

1. 1) I don't see how removing children from a stroller would help keep the child safe. It would seem to me to be more dangerous to me to have the child out of the stroller.  
2) If the goal is to keep strollers out of the way and safe, maybe a new bus design or retrofit would enable transit operators to secure the stroller in a fashion similar to wheelchairs. If the ADA requirements, which I have not read, require space for two or more wheel chairs, a simple refitting may not be an option.  
3) I do not think that the current bus configuration supports folding and stowing of strollers or luggage. An additional overhead or front of bus location would need to be added as a place to put these items. As a passenger without those items, I would prefer not having to scan every passenger and every possible location that a stroller may be as a I load on to the bus. When strollers are unfolded, they are clearly visible. They also do not appear to be to pose as much of a risk for falling and injuring a passenger as a folded stroller just jammed out of the way somewhere. Mon, Jul 5, 2010 5:38 AM Find...

2. I can see both sides of the issue. It would be inconvenient for a mother traveling alone with a small child in a stroller to fold it, but sometimes bus is too crowded. Suggestion: If want to leave stroller open must buy an adult fare for the STROLLER. If don't want to pay, then fold it up. This rule could be limited to peak times. Sun, Jul 4, 2010 6:50 PM Find...

3. I find that people aren't willing to fold their strollers despite the current policy. Many people who bring strollers onto buses usually sit in the accessible area to the right of the driver, placing the stroller between them and the first two front facing seats, blocking the use of those seats. I also have issues with school children throughout the year, placing their backpacks in the seats next to them and not placing them on their laps, so seats will be available for people to sit. Sun, Jul 4, 2010 4:12 PM Find...

4. Most of the trouble seems to be young black women who get on the bus, sit in front of the bus, park the stroller in the aisle and won't let other passengers get through. They stare at you with an "in your face" attitude. I am not against strollers, but it should be enforced that they are not allowed to block the aisle. If using a stroller, the rider and her stroller should go to the very rear of the bus, not stopped in front. It would not be a problem if it were not for the attitude I've experienced from the women, and the driver's who allow the behavior. Sun, Jul 4, 2010 1:49 PM Find...

5. Why did you make a policy in the first place if you were not going to enforce it? It should have been enforced from Day 1. Sun, Jul 4, 2010 7:34 AM Find...

6. I feel that this policy constitutes discrimination against the less fortunate and elderly who need to use these items on the buses. Also, children are most likely safer in a stroller than not buckled in a bus seat. Also, I travel with a shopping cart. It does not make sense for me to take out all of my bags and collapse my cart. I don't know how I will be able to do my grocery shopping anymore. Sun, Jul 4, 2010 5:58 AM Find...

7. I personally think that it will cause a lot of hardship for people with children who are peacefully sleeping in strollers & need to be woken up & moved to a bus seat -- not to mention the large amount of additional time that this enforced "child transfer" & stroller folding will add to the bus routes' travel time on a regular basis. It's been rare that I've been in a bus that's so full that my child(ren) sleeping in a stroller has caused problems, and when a handicapped person comes on a bus they (of course) get first dibs on the designated "handicapped" area at the front of the bus. It seems like an excessive inconvenience to solve a problem that only needs to be solved when there are 3 or more strollers on any given bus, or when a handicapped person requires

stroller users to fold their strollers. It seems like it would be better to merely require that all strollers be ABLE to be folded (if the need arises), & then enforce the policy of making people fold their stroller \*if\* there are either too many strollers, or an elderly or handicapped person is actually being inconvenienced by the presence of an unfolded stroller. (I am likely to be unaffected, because I ride the bus much less often with my children now that the oldest has turned 5 & is no longer free -- so these opinions of mine are just for the benefit of parents of young children that "come after me", not for my own personal benefit). Sat, Jul 3, 2010 2:30 PM Find...

8. When I need to ride the bus with my son I do try to fold my stroller, but the fact of the matter is, if we are running errands and I have to juggle him (1 1/2 years old), the stroller, and my bags (often 2-3 bags of groceries), folding the stroller is much more difficult to accomplish. Sat, Jul 3, 2010 3:23 AM Find...

9. You should not strictly enforce this policy. I have seen moms with two children riding the bus, and you can not ask a mom to carry one child, hold the hand of her other child and carry a stroller.

In addition, if the baby is asleep, and you wake the baby by taking it out of the stroller, we all will be affected by the unhappiness of the baby. In this case, let sleeping dogs - and babies - lie.

Also, as a rider of the metro buses, I have never come across a mom with a stroller that does not try and minimize the disruption that her stroller causes. Cut her some slack.

Also, poor taste to show the video with a dad and a toddler. I'm sure your marketing people advised you that a mom with a baby would get more sympathy, so you chose not to show the far more likely scenario. Looks to me like you are looking for justification to enforce the decision that you have already made instead of neutrally soliciting comments. Fri, Jul 2, 2010 4:45 PM Find...

10. Strollers should be folded, and if someone elderly or disabled gets on, the front most seats should be surrendered. And the bus driver should ask able-bodied persons to move. Strollers should not receive special treatment, just because the users are usually big, scary women. The bus driver should have the ability to enforce the rules! Fri, Jul 2, 2010 2:21 PM Find...

11. I don't believe that people who bring strollers on the bus should be allowed to flip up the seats reserved for Elderly or People with disabilities. Fri, Jul 2, 2010 1:40 PM Find...

12. I am very glad that Metro is pursuing stepping up enforcement of the stroller policy. It really is a hazard, especially in the event of a fire, as strollers in the aisle inhibit rapid, easy evacuation. Fri, Jul 2, 2010 1:30 PM Find...

13. In addition to offering places to buy a foldable stroller, please offer a form that entitles low income parents/families to qualify for a foldable stroller by attending a safety class at no cost. It could be coordinated with Dean's Car Seat Safety safety with car seat rental class. Fri, Jul 2, 2010 7:59 AM Find...

14. If you're going to have a policy, it should be enforced. I do wonder whether some children are safer in their strollers, however. I think on an especially empty bus it wouldn't make a difference. I've never seen a conflict between strollers and wheelchairs both needing space. Fri, Jul 2, 2010 7:28 AM Find...

15. I think that all strollers should be folded while coming on bus but some don't care to do it or not at all... Thu, Jul 1, 2010 5:12 PM Find...

16. I am not a parent nor do I expect to become a parent, but truly it makes me sad to see Metro proposing to make things more difficult for economically disadvantaged parents who travel by bus with their children. It's very right to accommodate them. If they have a stroller or other item that folds, then by all means encourage them to fold it. If their stroller doesn't fold then it seems to me quite unfair to exclude the riders, this would be very upsetting to me to witness. If someone rides the bus every day with their huge string bass musical instrument it seems to me more reasonable to ask that passenger not to ride with their instrument, than to exclude a baby passenger in his or her carriage. Thu, Jul 1, 2010 9:13 AM Find...

17. make people who have strollers roll them up or they have to get off the bus. Thu, Jul 1, 2010 7:25 AM Find...

18. I do think it would be a wise idea to at some point place some sort of large item storage on the bus, so large things do not block the aisle. Just my thoughts. Thu, Jul 1, 2010 6:42 AM Find...

19. I feel sorry for the drivers who are going to get a lot of verbal abuse about this. Wed, Jun 30, 2010 11:06 PM Find...

20. I think there should be age limits for use of strollers i.e. babies, kids (not walking yet) any child w/ treads on shoes SHOULD WALK & then the passenger w/ child should fold said stroller to get on,  
I think a new policy is well overdue!  
I also would like to see passengers who STAND near doorways to be told to SIT if not a full bus. I would like to see overhead storage places put in or have size limits on items brought on board!  
Tue, Jun 29, 2010 5:24 PM Find...

21. I often carry a cart to and from work, or a suitcase back and forth if I need to catch an intercity bus or go to the airport. I hope this new policy does not mean that on days I have a cart I have to pay for a taxi or drive my car. Buses should have places to put luggage. Many other cities have this service.  
considering most people on the bus don't have seatbelts anyway, I don't see why a 30 pound cart is any more dangerous than a 180 pound person in the case of an accident. Tue, Jun 29, 2010 12:59 PM Find...

22. I very much support a stricter stroller policy. I have often encountered stroller users who have created great inconvenience or even danger for others on the bus--including the elderly and disabled. Mon, Jun 28, 2010 2:22 PM Find...

23. First, collapsing even an umbrella stroller is very difficult if a passenger has more than one child with her/him. (Imagine a baby in one arm, trying to collapse the stroller with the other). I think if someone is repeatedly riding the bus with a stroller and it seems to be a problem, it would be worth mentioning it to the person, but the circumstances and the person's attitude are probably the most important. Put up an ad inside the bus so people see it for a while before putting drivers in the position to be the bad guy, reprimanding parents who might already be stressed out having little kids on the bus with them anyway. Not everyone 'chooses' to ride the bus--some people may not have another way around town. If it is a requirement to fold strollers,

then the bus should provide a storage space to put them. If there is nowhere to store the stroller, then the idea that this will free up the disabled seats is a moot point--parents will sit there to be able to hold on to the stroller and have room for themselves and their kids. This strikes me as an anti-children move that would especially impact lower income families, those with more than one child, and anyone with a very young child. Mon, Jun 28, 2010 1:28 PM Find...

