

Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona

Making accessibility central to providing public transport

Bilbao, 20th October



What is TMB?

Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona is the management unit of the companies Ferrocarril Metropolità de Barcelona, S.A. and Transports de Barcelona, S.A. that offer their collective passenger transport services in the city of Barcelona and its surrounding municipalities.

Underground transport network.



Surface transport network.







Scope of Activity

Ferrocarril Metropolità de Barcelona, S.A.



Offers its service to the municipalities of Barcelona, Badalona Cornellà, Hospitalet de Llobregat, Esplugues, Sant Adrià del Besós and Santa Coloma de Gramenet.

Transports de Barcelona, S.A.



Offers its urban service to the municipalities of Barcelona, Cornellà and Montcada, and also an intermunicipal service in Badalona, Cornellà, Esplugues, L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, Montcada, El Prat, Sant Just Desvern, Sant Joan Despí, Sant Adrià del Besos and Santa Coloma de Gramanet.





Network Data

Ferrocarril Metropolità de Barcelona, S.A. Transports de Barcelona, S.A.





2433

1019

103

879,65



Datos 31/12/05

2556

1129

110

966,25

<m> Stations/Bus stops</m>	123
Trains/Buses	110
No. Lines	7
Network length (km)	86,6



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Ferrocarril Metropolità de Barcelona, S.A. Transports de Barcelona, S.A.







Datos 31/12/05

Total passengers (thous.)

345,27

204,96

550,23





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TMB
ACCESSIBILITY

millores d^aaccessibilitat

Work Methodology

- Know user group requirements.
- TMB participates in disabled groups and is in contact with their representatives.
- Determine the connection points that provide and guaranteee mobility.
 - Connection points between various modes of transport
 - Connection points in one and the same mode of transport.
- Identity high concentration points, and prioritise them.
 - Adapated installations.
 - Associated Centres.
 - Centres of attendance.





Work Methodology

- TMB sits on the Governing Board of the Municipal Institute for the Disabled in Barcelona, and takes part in its Transport and Communication Commissions.
- The TMB organisational chart comprises a specific arrangement for promoting actions, on a horizontal level, that facilitate accessibility to its transport service.
- TMB works proactively, anticipating future requirements, such as new points of urban concentration, shopping centres, etc.
- TMB offers its employees special training.
- TMB lends its know-how to those who are interested in promoting positive action in support of Diversity Management.





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Planning the trip
Accessibility



Plannig the trip (I)

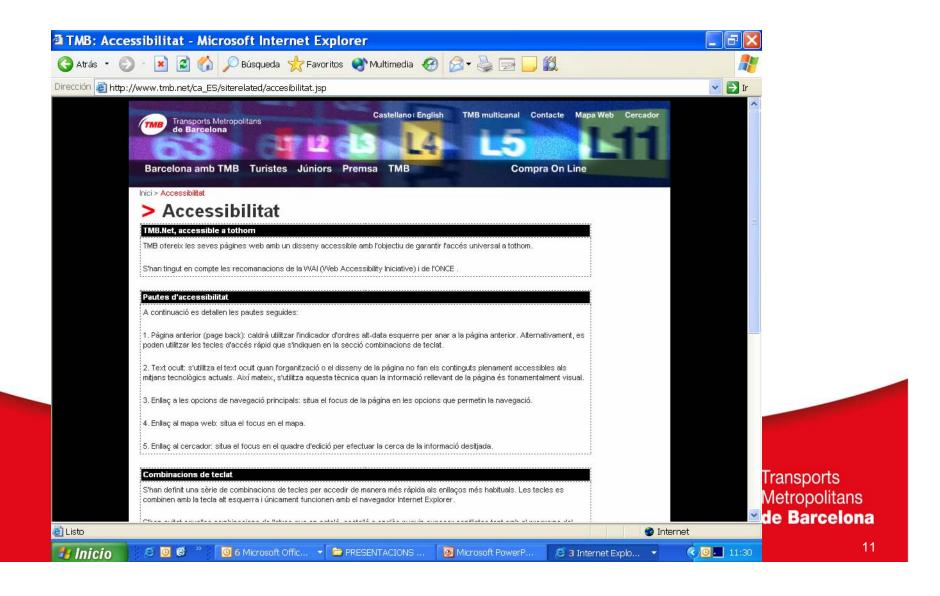
• Accesible WEB with a blind people





Planificació del viatge (II)

Accesible WEB with a blind people





Fare System

• Tickets with orientation nick



Orientation nick





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BUS

Accessibility



Accessibility: The single-decker bus

Owing to the very nature of a bus, it is very difficult for people with reduced mobility to use it, and

- Its height off the ground,
- Its interior structure,

are two of the main elements that cause this difficulty.

