessible transportation may call the Metro Disability Emergency Hotline at 1-800-621-7828. Passengers with visual impairments may obtain this brochure or additional information about Metro service in alternative formats upon request. Information and customer service are available to persons with hearing or speech disabilities through Metro's text telephone/TDD phone number: 1-800-252-9040. General Metro Bus and Metro Rail information is available by calling1-800-COMMUTE (1-800-266-6883) or on this website. Complaints and compliments can be forwarded by phone, through the website, or by writing to Metro Customer Relations, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952. RETURN TO TOP

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Figure 8
Alternative format as text only version of Transport for London Journey Planner for people with visual impairments

TfL Journey Planner
Travel Time: I need to depart on 03 . 06 . 2003 at 10 : 51
From: Area: London Location Type: Station or Stop Location Name:
To: Area: London
Location Type: Station or Stop Location Name:
Close Options Reset Submit
Via: Area: Location Type: Station or Stop
Location Name:
More Options:
Route type: Fastest  Means of transport:  ☐ Rail Services ☐ Docklands Light Railway ☐ London Underground ☐ Croydon Tram Link ☐ London Buses

<ul><li>✓ National Express</li><li>✓ London River Services</li></ul>
Walking Details:  □ use proximity interchanges  Walking speed: Average  Max. walking time: 20 minutes
Mobility impaired access:  □ cannot use Stairs □ cannot use Escalators □ cannot use Lifts
□ need Wheelchair accessible Vehicles
Close Options Reset Submit

Figure 9
Information from BVG (Berlin) about media accessible during the journey

#### Information en route

#### If you're already on your way...

You will find information at every underground and urban rail (S-Bahn) station as well as at tram and bus stops. Located at entrance areas and on platforms, "BVG Service" information panels contain the following elements:

- Berlin city map with street index,
- · Complete route map for Berlin,
- Network diagram for the underground (U-Bahn) and urban rail (S-Bahn) with a station index,
- · List of all stations with details of fare zones,
- BVG nighttime service network,
- Timetables.
- Map of area around the underground station.

#### **Special information**

Subjects such as current timetable changes and other special information are posted on the "BVG Service" information panels. Special display cases at the entrances to underground stations contain specific information on temporary changes.

Travel information in person

Our service staff at the customer information office in the Turmstrasse underground station will print out your personal timetable. Just tell us where you wish to go.

Also have a look at Timetables for the underground, tram and bus



# Figure 10 Talking Kiosk: Example for communication and information possibilities during the journey – MTA (New York)



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A distinctive "chirping" sound helps users locate the Talking Kiosk in Penn Station.

# Figure 11 Textphone for passengers with hearing difficulties and speech impediments: example of MTA (New York)



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Fully accessible stations have text telephones.

Figure 12
Standard pictograms for accessible/inaccessible and usable/non-usable details of a station: example of Rhein-Main-Verkehrsverbund (RMV)



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## Detailed listing of information about fully accessible stations and buses: example of MTA (New York)



#### Features of Accessible Stations

In improving services to individuals with disabilities, the MTA identified stations and facilities where compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) would benefit the most people, analyzing such factors as high ridership, transfer points, and service to major areas of activity. These stations were given priority in our station-renovation program. We are continuing to expand accessibility features to more and more locations.

The MTA network has more than 75 fully accessible subway and commuter rail stations. These stations have features that improve accessibility for customers with visual, hearing and mobility impairments, as specified by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Their features include:

- → elevators or ramps
- → handrails·on·ramps·and·stairs·
- → large-print and tactile-Braille signs.
- → audio-and-visual-information-systems-
- → accessible station booth windows.
- → accessible MetroCard® Vending Machines
- → accessible service entry gates at subway stations.
- → platform-edge warning strips
- platform gap modifications or bridge plates to reduce or eliminate the gap between trains and platforms.
- → telephones at an accessible height with volume control, and text telephones (TTYs).
- accessible restrooms at commuter rail stations with restrooms (not all station buildings have restrooms)

The MTA network also has more than 120 additional subway and commuter rail stations that have elevators and/or ramps to provide wheelchair access. In some stations, ramps slopes may exceed the maximum recommended by the ADA. On commuter rail lines, some ticket offices and restrooms are not accessible by wheelchair.