24. I wish the bus drivers would be more aware of what's going on in the bus - especially the back. Earphones SO LOUD that everyone can hear them; loud, cursing/swearing; people who use the seat next to them for their backpack (or whatever else) & don't move it when the bus gets crowded...so many things. Mon, Jun 28, 2010 10:38 AM Find...

25. I really think this is a good idea. This will all fall back on the drivers to enforce and that is where I see a concern. Strollers in the way would not stop me from riding and on my bus they ride a lot and inconsiderately take the front seats for seniors and disability. Mon, Jun 28, 2010 9:02 AM Find...

26. The problem with rigid enforcement of the stroller policy is that the foldable strollers are the \*more expensive ones\*, by and large. Oftentimes, the stroller someone has is the only one they can afford and you cannot just expect them to go buy another one. I'm not saying that having the strollers in the middle of the aisle isn't a problem -- it prevents people from filling up the bus from the back to the front -- but saying that people can't travel on the bus because they don't have a certain kind of stroller is a little odd, and perhaps a bit classist. Mon, Jun 28, 2010 8:11 AM Find...

27. I hate big strollers Mon, Jun 28, 2010 7:58 AM Find...

28. Strollers, especially large strollers, are definitely a problem in many ways on the bus. Would it be possible to accommodate persons with strollers by designating a certain area where the strollers could be folded up near seating? Or perhaps have some buses designated as "stroller-friendly" with extra room for strollers? Mon, Jun 28, 2010 7:54 AM Find...

29. most strollers are more cumbersome folded. What should be enforced is that they are out of the aisles. For many designs, the child is safer in the stroller. Folding up the first forward facing seat makes an excellent place to park a larger stroller.

Perhaps some future coach design could have a storage place for strollers and other "bulky items" - like on an over-the-road bus.

Metro accommodates bikers, why not children? Mon, Jun 28, 2010 3:51 AM Find...

30. that was a leading question, asking if strollers "in the aisles" would inhibit my use of the bus--and you didn't offer a chance for me to say "sometimes" or "maybe" and required either a yes or a no answer--there are always gray areas

In my 8 years of riding Metro (actually longer than that, but only regular riding more recently), I have NEVER seen someone like the guy in your video totally blocking the aisle with a stroller. I feel that getting the child out of the stroller is less safe than leaving it in. To get the child out, you have to juggle your purse, diaper bag, and other things as well as the child, while simultaneously collapsing the stroller. I noticed that the guy in your video dropped the stroller when he collapsed it. What if he had been holding a newborn?? I would hope that Metro would

follow the lead of the airlines and consider people with small children (ie those in strollers) to be in "need of extra assistance" and perhaps allow them to use of the handicapped area, as well as senior citizens). What you are asking people with strollers to do is just plain unsafe.

I can see asking someone with luggage to move further back in the bus and keep their luggage out of the aisle.

Are you intending to ask people with shopping carts to empty them and collapse the cart? That's pretty crazy.

Maybe we need to have generic open areas on our buses (that don't have a seat) where people can stand, have luggage or a stroller--like they do in Europe.

thank you for your consideration

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Madison Sun, Jun 27, 2010 1:14 PM Find...

31. I think this is an issue made up by someone to make it harder for "those people" to take the bus. With standing room only by the time a bus reaches a transfer point you should be talking more buses, not restricting use. Sun, Jun 27, 2010 7:34 AM Find...

32. this policy discriminates against women with children Sat, Jun 26, 2010 8:50 PM Find...

33. With mobile but not verbal toddlers, it seems safer to keep them in the stroller VS having them sit/stand on the seat and try to jump down. Sat, Jun 26, 2010 11:25 AM Find...

34. it become a safety issue when there are 2 or more strollers in the aisle. it would be better if they are folded up, and the empty shopping carts as well. Sat, Jun 26, 2010 6:33 AM Find...

35. There isn't a one sized fits all solution for this issue. Most people that have strollers on the bus I find to be usually very cognizant of trying to minimize their impact on other passengers. That being said I've also experience a few bad apples who seem to think it's their right to take as much space as they deem fit. Most other riders won't say anything because they don't want to cause a scene but it's obvious that there's a problem. Maybe it's best to be really strict about the limiting strollers during high peak hours when there are more people on the bus and more lax during the other times. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 6:29 PM Find...

36. Metro must enforce the stroller policy to avoid liability! We can't afford litigation. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 3:51 PM Find...

37. be sweet, friendly, caring, and concerned ...yet, firm... no exceptions to the policy enforcement. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 2:06 PM Find...

38. I walk with a cane. When a stroller or large item are in the aisles I have a difficult time getting on & off the bus. Several times when this has happened the person with the large item has been unwilling to move the item Fri, Jun 25, 2010 1:55 PM Find...

39. Strollers can make it quite difficult to get on and off the bus, but I don't mind if people with strollers use the wheelchair area (as long as there are no disabled persons that need to use it). I

would be surprised if drivers actually kicked people off the bus for not having a folding stroller. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 1:44 PM Find...

40. I often rode the bus with my baby (now older). I would have been greatly inconvenienced if I had to fold up the stroller, and would definitely have been more likely to drive. You're carrying packages and baby supplies in that stroller. So imagine trying to maneuver a sleeping baby, your breast pump, the diaper bag, your briefcase and your purse while folding up a stroller on a crowded bus... what a nightmare. It's hard enough for moms to travel with kids already. If the stroller isn't in anyone's way, then let them keep it open. If someone disabled gets on and needs space, then reserve the right to ask a mom to fold up the stroller. But don't make it necessary every time she gets on the bus with the baby. It would have made my morning commute a major hassle! Fri, Jun 25, 2010 1:12 PM Find...

41. Smaller strollers fold up easily but the bigger ones do not save much room when folded. I think parents using strollers have the right to ride the bus as we all do. I think strollers work really well in the space near the front passenger side. Children are safer when securely buckled in their own stroller and the wheels strapped like a wheel chair. My safety is compromised when more than one person with a stroller rides the bus at the same time. I've observed that one stroller will fit in that extra space and the others end up in the aisle whether folded or not. I'm a blind person and feel most comfortable using the front to get on and off the bus. I hate having to maneuver around them. I would propose one stroller per side of the bus in the proper strapping space unless a rider with a wheel chair needs one of the spaces. Too many strollers and unruly children running around not strapped in clog the aisle and is very dangerous for everyone. If there is no room on that bus for an additional stroller, that person should not be permitted to get on that bus. Otherwise, if the stroller should fold up to be really small to fit in the forward seats, the parent should also be required to hold the child securely throughout the ride. My personal belief is that kids need to be strapped in their strollers and the wheels of the stroller be tied down. Thank you. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 1:07 PM Find...

42. Many strollers do not collapse to make much of a difference and requiring low income parents to purchase a different stroller in order to ride the bus does not make sense. In the last month, one bus driver tried to enforce this policy when no other bus driver did and no one was aware of the policy. This also applies to senior citizens who use small rolling grocery carts. What are they supposed to do with the bags of groceries if they have to collapse their cart. The buses comply with ADA. This has nothing to do with reserving seats for wheelchairs as most of the time these areas are NOT being used for wheelchairs. I do believe that persons sitting in those seats should offer them to the elderly and to those with children, but they do not. The bus drivers should enforce that common courtesy rule rather than rudely telling people to collapse their strollers, walkers, or shopping carts. Thank you for including my opinion. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 11:35 AM Find...

43. I have been on a bus numerous times when a person has a stroller unfolded and it is sitting in the aisle. Most of the time, these people are occupying the wheelchair accessible areas. I understand the desire of a parent to sit near the front of the bus because it can be difficult to navigate toward the back...especially when their hands are full with children and other items. However, I find it incredibly rude when a stroller is sitting in the aisle and causes other people to barely scoot by or bump the person on the other side because the stroller takes up so much room. Additionally, I have seen parents allow their children to stay in their strollers while riding the bus. Although the bus does not have any child safety seats, this seems unsafe because if the stroller is parked in the aisle and bus were to come to a sudden stop or be hit by another vehicle, that child is in a free-moving object. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 11:29 AM Find...

44. Small rolling luggage should be accommodated when possible -- if this is banned, how will people connect to the airport and/or "new" train station? Fri, Jun 25, 2010 11:23 AM Find...

45. Luggage is really hard to put anywhere on the bus, and I often travel for work and need to take my luggage with me. I think that any large item, as long as it is not blocking the aisle, should be allowed to be taken on the bus, but if it is obviously causing problems for other passengers, the person will be asked to fix the situation or disembark as necessary. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 11:19 AM Find...