Technological development has provided us with devices to facilitate vehicle access for people with reduced mobility.

Studying their needs in detail, and aiming to promote personal autonomy, has led to the incorporation of single-decker buses.





- Incorporation of single-decker vehicles.
- Possibility of inclining the vehicle.
- Access device : Ramp or platform .
- Space reserved for People with Reduced Mobilty.
- Wheelchair supports.
- Validation device with visual and acoustic feedback.
- Bus stop request buttons.





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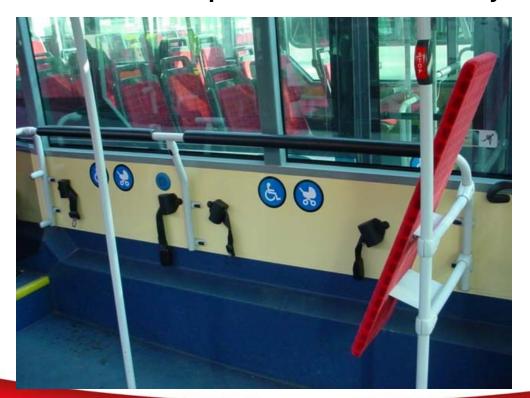








• Space reserved for People with Reduced Mobility.







Wheelchair supports.







• Validation device with visual and acoustic feedback.









• Bus stop request buttons.







Accessibility: Bus Stops

Accessibility must also consider waiting times, getting on/off vehicles, bus stop layout.

- The detailed study of the area around each bus stop,
 - Type of parking,
 - Possibility of approaching the vehicle,
 - Street furnishings around the bus stop,

means searching for alternative solutions to each of these situations.

Installing access platforms on vehicles has provided a solution in the above-mentioned cases.





Features of an adapted TMB bus stop

Consider:

- Type of parking.
- Possibility of approaching the vehicle.







Features of an adapted TMB bus stop

• Type of parking.





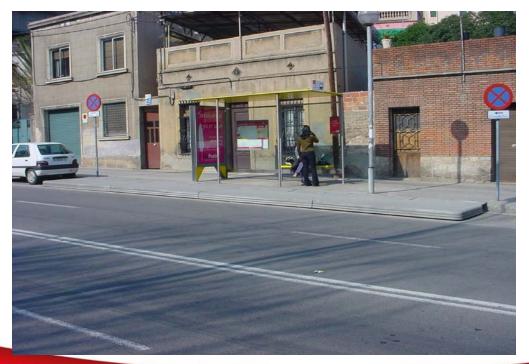






Features of an adapted TMB bus stop

• Possibility of approaching the vehicle.







Work Methodology

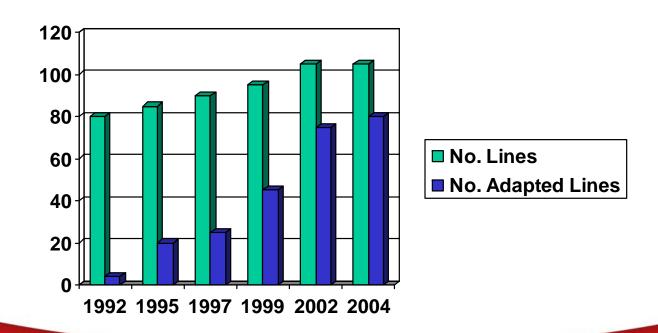
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Bus line accessibility