Figure 14

Detailed listing of information from Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe (BVG) for people with different mobility impairments

Mobility assistance for the disabled

The BVG is concerned to meet the demands of all passengers on the public transport system. The following outline shows the latest developments (last updated: 06/2002):

- Ramps and elevators at underground stations.
- Escalators in the Berlin underground
- · Orientation aids for blind and partially sighted passengers
- Emergency call and information columns
- Orientation aids for hearing impaired passengers
- Tram lines with wheelchair access
- . Bus lines with wheelchair access
- Bus lines with wheelchair friendly facilities
- Bus stop on demand
- Ferry lines
- We call a taxi for your onward journey

Information on mobility assistance at the Berlin S-Bahn urban rail



Figure 15
Plan of a bus with important accessibility and usability features – Small town bus from ÜSTRA Hannoversche Verkehrsbetriebe

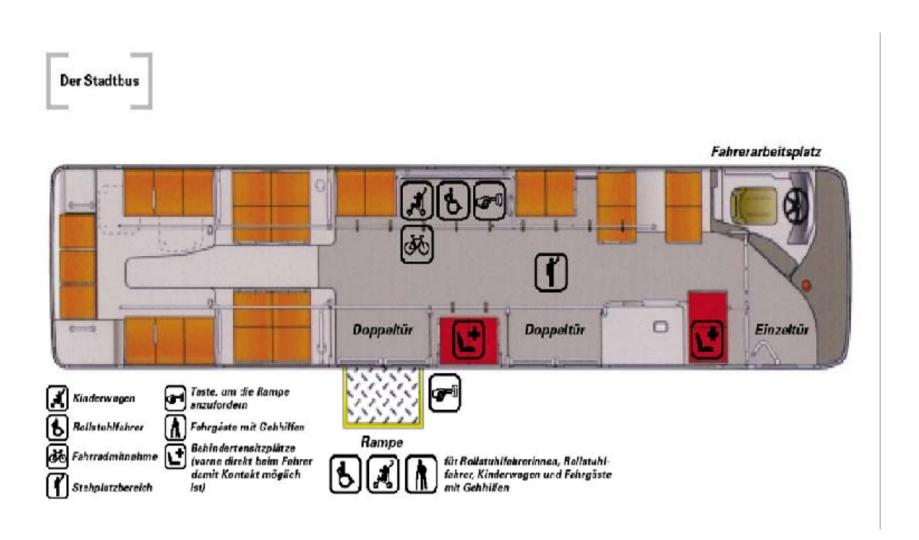


Figure 16
Plan of a light rail vehicle with important accessibility and usability features –
Light rail coach from ÜSTRA Hannoversche Verkehrsbetriebe

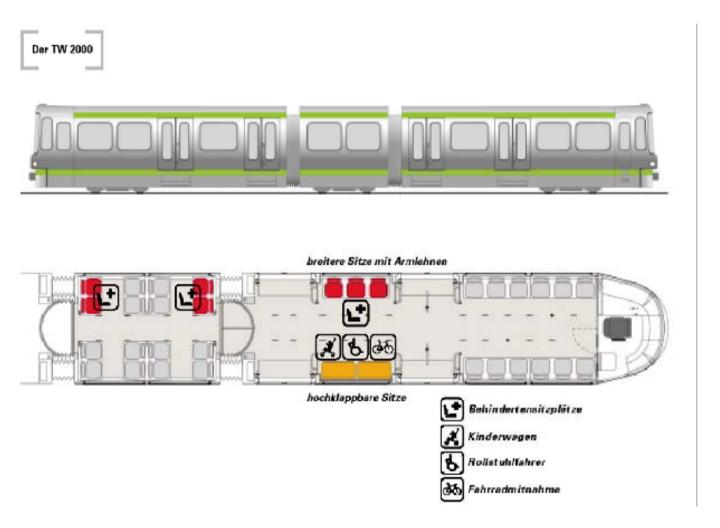
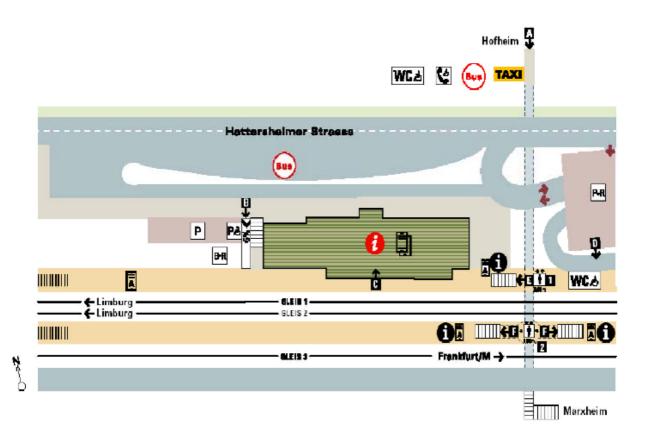