46. I believe that general a parent with one child in a stroller should be reminded to fold the stroller and hold the child. However, I believe discretion should be used for parents of multiple young children, sleeping children, room on the bus, etc and drivers should never be required to refuse a ride to a parent who would be unduly burdened by removing the child(ren) and carrying both the child(ren) and the folded stroller on the bus.

I do believe shopping cart and luggage policies should be enforced and these items should not be allowed to be "parked" in the aisles.

Thank you for your consideration and excellent service. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 11:17 AM Find...

47. Just last week a mother got on the bus with her child in a stroller and she was blocking the aisle for the other passengers to get on and when it was time for me to get off, she was miffed because she had to move off the bus so that I could get off. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 11:09 AM Find...

48. Traveling with a small children is difficult enough without having to take the child out of the stroller in order to fold it up. Wouldn't the child be safer buckled in the stroller rather than sitting on someone's lap? Lots of people board the bus with a load of groceries, or a bulky box. We riders make accommodations 'cuz we're all in it together. More of a danger is the way some regular drivers quickly accelerate and then firmly/rapidly hit the brakes. I've seen more standing adult passengers get hurt than children in strollers. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 11:09 AM Find...

49. I ride very occasionally, a few times each year, with my 3 childcare children and a double stroller that folds and collapses. I do take the kids (toddlers) out and set them on the seat beside me or in my lap. Is there space to put a double stroller (collapsed) that is out of the way of others? I do feel that the toddlers/infants are probably safer buckled into the stroller with the wheels locked, but I know that it does take up aisle space. We love to use the bus when we can since my toddlers are very excited about it. Thank you. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 11:03 AM Find...

50. I think asking people to fold strollers when the baby is able to sit up by itself is fine. I do wonder about infants though. Being able to hold an infant properly and fold up a stroller by yourself would be nearly impossible. If the infant is in the car seat, you could probably detach the car seat from the stroller and deal with it that way, but otherwise, I see problems with a woman by herself on the bus being able to deal with all these things by herself.

51. As a parent of three I can relate to the need to have a stroller in order to make mobility and reaching appointments possible. If we require these folks to fold their strollers not only will sleeping children wake up and be noisier, but it will also be much more difficult for parents of more than one child to wrangle all the gear and kids safely. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 10:48 AM Find...

52. If strollers must be folded, then Metro must provide safe seating for small children. We hear time and again how unsafe it is in an adult's lap instead of a carseat, and that's just as applicable in a bus as in an automobile. The relative safety of a stroller is lost unless alternative child seating is provided. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 10:40 AM Find...

53. I am much in favor of stricter enforcement. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 10:30 AM Find...

54. I understand the concern over safety and securement, but I also think it's unrealistic to ask parents and others travelling with children to unrig and stow strollers in order to ride the bus. Generally speaking, the strollers are holding far more than just the child; they've got the diaper bag, shopping bag, toys, bottles.... I understand completely the needs of parents and others using the bus to transport themselves, their children, their shopping. Make use of the "wheelchair" seats -- get the seats secured out of the way, and then provide attachments or securements that are easy to use (i.e., don't require driver time and attention). It's one thing to need to have the driver secure a wheelchair, because the person in it is presumably much more limited with mobility; but parents and others travelling with strollers and carts ought to be able to accomplish that.

The bus system is just too necessary for all of us who use it to put in too many restrictions on what's legit to bring on; those of us who need to use the bus for all of our daily routines usually have "stuff" that we also need to have with us on our daily routines. Fri, Jun 25, 2010 7:41 AM Find...

55. the problem with this is the drivers are not babysitters if they should not have to enforce this without additional backups. this will create problems (ie Fights with the driver from the stroller passenger ) but I do agree it is a big Problem Thu, Jun 24, 2010 9:27 PM Find...

56. Enforcement of elderly/handicapped seating areas at front of bus also need to be enforced. I recently used a cane & walking boot for several months & often had to ask persons sitting in those front seats to move so I could safely sit before the bus began moving.

Teach public about bus riding etiquette/manners, i.e., giving your seat to someone with a cane, crutches, child in arms, arms full of groceries. This needs to start at the grade school level & continue to all ages.

Also, teach drivers to not depart stop until obviously compromised passengers are seated. Many times I've seen drivers pull out from a stop before someone with crutches sits down. I know they have time constraints, but doesn't Metro also have a responsibility for SAFE RIDERSHIP? Thu, Jun 24, 2010 5:59 PM Find...

57. Strollers blocking or even partially blocking the aisle make it very difficult to move about the bus. When you need to get past a stroller to find a seat or exit, you either have to bump the stroller or bump a passenger sitting on the other side of the stroller. I have found that even passengers who fold their strollers don't do a good job of keeping it out of the aisle or off of a vacant seat. So I don't think simply requiring a passenger to fold the stroller is enough. They need to be told not to block the aisle or take up a seat with the stroller. I have seen blind people on the bus with seeing eye dogs, and they stow the dog under the seat. It really shouldn't be that different with a stroller. Thu, Jun 24, 2010 1:19 PM Find...

58. I work with local homeless families, many of whom use Madison Metro and have strollers that have been donated to them. These families rely on Metro to complete their daily errands and don't have the finances to go and purchase a new stroller that can fold up. I had a client



denied the ability to ride the bus due to her stroller but, the bus had less than 5 other riders at the time. With that, my client had to walk 6 blocks to her appointment which she was then late for. I understand the safety aspect but doing this could turn away an entire population of riders. Thu, Jun 24, 2010 12:21 PM Find...

59. I think there needs to be stronger enforcement with bigger strollers that take up lots of room. I usually feel annoyed when people get on the bus and take up a whole line of seats, potentially creating a difficult situation if someone in a wheelchair needed access to that area. Thu, Jun 24, 2010 9:50 AM Find...

60. this is a controversial rule considering some of us have antsy children who will not sit still. it is difficult to maintain both the child and the folded stroller as well as other belongings when the bus pulls up (considering we are trying to have the stroller folded prior to save time). Treat strollers as if they are wheelchairs. some parents find it difficult to have to do all of this and the metro may be our only form of transportation. Wed, Jun 23, 2010 9:32 AM Find...

61. Metro needs riders and should not discourage riders that need to use strollers. The front seats are for the use of everybody and not restricted to use of specific people. ADA only requires that these seats be installed, not that certain people have extra rights to use these seats. Wed, Jun 23, 2010 8:21 AM Find...

62. Very difficult decisions to be made. Strollers are now so big and elaborate that they appear difficult to fold. Plus babies are often sleeping in them or there are more than one child. The mothers would need a bit more time to fold the stroller, etc. before the bus should start moving or a child might well be hurt. Are there any suggestions from other city's bus services as to how the problems are handled? Still something needs to be done as I have 2 sight impaired friends and both have had problems with strollers. I, too, have had difficulty if there are several strollers, food carts in the front blocking the aisle. Tue, Jun 22, 2010 5:50 PM Find...

63. I am concerned that enforcing the new policy will not allow families with multiple children to use Metro to attend to daily needs (doctor appts, groceries, etc.). If bus drivers and passengers are tolerant of running behind and offering assistance to parents who need an extra hand when trying to manage a child, stroller, and other items, then this would work. However, I'd prefer to see a policy of having the stroller folded up if the space is needed, similar to what happens to the front seats of the bus used for people with disabilities. Tue, Jun 22, 2010 7:33 AM Find...

64. Strollers can be difficult to deal with, but usually aren't a big trouble. I'm not sure parents would be keen to removing their child from the stroller, especially for short rides.

Perhaps raising seats to make room for the stroller and having the parents stand would be ideal. Tue, Jun 22, 2010 7:20 AM Find...

65. This is absolutely non-sense idea. You have your stroller because a child is more content and easier to cooperate when strapped in the stroller. If I would want to fold my stroller where would I possibly put all my bags carried in a stroller considering I have to hold a child while getting on board holding my older child all the bags from the stroller and stroller?!! It looks like this policy was established by someone who never ride the bus with small children. On the bus I have always met parents who are considerate to others and situate their strollers out of way. This is just another policy which makes bus ride less convenient, it is trying to exclude some people from using it. Mon, Jun 21, 2010 5:07 PM Find...

66. In my opinion, the seats in the front of the Metro buses should be used for those with disabilities. People with non-foldable, shopping cart size strollers should not be allowed on the bus. Also, it is tough to get to the back of the bus when there are 2 or 3 of those massive strollers taking up so much space in the front. Mon, Jun 21, 2010 1:36 PM Find...

67. I understand the safety concerns, but as a parent of a small child, I also feel that strict enforcement of this policy would be very hard on sleeping babies or parents with parcels under the stroller or parents of twins. There are some occasions when it is really impractical to require folding up strollers before boarding the bus and it shouldn't be strictly enforced unless there is a space issue on a particular bus at a particular time. In many ways this policy seems regressive, given that buses in other countries, particularly in Europe, are specially built to allow strollers. Denying service to a parent who refuses to fold up their stroller, perhaps because of a sleeping baby or two or because of the sheer difficulty of maneuvering holding an infant and a folded stroller and packages, is cruel and generally unnecessary, in my 4 years' experience of riding Metro buses every day. Mon, Jun 21, 2010 1:11 PM Find...