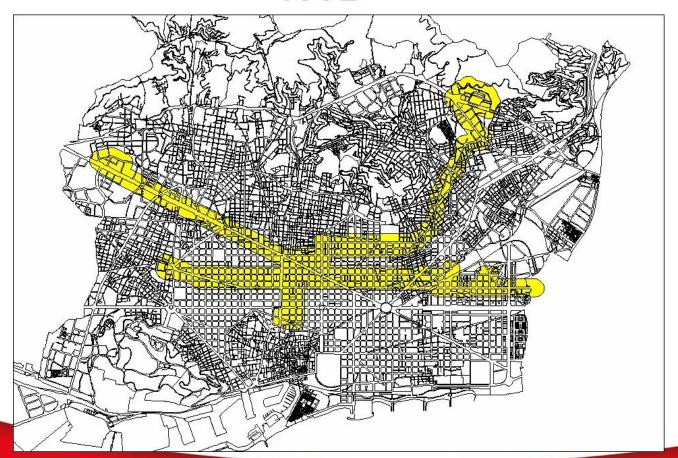


In the last decade, the number of accessible bus lines has increased exponentially:



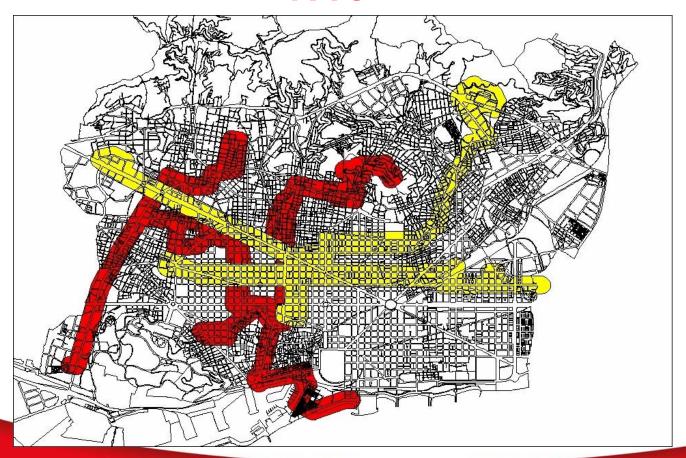






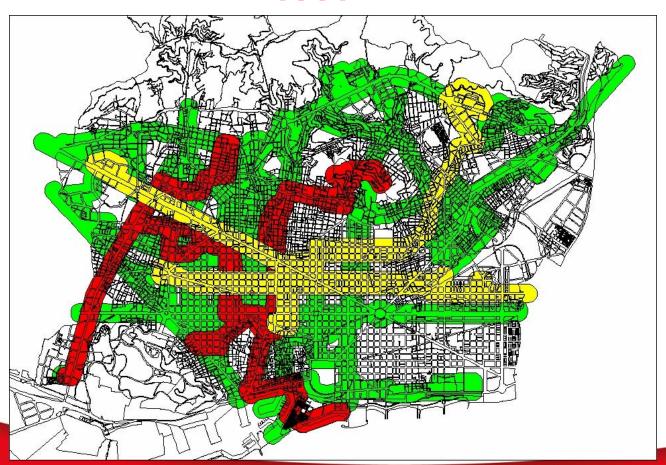






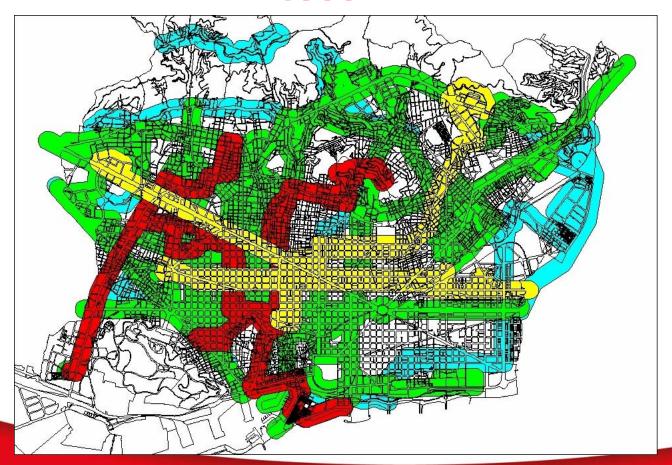






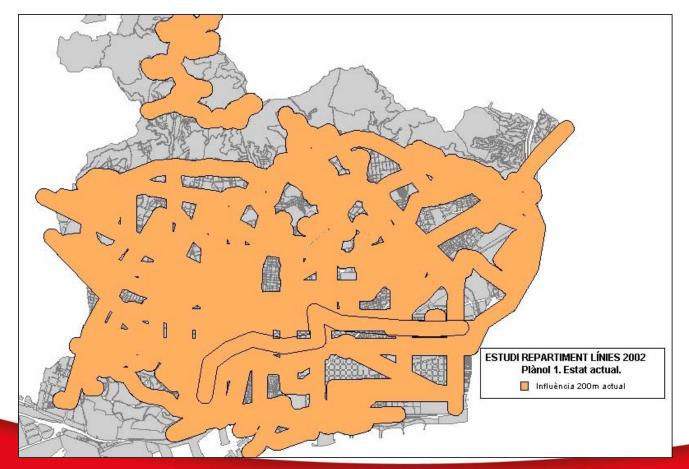
















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METRO

Accessibility



Accessibility: An accessible Metro

The historical and structural features of the Barcelona Metro have not dissuaded us from providing citizens with a fast, accessible top quality public transport service.

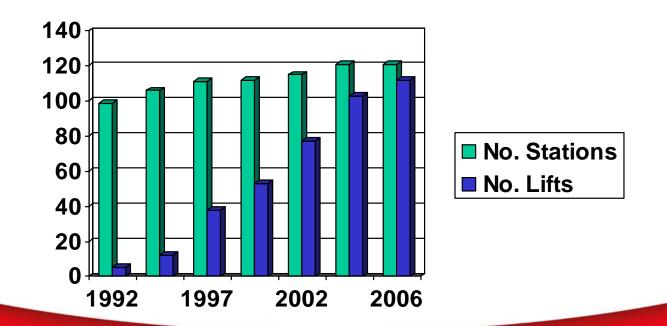
Remodelling existing stations, and designing and building new ones, always in line with accessibility criteria, is one of the distinguishing features of Ferrocarril Metropolità de Barcelona.



Metro accessibility



Exponential growth in the number of lifts installed, and other access-permitting elements, reflects the company's awareness in this respect.