Figure 17
Detailed plan of the station "Hofheim" with standard pictograms: example of Rhein-Main-Verkehrsverbund

Zugänge Bahnsteige	Züge	Besonderheiten
<ul> <li>→ Vom sentralen Busbahnhof über Weg zur Unterführung zu Gleis 1, Gleis 2 und Gleis 3</li> <li>→ Vom Bahnhofsplatz über eine Rampe (da. 3 % Steitgung) zu Gleis 1</li> <li>→ Vom Bahnhofsplatz über eine Rampe (da. 3 % Steitgung) zu Gleis 1</li> <li>→ Vom Bahnhofsglatz über eine Incapet der Steine Unterführung über eine Incapet beziehungsweise Aufzug (Durchleder), Türbreite 0,30 cm zu Gleis 1</li> <li>→ Von der Unterführung über eine Incapet beziehungsweise Aufzug (Durchleder), Türbreite 0,30 cm zu Gleis 2 und Gleis 3</li> </ul>	RE-/RB (halt nicht überall)-Züge mit Doppelstock-Steuerwogen (ausfahrbare Rambe) beziehungsweise mit Steuerwogen (Hublit) Alle Züge der Linie 20 Richtung Frankfurt/M fahren auf Gleis 3. Richtung Limburg fahren die Doppelstock-Steuerwogen (mit Hublith) in der Regel an der Zügspitze-Richtung Frankfurt M fahren die Doppelstock-Steuerwogen (mit Hublith) in der Regel am Zügende.	Auf der Ostsalta des Bahnhofs Perkhaus mit Zugang zum Bahnsteig am Gleis 1 über Zugang D  2 Behinderten-Stellplätze von dem Dahnhofsgebäude neben dem Zugang 3  Behinderten zugang 3  Behinderten-WC gegenüber dem Aufzug auf dem Bahnsteige 1 und am Busbahnhof Bushaltestelle von dem Bahnhofsgebäude (nur zum Aussteg)  Zehtraler Busbahnhof am Zugang A.z.r Unterführung Mobilitätssentrale, info, Beratung, Suchung, Minimal Bistro und Fahrradgeschäft im Bahnhofsgebäude 5-Behn mit 1 Stufe zugänglich  1 Aufzug (Durchlader) von Unterführung zu Gleis 1  2 Aufzug (Durchlader) von Unterführung zu Gleis 1
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Figure 18
Accessible emergency and information column of Hamburg's S-Bahn network —
Source: Hamburger Verkehrsverbund



Figure 19
For wheelchair users: Accessible door operation button on a vehicle of ÜSTRA
Hannoversche Verkehrsbetriebe



Figure 20
Network map with indications of travel possibilities for people with reduced mobility
Accessible platforms and stations of San Francisco Municipal Railway (MUNI)