68. There is ample room for strollers if users are allowed to place them in the handicap areas. If handicapped people need the space then the strollers can be folded up to accommodate them. Babies/children are safer in their strollers than sitting on their parents' lap. Being required to fold the stroller will be time-consuming. The folded strollers will not fully be out of the way of passengers walking down the aisle (I can barely keep my backpack out of the way). It's near impossible to safely carry a 20-pound child in one arm and a folded stroller in the other and to get on the bus. You'd need a third hand for any diaper bags, purses, etc. Not to mention how will you pay the fare? I've ridden many buses/trains in Europe and this is how they do it. Strollers are allowed to use the handicap areas until and unless it becomes an impediment to handicapped individuals. This is more convenient, faster and accommodates everyone's needs. Mon, Jun 21, 2010 12:54 PM Find...

69. Targeting parents of young children with this policy is unfair. It means a parent with a very young child, or more than one one child, won't be able to use buses for shopping or other errands. How does one handle 1) a sleeping baby, 2) a folded stroller, 3) a diaper bag or shopping bag? What about people who do not own a car? Is public transport not meant for them, among others? Or perhaps they should stay home and not buy groceries, or visit a doctor... Mon, Jun 21, 2010 12:43 PM Find...

70. It is not a really important issue with me. Mon, Jun 21, 2010 11:56 AM Find...

71. I would bring my kid on the bus in her stroller, but am concerned that I would need to fold up the stroller. I understand this is a safety concern, and think stroller-bound passengers should receive similar treatment as wheel-chair bound passengers. Specifically, a bus driver needs to use the kneeling-bus feature if it is available or help the person carry the stroller up the stairs. Then, the driver should assist parents/care givers in settling into their bus seats. The bus should NOT pull away from the bus stop until the passengers are safely seated and the wheelchair is safely stowed. There are three major issues to consider in asking a parent to fold up a stroller and store it somehow safely within an already crowded bus. First, the parent very likely is being required to do this while juggling a child (or children) and a diaper/travel bag. Often times, the diaper bag and other required supplies (bottles, purse, blankets, etc) are stored in the stroller's undercarriage. These items need to be removed if a stroller must be folded up. A parent likely can not juggle all of these items in addition to an infant, toddler or multiple children. Finally, there is no good place to store a stroller on a crowded bus. Strollers come in many sizes, and some of the bigger ones will be an obstruction regardless of whether or not they are folded up.

Overall, the feedback I believe to be most important is that if stroller-bound passengers are going to be required to be removed from their strollers, then the driver needs to assist in the required effort and should not be allowed to drive away until they are safely seated. In this regard, drivers need to not only help with the caregiver and child, but also should ask other passengers (those who are older and more able-bodied) to make seating space available. Mon, Jun 21, 2010 10:55 AM Find...

72. I hope that passengers using strollers are being considerate when riding the bus. I don't find them to be more obtrusive than other large items, although I understand the necessity of keeping the areas free for older riders and disabled riders. If passengers are using their strollers for storage - groceries, blankets, bags, etc - underneath, their items may take up nearly as much room as a stroller would. I have seen people without children use carts/strollers to transport items, including groceries. If people are using the bus because they do not have a car, they still need to transport large items or large numbers of items sometimes. Mon, Jun 21, 2010 10:40 AM Find...

73. Public transportation is a means for those whom are financially unable to get a car or any other means of transportation to get around. To disallow those who are unable to pack-up their strollers, as some of the larger ones are unable to, from riding is a disservice and would deter me from using the bus. Furthermore, it is more of a problem with the constant loud, offensive language used by younger passengers that should be under revision for a strong enforcement. A few times I've ridden, I've had the displeasure of sitting near people that are constantly swearing, using derogatory and offensive language in a loud fashion, while the drivers have ignored it. Mon, Jun 21, 2010 9:44 AM Find...

74. It's really a pain having to take a child out of the stroller and honestly, my child seems safer strapped into her stroller than sitting on my lap on the bus. I would prefer to be able to leave my child in the stroller while riding the bus. Mon, Jun 21, 2010 9:21 AM Find...

75. Getting small children out of strollers when there are no seats on the bus and trying to hold the children and fold a stroller while the bus is moving would be impossible. It would also be less safe for the children than just leaving them in the stroller. I have ridden the bus many times with my child in a small stroller. It fits out of the aisle. I can just drive in the future, but I see parents on the bus with infants that may not have other options. If no one is using a place for a wheelchair, why can't strollers go there? Mon, Jun 21, 2010 9:15 AM Find...

76. I understand the safety concern with not collapsing strollers. Although I ride the bus in Madison daily, it is often without my child. I have used public transportation extensively while traveling in other cities with my child.

I think it is rather unpractical to fold the stroller. A parent traveling alone has many items to keep track of... kid, stroller, diaper bag, and any loose items that were attached to the stroller and removed to fold it. Folding the stroller after boarding the bus thus takes a fair amount of time, getting on and off the bus with a folded stroller is almost impossible (and for a child that is not walking essentially requires also having a carrier to put the child in while boarding), and holding onto a folded stroller really does not conserve space.

I ride the bus daily and rarely see people traveling on the buses with strollers, and almost never during peak commute times. Thus I have not found that having strollers on the bus to be a

concern and worry that parents would be less likely to use the bus with the new policy. Mon, Jun 21, 2010 9:12 AM Find...

77. stroller age children do not sit still on a bus. they might try running around, may have tantrums to get back into the stroller, parents will have great difficulty in managin a stroller in one hand and a child in the other Mon, Jun 21, 2010 9:01 AM Find...

78. We often ride the 80 bus mid-day or on weekends when it is not very crowded. (Especially weekends.) If there are few people on the bus, and if we move our stroller so it is not blocking anyone, then what's the harm in keeping it open? It is very challenging to hold a toddler, a baby, and a stroller (not to mention the diaper bag, etc.) on a moving bus; keeping the stroller open allows me to keep the kids safer, since the diaper bag and baby can be in the stroller while the toddler sits on my lap. (And I hold the stroller tightly in place with my legs.) So while there are times that folder a stroller may be necessary, I think there are also times that it makes things \*more\* dangerous for passengers instead of less so. Please keep this in mind. Mon, Jun 21, 2010 8:33 AM Find...

79. People transporting children should be required to fold the strollers as outlined in Metro's policy; I have never seen a driver enforce this policy. At times I have seen someone with a stroller occupy as many as five seats (three that are folded up for a space to park the stroller and two more for the adult to sit in). There have also been instances when there are more than one stroller on the bus and this creates a problem for people wanting to get on the bus, to move through the aisles and to get off a bus. I used strollers on the bus when my children were young, but the strollers I used were the folding (umbrella) strollers that didn't take up much room. It seems that the adults with the strollers expect others to vacate their seats for the strollers. It would be a kindness to do this, but it isn't something that the adult should be demanding from the other passengers. Mon, Jun 21, 2010 8:04 AM Find...

80. Passengers riding with strollers blocking the aisles are fairly often a problem on crowded buses, taking space away from other paying customers. I would very much to see more stringent enforcement and awareness of the existing policy (ie strollers should be folded before boarding the bus). Mon, Jun 21, 2010 2:18 AM Find...

81. I have a guide dog in training and appreciate using the front seats when they are otherwise unoccupied, as she can easily ride under my seat. It is difficult to navigate the front of the bus with a dog when there are strollers or carts, and I'm sure it would be even more difficult if I were visually impaired. Sun, Jun 20, 2010 7:51 PM Find...

82. I think it may be a good policy on paper, but in practice it will be difficult for people to remove a child and fold a stroller, while juggling for a bus pass. Many people also may have other children to take care of, or be carrying groceries or other items, and thus would not be able to safely board quickly without help from the driver. I doubt the driver will want to do this. So instead of banning strollers altogether, why don't you have some designated area and make sure that the aisles are clear and the strollers are secure. We have found that keeping a baby in the stroller is actually safer than holding him, because he is strapped in. I ride almost everyday and I have never seen any passenger object to a stroller...maybe it is just the drivers that have a problem, but then the buses aren't there for them, they are there for the passengers. Thanks. Sun, Jun 20, 2010 6:22 AM Find...

83. A baby in a stroller is a sleeping baby. I would much rather stand then be subjected to a crying baby! Sat, Jun 19, 2010 10:33 PM Find...

84. In the past I have brought my daughter on the bus in a stroller. At times it is difficult to fold the stroller or move it completely out of the aisle. My sense is that this is over-regulating an issue that should be common sense and courtesy. Of course, parents and other caregivers do their best to move the strollers out of the way, but sometimes that isn't always possible. I don't think it is asking too much of the other passengers to exercise some tolerance of parents who are using Metro (whether by choice or because they don't have access to a vehicle.)

Let's keep Metro kid and parent friendly, please.

