

# Vote for your top toddler transport



The search is now on to find the best five buggies to use on London's buses and trains.

PEOPLE are being asked to vote for the most popular buggies for getting on and off public transport in an initiative being run by TfL in conjunction with leading parents' groups.

The five favourite buggies will then be celebrated as 'public transport-friendly' and will be highlighted on the TfL website and across social media, so parents and other buggy users know which are the easiest to operate.

The vote is part of TfL's commitment to make travelling around London easier for everyone.

A shortlist of 10 top buggies for use on public transport has been drawn up by a panel of judges, made up of leading parenting groups and organisations including Netmums, Mumderground and 4Children. They were selected against a set of criteria including being easy to fold, lightweight,

manoeuvrable and affordable.

The initiative follows TfL's Buggy Summit in February which brought together manufacturers, retailers, parenting groups and others to discuss the challenges faced by both buggy and wheelchair users.

There was common agreement that small, light, foldable buggies were better suited for use when travelling around London. This type of buggy could help to reduce the competition for space that can sometimes occur around the priority area for wheelchair users on buses and trains.

Annie O'Leary, editor-in-chief of Netmums said: 'Many parents do not think about getting on the bus or the Tube when they buy a buggy. They then find themselves either struggling or just going out and getting a new one.'

'We are really excited to be working with TfL and buggy manufacturers and retailers to help parents buy a public transport-friendly buggy, so getting around in their local area is a much easier and less stressful experience.'

TfL's director of buses, Mike Weston, said: 'With the overwhelming choice of buggies available, we need to make it easier for people to identify those that can fit comfortably through the bus aisles and share the priority space, and can also be taken up and down steps in stations that aren't yet step-free.'

■ **The 'Best Buggy Vote' is open now until June 28. For full details and to vote, visit [tfl.gov.uk/campaign/best-buggy-vote](http://tfl.gov.uk/campaign/best-buggy-vote)**



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## Putting tram services on the map

TRAM services will be included on the latest version of the Tube map this week in a move that will make it easier for people to plan journeys to Wimbledon, Croydon or Beckenham.

It is the first time that TfL has included London Trams on the map and reflects a number of recent improvements on the service, including a 50 per cent increase in services between Wimbledon and Croydon.

Four additional trams were also introduced in February, increasing the total number operating across the network to 34, and service information has been added to the electronic service update boards at TfL stations across the capital.

The new map illustrates where and when major upgrade works will take

place on the London Overground route between Gospel Oak and Barking and also shows the stations with step-free access.

South Tottenham on the London Overground was the latest station to be made step-free, and in the coming months, work at Vauxhall, Tottenham Court Road and Tower Hill will be completed and added to the map – increasing the number of step-free Tube stations to more than 70.

The Tram and DLR networks are both completely step-free.

■ **Customers will begin to see the latest Tube map in stations throughout the week, and it will be available to view online, along with other transport maps, at [tfl.gov.uk/maps](http://tfl.gov.uk/maps) from Friday.**

## Traffic information for the capital

### A306 Hammersmith Bridge

**Until December 31**  
Weight limit imposed on buses due to maintenance works.

### A205 Kew Bridge Road

**Until June 5, 5pm**  
Lane closed at the junction of Chiswick High Road (North Circular Road) for utility works.

### Vauxhall Cross, SE1

**Until August 7**  
Overnight lane restrictions between 9pm and 5am Sundays to Fridays for utility works.

### Westminster area

**June 4, 6am to 4pm**  
Roads closed until 2pm for the annual Trooping of the Colour. Traffic disruption is also expected for a march from St. Thomas's Hospital to Whitehall.

### Westminster area

**June 5, 11am to 4pm**  
A group will march from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square for a rally.

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