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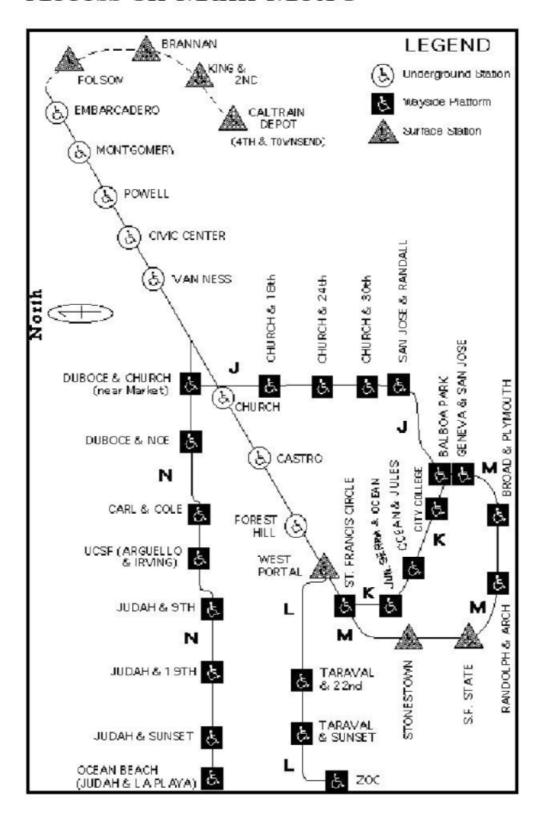


Figure 21
Timetable for a single bus line of WMTA (Washington)

#### Using this timetable

☐ Use the map to find the stops closest to where you will get on and off the bus.
☐ Select the schedule (weekday, Safurday, Sunday) for when you will travel. Along the top of the schedule, find the stop at or rearest the point where you will get on the bus. Follow that column down.

to the time you want to leave.

- Use the same method to find the times the bus is scheduled to arrive at the stop where you will get off the bus.
- If the bus stop is not listed, use the time shown for the bus stop before it as the time to wait at the stop.
- The end-of-the-line or last stop is listed in ALL CAPS on the schedule.

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Figure 22
Transport for London: Journey Planner with options for people with reduced mobility – Request

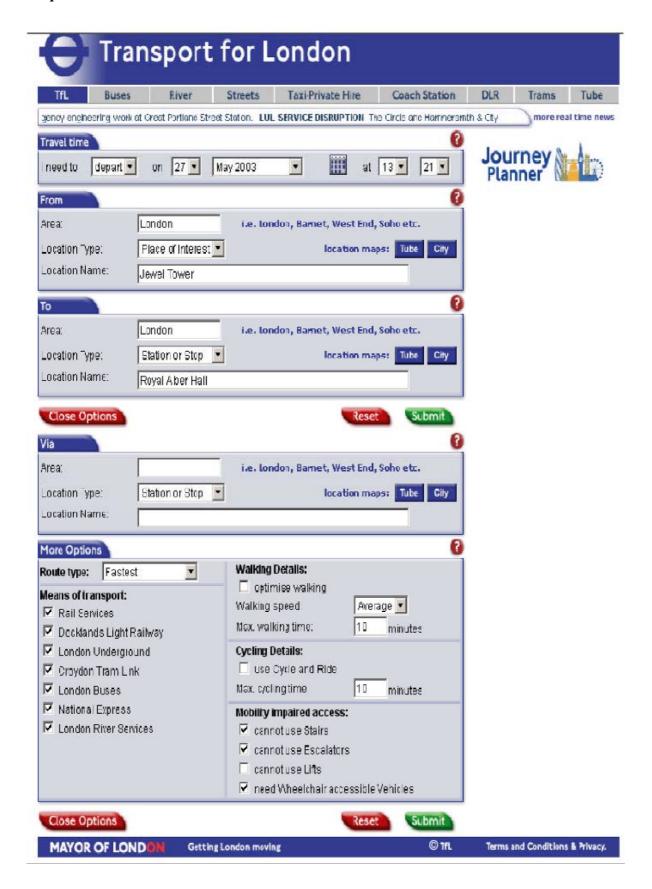


Figure 23
Transport for London: Journey Planner with options for people with reduced mobility – Result



Figure 24
Transport for London: Journey Planner with options for people with reduced mobility – First option details