Thank you.

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Madison WI Sat, Jun 19, 2010 7:01 PM Find...

85. 1. This seems to be a non-issue on the 14 and 8 buses. I ride Metro at least twice a day (since I do not have a driver's license), and have never been inconvenienced by riders with unfolded strollers.

2. I don't think that drivers should stringently enforce the extant strollers policy. First, it will be uncomfortable and TIME CONSUMING for drivers to fight with riders with strollers every time those riders board buses and need to be persuaded to fold their strollers. As a rider, I greatly prefer my bus to be on time - even if I have to stand. Second, any rider, with or without a stroller, must move out of the front of the bus if a wheel chair rider needs to board. A stroller can easily be folded during the wheelchair-boarding process. Sat, Jun 19, 2010 11:19 AM Find...

86. People should have to fold strollers up when they get on the bus. They block the aisle and make it hard to get to the seating in the back of the bus. I see no reason why they shouldn't already be enforcing this more strictly. Sat, Jun 19, 2010 7:02 AM Find...

87. I wish it were possible for Metro to continue its current stroller policy, publicize it widely, and let the drivers use their discretion about enforcing it. Although I don't have friends or relatives who take strollers on the bus, I see women who do. Most of them try to be considerate of others. One regular on my route seems to pick up her two boys from daycare on her way home from work; there is no practical or safe way she could take them both out of the stroller and hold them, and from her casual comments in conversation, there's no other transportation she can afford. Rather than making her life hell, how about publicizing that the disabled/elderly have first dibs on the foldup seats, and strollers have second dibs? That would usually take care of the crowded aisle problem -- and I have a wonky foot and am one of the habitual occupants of the front seats who might have to move. (My foot doesn't disable me, it's just easier to take the closest seat.) If there are periodic reminders of the policy (and handouts that the drivers can give to any uncooperative stroller owners when they do enforce the rules), I hope we can all get along. Keep the policy in place so drivers can resort to it when appropriate; publicize the policy to remind stroller owners to be considerate; if it's possible to strap in a stroller like a wheelchair, that would be safer than having one person trying to control a loose urchin and a folded stroller; and stroller users wouldn't have another struggle added to their lives. If stroller users had another option, it seems unlikely they'd be on the bus to start with -- it's certainly no picnic for them! So I'm concerned about taking public transport away from them, or making it even more difficult for them to use. Making them fold the stroller delays everyone on the bus, and a passenger who's trying to deal with the kid and keep the folded stroller from falling into the aisle doesn't seem safer than an unfolded stroller.

Thank you for considering my opinion. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:37 PM Find...

88. I would love to see this policy enforced. No one ever folds a stroller--the strollers are huge with one little baby in it. I am concerned that the mothers will yell, curse, create a scene and bully the bus drivers until they get their way. The driver's always give in to the young people. They play loud music in the bus--no headphones--drivers do nothing. They curse loudly--drivers do nothing. We both know this will never really be enforced. I do appreciate your attempt though. All passengers are hostage to the young people on the Metro bus. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 7:58 PM Find...

89. I have never found kids in strollers to be a problem on Routes 4 and 44 that I commute with. I am not a parent myself, but it seems like a major hassle for a parent to have to fold up a stroller and remove the child before boarding. It seems much easier to roll the stroller containing the kid onto the bus. If a wheelchair needs to go in the handicapped area, then the parent can be asked to move. In the absence of a wheelchair, I see no reason that a stroller shouldn't be allowed to use that front space. Please don't make it harder on parents. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 12:54 PM Find...

90. The last few bus purchases have done a lot to increase the problem. The older buses (all one level, no stairs behind the back door) have much wider isles, making getting around strollers much easier. They also make getting thru the isles in general easier, whether that's because of a large parcel, a large person (which is more & more common) winter coats etc. With buses running so full during rush hours it is almost impossible to get down an isle without bushing or rubbing against people. Also, the stairs are a hazard as a driver brakes or accelerates hard and you are trying to go up or down. I have both fallen up/down and skinned my legs on those stairs. No more buses should be purchased with either stairs in the middle or such narrow isles. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 12:17 PM Find...

91. I do want people who use strollers and who need to bring other items on board to be able to do so, but they must not take up more seats than the number of passengers boarding when the bus is crowded. Also, they need to be mindful and respectful of elderly and/or disabled passengers. A reminder from the bus driver when they board should be sufficient when they board, especially when the bus is likely to be crowded would be helpful. For example, if a passenger gets on with a large stroller or package and the bus is likely to have a number of passengers that would be inconvenienced, the bus driver should say "I expect the bus is going to be full or nearly full during this route. Please make sure the stroller is kept out of the aisle and that you don't take up more than two seats (assuming one adult and one child is boarding). Fri, Jun 18, 2010 11:23 AM Find...

92. Will the new policy be enforced? I have never observed any enforcement of the current stroller policy. I've seen a parent or caregiver park the stroller and then leave the kid unattended while the bus is moving to pay the bus fare. This is dangerous!

It's difficult for one parent with more than one very young child to remove them from a stroller if they can't sit on their own, so I'm not sure how that would work. Maybe some accommodations will be necessary. Some people have no choice but to ride the bus.

Where would the strollers be stored after they are folded? Some of the strollers are VERY large. Will there be a new limit on the size of the strollers allowed on the bus?

There are other types of bus riders that cause problems:

Riders that sleep on the bus - basically take up two seats because they will probably be sleeping on your shoulder before too long if you sit beside them.

Riders that have a lot of shopping bags and take up 2 seats.

On another topic concerning problem bus riders:

Loud and obnoxious people - especially teens sitting in the back of the bus. Many bus drivers don't do anything about these situations.

Thanks! Fri, Jun 18, 2010 11:14 AM Find...

93. Folding strollers are fine for babies over 6 months who can sit up on their own. Our stroller is an infant travel system, so she is always in her car seat. Even folding out stroller, it is large and would block a bit of the area. Most parents do try to do what is best for the other riders as well as themselves. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 11:02 AM Find...

94. I sometimes need to use a cane, and it's already difficult to get able-bodied people to give up the front seats for those who are handicapped. Although I'm sure it's difficult to have to take your children on the bus, it really doesn't qualify as a handicap, nor does traveling with luggage. Even when I'm not using a cane, I have arthritis in my knees and it's very hard to get on and off the bus when the aisles are blocked, because you sometimes can't even reach the grab bars or overhead straps. This is very dangerous! I firmly support the new policy and the enforcement by drivers. I wish they would enforce all the ordinances (no eating, swearing, etc.) It would make riding so much nicer. Thank you! Fri, Jun 18, 2010 10:48 AM Find...

95. My child is past the age for stroller use but I do carry large items on the bus and ALWAYS hold these when the bus is full of riders.

I worry that a parent with one or more children AND if one's an infant in a stroller, it may be difficult for the parent to hold a child or children, gather all their stuff in the stroller, fold up the stroller and store it, and then find their place to sit. There is a lot that needs to be accomplished and few ride the bus with helpers in tow.

I do see that it would be nice to ride a bus with fewer large items in the aisles. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 10:37 AM Find...

96. I am really looking forward to this policy being enforced. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 10:07 AM Find...

97. I am DISABLED!!! The strollers always take too many front seats. The people with the strollers do not give up the seats, even to Seniors!!! I have had to stand until the people with strollers depart! They automatically expect persons with disabilities and seniors to move so they may take the space provided for people with disabilities and seniors. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 10:00 AM Find...

98. Metro should be careful to implement this in a way so as not to discourage parents of young children from riding the bus. Much as a driver will help a person in a wheelchair get hooked up and situated in the bus, the driver should also help the parent fold up and store the stroller, so the parent feels helped, not targeted. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:59 AM Find...

99. Although I understand that it may not be safe to have strollers in the aisle, I am not sure holding small babies is any safer. Also folding the new modern strollers is cumbersome, time consuming and difficult for parents, either before or after boarding, who may also have toddlers in tow. People should be able also to bring luggage, shopping carts, etc. on the buses. If the idea is to encourage metro to be used for more destinations and to be inclusive to all types of people, accommodations must be made. Of course, disabled persons should be given priority. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:58 AM Find...

100. I think people should be allowed to use non-folding strollers and utilize the front area of the bus unless that area is needed for accessibility issues (i.e., wheelchairs). A person travelling with a small child might 1) be using the only stroller available to them within their financial limits; 2) have a very small child that is sleeping; 3) be carrying other items, such as grocery bags, a diaper bag, and other needed items; 4) be extremely hampered by being required to take a child out of stroller, fold it and hold the child (especially an infant), and manage all their other possessions all at the same time; 5) be extremely hampered if not allowed to ride the bus, especially for low-income parents/care-givers who rely on such transportation for daily living. Therefore, even though I do not use strollers on the bus, I think it is a mistake to require foldable strollers for other patrons of your service. I think it would make more sense to allow them to use the handicapped seating area because in many respects, travelling with young children does encompass a handicap of sorts.