The following elements have been incorporated to guarantee accessibility to underground stations:

- Devices enabling vertical movement.
- Devices covering the gap between train and platform.
- Guiding elements for the blind or partially sighted.
- Elements facilitating ticket purchase.
- Elements guaranteeing safety.
- Elements guaranteeing information.





• Incorporating devices enabling vertical movment.









• Incorporating devices covering the gap between train and platform.



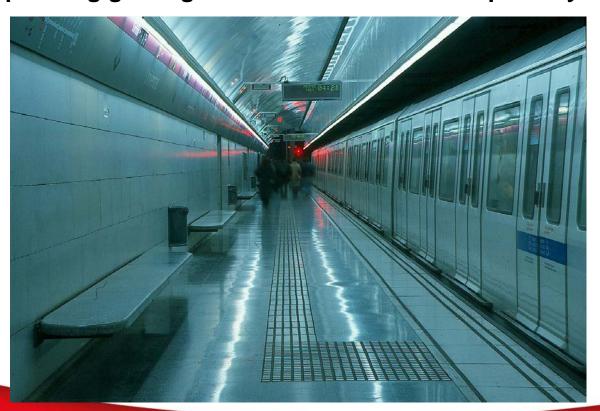








• Incorporating guiding elements for the blind or partially sighted.







• Incorporating elements facilitating ticket purchase.









• Incorporating elements guaranteeing safety.



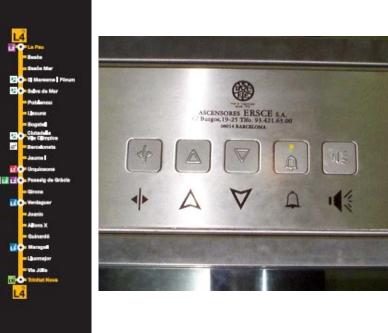




• Incorporating elements guaranteeing information (with relief and

contrast colors).









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What does TMB do for people with hearing difficulties?



