Google Maps can now create transit routes that take wheelchair accessibility into account

Starting today, Google is adding a “wheelchair accessible” routing option to Google Maps, as reported by *Gizmodo*. Tailored toward the use of public transit in metropolitan areas, when selected, the route that is presented will factor in the availability of wheelchair ramps and elevators on routes.

The feature is initially being rolled out in several cities that are major transit hubs, including London, New York, Tokyo, Mexico City, Boston, and Sydney. To access it, type your destination into Google Maps, then tap “Directions.” From there, select “Public Transportation” and then “Options.” Under the routes section, “wheelchair accessible” should then appear.

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Last year, Google Maps added the ability to see if a space is wheelchair accessible by clicking on the description and looking under the “amenities” tab. It has also been working on updating the Street View images of transit stations so people can preview these locations ahead of time.

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