101. In my experience, most of the passengers relying on strollers are Women of Color who have addtl. children to manage. Given the circumstances, consider that holding a baby and managing other children could put the baby at risk if Mother can't keep her balance on the bus. If I were a Mom I would want to be able to move fast if my older children needed to be managed or were hurt (a situation in which another passenger would gladly hold the stroller for Mom). My suggestion is that Metro drivers should enforce the vacating requirement for the front seats when necessary for elders and those with mobility concerns, thereby requiring strollers to be folded and moved in the instance where they present a barrier for elders and those with mobility concerns. Mobility concerns apply to everyone if the aisle is blocked. It's a much different message to approach passengers to consider others than it is to enforce something that appears to negatively target one group of people- sometimes creating another risk for moms with several children. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:47 AM Find...

102. Drivers putting backpacks, large bags in the front bus window -- incredibly unsafe. I doubt this is really allowed but I've seen more and more of it on the Route 57 bus. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:45 AM Find...

103. I think strollers on buses should be allowed unfolded with the child riding in the stroller. I think a child strapped into a stroller is far safer than a child sitting on a bus seat with no seat belt. Also, asking a parent to take a potentially sleeping child out of a stroller, fold up the stroller and carry the child, the stroller and whatever other bags they may be carrying in order to get on the bus would be inconvenient in the extreme. I very strongly disagree with this policy. I never take my child on the bus in a stroller as I use the bus for commuting to work but I fully support parents who wish to take their children in strollers on the bus. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:41 AM Find...

104. Some passengers routinely and respectfully ensure that the stroller they travel with does not impede the aisle. Not all do, however, and drivers do not seem to enforce the policy. Very recently, there were two women with disabilities (cane, leg brace) and a young man with a stroller on the same bus. The woman with the cane moved to a different seat to ensure a seat



for the woman with a leg brace, but the young man took over the empty seat while letting the stroller (and child in it) stay in the space where seats were folded up. This escalated into somewhat of a shouting match (about respecting elders with disabilities) between the passengers, involving at least two other women on the bus who took different sides, and it appeared to be escalating into somewhat racial undertones for the young man (who was African-American) and one of the other able-bodied female passengers (also African-American). The driver remained focused on his task - driving safely, which I appreciate, though it became somewhat uncomfortable. It would be helpful if drivers would uniformly enforce the policies regarding strollers and seats for the elderly and disabled, but I realize that this can take very different feels for virtually empty versus very full bus routes. Thank you for examining these issues! Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:39 AM Find...

105. I've been on buses where several people with children in strollers have completely blocked the front of the bus. Even able-bodied people without large packages were unable to get through. One mom and one baby traveling with one stroller can take up as many as 5 seats on a bus. Often they will not reposition to allow others to sit in one of the seats blocked by a stroller. I also fear that some day, a child in a stroller is going to be seriously injured or killed if a bus has to stop quickly and the parent is not holding on to the stroller, which is usually the case. It would be nice to protect children even more if Metro would go one step further and require child seats and provide some seats on each bus where the seats can be securely attached. Buses go too fast to just hold a child if the bus stops suddenly or hits something. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:33 AM Find...

106. Unless you are going to make it a certainty that someone who refuses to fold up their stroller, after being asked to do so, will not be able to board the bus, then the rule is a joke. Some people, not all, with children have a very annoying sense of self-entitlement, so I can see these types ignoring the rules because they think it is inconvenient. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:32 AM Find...

107. While I agree that it is important for wheelchair space to be available on buses, the majority of strollers I see on buses are not foldable at all; should people who don't happen to have a foldable stroller be forbidden from riding the bus? While I don't commonly use Metro while carrying large items, I do intend to use the bus system to get me to intercity bus stops or the airport; would this new policy prevent me bringing my luggage along? Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:30 AM Find...

108. I firmly believe this policy should be strictly enforced. I have been on buses where there are LARGE two seat stroller --- and they just take up the whole aisle--Or they put up the handicape seats an use that area-- Which I firmly believe should not be allowed. I hope to see this policy enforced. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:24 AM Find...

109. I have been riding madison metro for over 35 years. I am a state employee who travels to and from the square daily. the stroller problem has become a major problem. especially with young parents who choose to try to fit their stroller on the buses during heavy travel time (peak traveling hours). i am concerned for the safety of elderly people and others who try to walk past the strollers to get on/off the bus. I have witnessed on more than one occassion someone catching their feet on the strollers when walking by. there are signs posted regarding strollers on the buses but passengers with strollers and in my opinon, bus drivers choose to ignore the signs. years ago people always folded up their strollers. this problem has gotten way out of hand. it's an accident waiting to happen in my opinion. i have voiced my concerns to drivers and basically been ignored when i make a comment about it. At times there have been people with

strollers who use up seats in the front that are designated for handicapped/elderly people. no one does anything about it. when a bus is standing room only and someone gets on the bus with a stroller and does not fold the stroller up it's absolute chaos. i hope that madison metro sets a firm policy about the stroller issue. someday someone is going to fall and get seriously injured due to this problem. It's a lawsuit waiting to happen. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:21 AM Find...

110. Some strollers, other than the skinny 'umbrella strollers', are really large--do they even fold at all, or enough to make a difference? (I guess they fold to fit in trunks of cars.) For many with strollers on buses, it appears to be their only means of transportation, and I don't want to remove people's transportation. At the same time, there has to be space for wheelchair/assistive device and visually impaired customers. Outreach efforts regarding new policy need to be thorough--to agencies, housing, in transfer points. And drivers need to act friendly and speak clearly when they enforce the policy (e.g., no grunting "Gotta fold that"--that will just piss off stroller-users who've "been doing it without a problem forever".) Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:16 AM Find...

111. Unless the stroller is blocking the aisle or an actual person with a mobility device I don't think it is an issue. Making sure folks know they have to move and fold IF there is a wheel chair or other need for that space should be enough. Folded strollers block seats and get seats dirty with the wheels. Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:13 AM Find...

112. I would encourage the implementation of the new stricter stroller policy. Strollers and other large carts, luggage etc are a pain to manuever around and prevent seniors and the disabled from getting to their designated seats. I would also like stricter enforcement of those seats to prevent those able bodied from taking them and not giving them up. Thanks! Fri, Jun 18, 2010 9:13 AM Find...

113. I firmly believe that a child in a stroller in a moving vehicle is at serious risk of injury if the bus has to suddenly stop. The strollers are in the way, and take up a lot of needed room. I travel with a service dog, and I make sure he fits under the seat beneath me, and only take up one seat even though I have an 80lb dog and a backpack. When there is a stroller in the way, then I have only one choice as to where I can sit in accessible seating. What will be the policy if there are two strollers and a handicapped person wants to board the bus? Who rides, and who does not? If the word gets out that only small strollers that fold are allowed on the bus, then people will learn to addapt, as I did when I lost my sight. Thu, Jun 17, 2010 12:43 PM Find...

114. I used to take the bus about 5 years ago with my 1 and 2 year old daughters. At the time as a famly we were unable to afford a vehicle. However I realy never had a problem with my stroler. The time and space that a stroler would take up is equal to or less then if it were not folded. Second the bus driver will take off before you are able to situate yourself, and that is very usafe for a young child. If their are handicap openings then the stroler should be able to be used their. Having young children is a handicap. The next thing that i dont understand is how do you figure that it is saffer to have a young child not in a car seat unbuckled sitting in a seat. A child is much safer buckled in a stroler. A bus ride is not in any way smoth. If you are to change the rules then you should have fold down car seats available or even make stroler assable seating. It is not fare to parents with children. personaly to me it is hypicritical. Thu, Jun 17, 2010 11:57 AM Find...

115. There are certain routes/locations where strollers are more of an issue than others. Strollers blocking the aisles at peak times often lead to missed connections as it takes MUCH longer to load/unload passengers Thu, Jun 17, 2010 10:37 AM Find...

116. There have been many times I've ridden Metro in the morning into work, and have had more than one stroller blocking the aisle, preventing me from finding a seat toward the back of the bus. This creates a problem for people trying to enter the bus. I would like to see Metro implement and enforce this policy. Thu, Jun 17, 2010 9:15 AM Find...

117. If you insist on strollers being able to use the Metro, limit it to one stroller per bus! I've been on buses with 3-4 stroller and not any of the parents have the brains to fold them up. Wed, Jun 16, 2010 11:23 AM Find...

118. Metro's description of the "problem" is inadequate. What problems are Metro trying to prevent or solve? (Hypothetical example: "There were six passenger injuries in 2009 caused by tripping on strollers.") Please answer to Steve.Arnold@Fitchburg.WI.US. Wed, Jun 16, 2010 8:57 AM Find...

119. While I'm not opposed to stricter enforcement of the stroller policy, I'm a little concerned about the language including rolling luggage in the policy. Metro is already a fairly inconvenient way to get to the airport (you have to transfer at the NTP instead of having a direct bus from downtown, the stop is far from the terminal entrances), and a policy making it harder to transport luggage would only make it more inconvenient. It would be great if there could be an exception in the rules for buses headed to the airport, since those passengers have no choice but to take luggage, and most luggage can't fold up. Wed, Jun 16, 2010 8:20 AM Find...