Hearing impediments on board a Bus

The following elements have been incorporated to guarantee accessibility in TMB buses:

- Visual ticket validation confirmation.
- Visual feed-back to bus stop requests.
- Information on waiting times, service alterations, etc...





Technical aids on board a Bus

• Visual ticket validation confirmation.









Technical aids on board a Bus

• Visual feed-back to bus stop requests.







Technical aids on board a Bus

• Information on waiting times, service alterations, etc...









Hearing impediments in the Metro

The following elements have been incorporated to guarantee accessibility in the TMB metro network:

- Visible confirmation screen for travel ticket purchases.
- Specific communication elements. Eg. Breakdowns, etc...
- Information screens. Eg. Waiting times, incidents, ...
- Requests for assistance, information ...
- Notification of next stop.
- Elements guaranteeing safety.





• Visible confirmation screen for travel ticket purchases.









• Specific communication elements. Eg. Breakdowns, etc...







• Information screens. Eg. Waiting times, incidents, ...









• Requests for assistance, information ...









• Notification of next stop.









• Elements guaranteeing safety. Eg. Opening and closing the doors, ...





















Line 2

The opening of Line 2 in 1995 marked a new era in suburban accessiblity, ...







Line 2

...its first extension in 1997, ...





Line 2



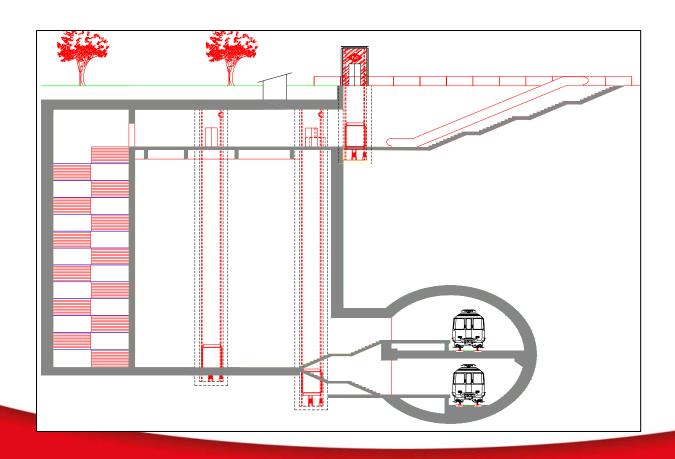
... and its latest extension, in 2002, have resulted in the first totally accessible metro line.







Accessibility in the Metro New Projects, L-9







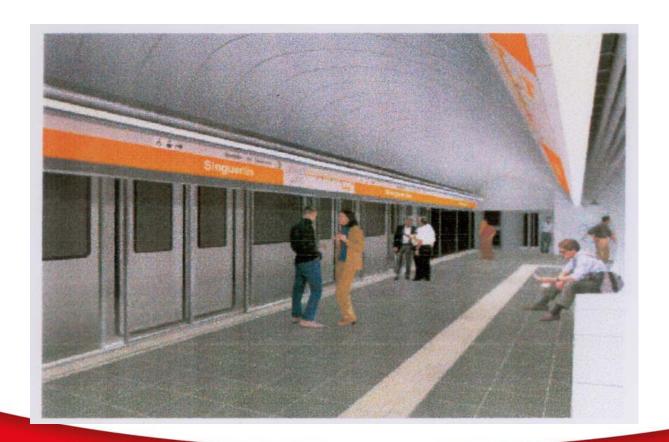
Accessibility in the Metro New Projects, L-9







Accessibility in the Metro New Projects, L-11







Other positive action

• TMB is one of the founding members of the international "DESIGN FOR ALL FOUNDATION"



Through which TMB has adopted its "COMMITMENT TO DESIGN FOR ALL".





The Commitment to Design for All

This commitment is adopted by all companies that adapt their services, goods and organisation systems to the ability, needs and expectations of all users and consumers, by applying the Design for All principles.

This is a systematic process that integrates users and consumers, ethical values and organisational innovation in an company or entity, through an Implementation Plan.







TMB, is looking to the Future ...

...which is already upon us,

and aiming for dedication to service, respect and quality ...