120. I am a long time metro rider, parent and child care provider. I often ride the bus with a stroller. I fold it when I can, and I am always considerate of others when I can not. When my child has fallen asleep in her stroller or when I have had to do my grocery shopping with her and I am juggling a toddler as well as groceries, I do not take her out and fold the stroller. Public transportation is here for many reasons and serves a diverse population. I ride the bus both because I wish to reduce my fossil fuel use and because I do not have the financial resources to own and maintain my own car. My life is challenging enough without this further complication. In addition, I am confused about how it could be safer to have toddlers and babies ride the bus without being strapped into something. Is metro going to provide car seats or seat belts? Please do not make metro inaccessible to people who desperately need it in order to survive. Wed, Jun 16, 2010 6:23 AM Find...

121. I see times where strollers block passengers, but I don't know how you'd enforce people to always fold the strollers and hold their kids. Tue, Jun 15, 2010 7:09 PM Find...

122. It is extremely difficult to get on a bus with a small child in one hand and a folded stroller in the other. If you have more than one child with you, it really sucks. Tue, Jun 15, 2010 6:17 PM Find...

123. It's a tough call because you have people who have a thousand kids and what exactly are they supposed to do with the rug rats? Ideally, it would be nice if this policy could be enforced, but I think it would make life difficult for some parents. I guess I think of babies as being "disabled" in a sense and shouldn't they be respected? I think like any human service, I think each individual situation should be evaluated and make every effort to adapt on a case by case situation. Tue, Jun 15, 2010 5:43 PM Find...

124. It's about time that something is done about non-folding strollers. Tue, Jun 15, 2010 4:46 PM Find...

125. none Tue, Jun 15, 2010 1:27 PM Find...

126. love you fuck ass o Tue, Jun 15, 2010 1:21 PM Find...

127. Policy changes are meaningless if they're not enforced. Several times I've seen strollers wheeled onto the bus, child remains in stroller and stroller blocks aisle. Not sure if it's the driver's job to enforce stroller policies, but the driver did nothing about it.

I think bus cleanliness is a more important issues than a revised stroller policy. Generally speaking, the interior of most Metro buses is very dirty. Metro and the city should spend more time and money cleaning the buses. A clean bus has a positive impact on residents and visitors. Tue, Jun 15, 2010 10:08 AM Find...

128. Make more room on buses for strollers! Remove the seating from the center-facing benches; this leaves 4 "reserved" seats plus much more maneuvering room. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 3:59 PM Find...

129. I do not think a policy is necessary. Just ask if they can fold the stroller, or be seated farther back on the bus. Many strollers are large and have a baby carrier attached. So than the parent has to hold a baby, a stroller, a diaper bag, possibly another child- their hands are full. Buses are many people's only mode of transportation. They do not have alternatives, or money for them. Thank You Mon, Jun 14, 2010 1:16 PM Find...

130. Although I do think that strollers are a space and possibly safety issue, I also think that the folks who will be most affected by stronger enforcement of the policy are the ones who need bus transport the most. I didn't have a large stroller for my child because I had the money to own more than one kind along with the front pack. I don't have to take large carts on the bus because I can choose to use my car to go shopping. I ride the bus out of the choice for the environment and to support a company that makes low-income people's mobility a bit easier. So, although I'd like all parents to have strollers that collapse and fit into a seat, I realize that most of the people with the mega-strollers don't have that option. Is there some way to enforce the policy besides kicking people off the bus? Can drivers assist with fold-up or parking of strollers like they do with wheelchairs? Can strollers be locked in like a wheelchair? Mon, Jun 14, 2010 12:18 PM Find...

131. I would continue to ride Metro when not travelling with infant - but would no longer use Metro when travelling with infant. I already remove infant from stroller if they are awake - but decline to remove infant if they are sleeping as this transition disrupts their sleep pattern. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 10:34 AM Find...

132. This is the only mode of transporation for homeless people. All their worldly goods are in their strollers.

Please don't decriminate against them. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 10:29 AM Find...

133. I filled this out as if it were winter. I'm not sure it is wise to make a decision on this issue in summer when it is much easier to take kids out of strollers.

I used metro with my child when he was an infant too. Sometimes he'd be in a front pack, but sometimes in a stroller that has a car seat snap in. Do you realize that children under 3 months

can't hold up their heads and really can't successfully be in a folding stroller without car seat attachment? The bus seats don't hold the car seats well, hence they are on the floor... probably more in the way than strollers. In the winter with snow and slush, plus cold, it is a TALL ORDER to get a child out of the stroller if they are not yet walking and onto your lap while folding a slushy stroller.

If you feel you must mitigate the stroller situation, consider applying this rule to awake walking children.

You're going to disadvantage the most young poor mothers with this rule... and make their life harder. Children often fall asleep in strollers, and as a mother I value that nap for the mother's sanity and the child's. I expect lots more crying on buses with this rule. I'm officially against it. What about people with wheeled walkers? Will you apply this to them too?

Liz Amundson

lizamunds@yahoo.com Mon, Jun 14, 2010 10:23 AM Find...

134. Perhaps enforcement should be related to how crowded the bus is or is expected to be. Leaving the child in the stroller on a half-empty bus is not a problem. I also would be reluctant to see someone with a non-folding stroller be denied transportation--he/she probably needs it even more than someone with a new stroller. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 10:12 AM Find...

135. One of the biggest problems is not having a good place to store the stroller while riding. If an overhead rack or a rack near the door could be made available for storing strollers or luggage, riding the Metro with these items would be a lot easier and safer. In the video, the woman with the stroller put it in the seat next to her, but that's not always an option when traveling during a busy time of day. I've never felt comfortable with the stroller in the aisle, so often times, I just don't use the Metro if I need the stroller. My child is big enough that I can't use a soft sling or pack for her. If I were to use a big hiking pack, I would want to take her out of that while riding, but again, I would have no place to store a big pack.

The other thing that would be nice is for the driver to help getting on the bus when they see a parent with a child and folded stroller. It's hard to carry the baby, the stroller, any bags or other items, and pay the bus fare too. If the driver could help with the stroller, that would be great.

Mon, Jun 14, 2010 9:50 AM Find...

136. Many people have no alternative transportation, or money to use them. Instead of a new policy, just request to fold strollers or move back on the bus. New strollers are pretty big, with a baby carrier attached. It would be difficult to release the carrier, hold the baby, hold onto the stroller, hold onto a diaper bag and possibly another child. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 9:48 AM Find...

137. Please do not make it more difficult for families without access to personal vehicles get around by creating strict stroller policies. We are so thankful to have Metro in the area for individuals without cars, or whom are trying to be environmentally conscious. I am strongly opposed to making it more difficult for families to utilize this wonderful service by changing stroller requirements. This would close transportation options for so many people whom cannot afford financially to adhere to new policies which would require fold-up strollers. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 9:26 AM Find...

138. I work at a local non-profit that serves a lot of women and children who do not have cars, let alone money for cabs. Their main way of transportation is by foot, or by bus. They need to travel across town to places like the Job Center, or The Respite Center. Not allowing strollers on buses would severely damage their ability to take care of themselves, as well as their children. If this is taken away, it leaves some women and children with absolutely no options. When they

can't take care of their needs that keep them employed, educated, and healthy, then we will contribute to the overwhelming homeless population in the City of Madison. The bus is the only way some people can get around. Please don't enforce a rule that punishes people who need strollers. This is a small act that can severely damage the lives of hundreds of people and families in Madison. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 9:18 AM Find...

139. get rid of the bike rack outside/infront of the bus and create a stroller rack. Mothers have a right to ride the bus. Poor moms have not other choice so create a situation that will accomodate them, please. Bikers can choose to ride their bikes or catch the bus from now on. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 9:09 AM Find...

140. Please take in consideration individuals who may move to Madison or be visiting Madison after the 2 month implementation window has passed. Will they be unable to ride the bus if they do not have a folding stroller? Also what about families who do not have folding strollers currently and are unable to purchase a stroller? Mon, Jun 14, 2010 8:59 AM Find...

141. I am concerned that strict enforcement of this policy could be a hardship for some families of young children. Perhaps enforcement could be less strict if the bus is not very full? Mon, Jun 14, 2010 8:37 AM Find...

142. I work with low-income families, so they all ride the bus often and have children in strollers. If strollers weren't allowed, this would be extremely difficult for the families I work with. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 8:33 AM Find...

143. Many individuals who ride Madison Metro are unable to fold their strollers due to having several children in one stroller. May individuals riding Madison Metro MUST carry their luggage/carts with them as they have no other place to store it during the day. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 8:29 AM Find...

144. Sometimes folding a stroller can take up more room, such as those that have a car seat insert into the stroller. Also, for very young babies, it might be safer to keep them in the stroller. Also, this policy should be equally enforced against other large rolling carts, etc. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 8:29 AM Find...

145. Requiring strollers to be folded would be an undue burden that would make me not ride the bus with a stroller. I would probably also stop using metro for other reasons as well.

Metro seems to be less and less concerned about its customer experience. Three clear examples of this are: 1) Bus wraps that do not let in any light onto the buses 2) The mayor and metro's irrational obsession with a 50 cent bus fare increase when they were better options on the table 3) Making it more difficult to ride the bus with a stroller by requiring the folding of a stroller.

Imagine this scenario. Having a stroller, a 23 pound kid and three bags of groceries in your stroller. You would have to collapse the stroller while holding the child, move the grocery bags to a place by your feet on the bus and hang onto your stroller as well. Now repeat while exiting. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 7:46 AM Find...

146. I'm afraid for families who are homeless and have to carry their children and all of their belongings with them; a lot of these families rely on Metro to make/maintain medical, job, and housing appointments. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 7:45 AM Find...

147. I rarely bring a stroller on the bus and I have not had any issues with other passengers bringing strollers on the bus. It's hard enough being a mom, wrangling an infant without having such strict enforcement of the folding stroller policy. I mostly ride the bus to work but on occasion ride it on the weekend with a stroller. If I felt that there was a hostile policy towards mothers and young children, I would not ride the bus with my baby, stroller or not but I would continue to ride the bus alone. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 7:24 AM Find...

148. I like taking Metro, but strollers are sometimes an issue. I don't mind if the bus is mostly empty if one giant stroller is up front and everyone can maneuver around it. I've actually given up my seat for moms' convenience many times, and I don't mind a bit. But when the bus is busy at rush hour, and there are three giant strollers blocking the front quarter of the bus, it's a problem. I've observed that passengers using strollers never show others reciprocal deference or courtesy, as though they're entitled to block 8 or 10 seats on the bus with their 2 or 3 toddlers. Older passengers board, or one man I see a lot on the 5 who uses a walker, and no one makes room for them. It's as though the policy doesn't exist at all, and the drivers never say a thing. It's frustrating. Absurd, really. I have a baby on the way, so I'm certainly not anti-child or anti-mother, but a bit of awareness and respect for others would be nice. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 6:54 AM Find...

149. I am concerned that strict enforcement of the stroller policy could dissuade and alienate families and especially single mothers from riding Metro. Public transportation is often the only affordable means for these women to get to and fro, and the strollers I see in common usage these days often don't collapse enough to meet a stricter interpretation of the Metro policy. I would hope my fellow riders without stroller or wheelchair needs would surrender seats to elderly/disabled passengers in the case that there was a conflict. Mon, Jun 14, 2010 5:12 AM Find...

150. It is about time to get rid of strollers and those who think they own the bus and should inconvenience everyone else for their kid's sake! That being said some people use the bus when grocery shopping and have a cart for groceries - how can they empty their cart and load onto a bus seat?? That could be a major inconvenience.

151. Why people who are disabled have space for their chairs, but not people with kids? Folding a stroller (if it can) with a kid on one hand, the passenger's bag, the kid's bag, and potentially more kids, is NOT an easy task. Why didn't they allow more space in the buses for people with strollers, larger items, ...?

My stroller has a stop, and it has never been an issue for the safety of my child. Now carrying her on my lap, with my bags and the "foldable" stroller IS going to be a safety issue. I think this policy is nuts and discriminates against parents and their children. Sun, Jun 13, 2010 7:10 PM Find...

152. The policy sounds fair and just Sun, Jun 13, 2010 6:10 PM Find...

153. Perhaps during rush hour when a bus is at maximum capacity strollers and other wheell objects become problems but most of the day I don't see a reason for strict enforcement of the rules. When buses are partially full there is no inconvenience involved. In fact for a parent to hanled a folded item and a child I see more possibilities for injury or accident. Often children in wheeled strollers are safer than when they are out of constraint. Sun, Jun 13, 2010 6:08 PM Find...

154. People with strollers or other large items should be required to fold them, and bus drivers should enforce the rule or not allow passengers to board. On a crowded bus in particular, as many seats as possible should be available to the elderly and disabled, and when one giant stroller takes up the entire row of sideways-facing seats, it creates resentment and frustration among the remaining passengers, especially those who must move to accommodate them, and are often then left without a seat themselves.

As the strollers aren't strapped in as a wheelchair would be, I can see where they could cause injury to their occupant or to other passengers on the bus in the case of an accident or a sudden stop. Sun, Jun 13, 2010 5:55 PM Find...

155. I disagree with the proposed policy. Metro should make it easier for parents and caregivers to ride the bus, not harder. Sun, Jun 13, 2010 2:30 PM Find...

156. This seems a little bit uptight to me. I have used strollers on the bus system in the past, but also made sure to use the small umbrella ones. I feel most stroller users do their best to not hinder others. Sun, Jun 13, 2010 1:37 PM Find...

157. Small strollers which fold up are not the problem. It is the grand state carriages which many people use as shopping carts carry many things other than an infant cause much disruption getting on and off a bus, a pose a real tripping danger at rush hours (which is when I ride). Often there is only standing room on the bus, and standing next to a stroller which isn't immobile, creates a real reaching problem for bus riders who don't happen to be tall. It's great fun had one's feet and shins battered by a stroller who's owner is busy tending to their infant. Sun, Jun 13, 2010 1:07 PM Find...

158. not the mothers' fault -- all the people who sit in front seats are Sun, Jun 13, 2010 11:51 AM Find...

159. I always thought this was enforced- when I had to use a stroller for my little ones it was never an issue- I knew they had to come out, I folded the stroller and boarded the bus. Are people really being so ignorant and inconsiderate as to argue with the drivers? If that's the case, the law could be changed to just "no strollers" period and then they could actually have something to complain about. Perhaps they should go on a rack outside the bus like bikes. Some of these strollers are ridiculously big and people make no effort to clear the aisles so people can get on and off without breaking their necks on them. Sun, Jun 13, 2010 10:18 AM Find...

160. Enforcing the existing policy on busy routes or during busy times makes sense. During off times with few riders- it doesn't seem to be an issue.

If the policy is going to apply to large carts or luggage-then the public needs notification of that. Small children and people in wheel chairs should be able to share the areas in the front of the bus. I have occasionally traveled with children on the bus and it can be very challenging to get to the back of the bus when it is busy. Sat, Jun 12, 2010 6:46 PM Find...

161. Get busues off of Reetz Rd, where there's no customers and continue down Verona Rde frontage where there's customers. I know, not related to strollers, but Metro doesn't have a clue on this route and have no business sense by maintaining the passanger-less route on Reetz. Sat, Jun 12, 2010 2:25 PM Find...



162. I have always folded our stroller if the bus is full or if there are seniors/differently abled people needing the space. But when the bus is pretty empty or just "abled" people are in those seats and there is room, I've left it up. Our stroller isn't very easy to fold/unfold and I am not in a position to purchase a new one just for metro. I feel that my child has as much right as other "abled" riders to those spaces and is much less "in the way" than the rolling luggage, carts, etc. that people use. If drivers aren't able to make a judgement call any more and have to strictly follow this new "folding" policy all of the time, then they should also be keeping patrons' legs and bags out of the aisles, which I find to be much more frequent and hazardous. Thank you. Sat, Jun 12, 2010 12:55 PM Find...

163. How does one fold a shopping cart or a piece of luggage?  
Have there been any injuries to children in strollers?  
How are parents supposed to get small kids on & off the bus -- is the bus going to wait while parent takes kid out of stroller and put in seat? How soon before their stop may a parent put kid back in stroller in order to exit bus?

This seems like it will disproportionately affect low-income riders and those who don't have cars and need to go to a grocery store located somewhere farther than walking distance.

I have not brought a stroller on a bus in almost 20 years, but I haven't noticed them as a problem now.

The last thing we need to do is make it harder for people to get to where they need to go. Sat, Jun 12, 2010 9:51 AM Find...

164. Stroller policy needs more enforcement, but people using grocery carts and such should not be penalized for needing extra space. Maybe buses could have a space for luggage/other? Sat, Jun 12, 2010 8:57 AM Find...

165. i have been on many bus rides with children riding in strollers and have never felt inconvenienced. i also have never seen even a hint of an accident that might jeopardize the safety of the child or another passenger. in the rare instances when the parent or caretaker seems to be struggling with the stroller, almost invariably other passengers come to the aid of the person.

in general i, and i believe others as well, enjoy the presence of children in strollers. if you are concerned with child safety, i assure you a child riding in a stroller is much safer than a child in a bus seat or even in a caretaker's arms.

it should be noted that babies in strollers almost always occupy the spaces reserved for handicapped in wheelchairs and elderly. priority for these people needs to be maintained. but especially in non-peak hours this is, in my experience, rarely an issue.

peter wolff  
256-1756 Sat, Jun 12, 2010 8:48 AM Find...

166. You're making a mountain out of a molehill. People who ride Metro with strollers obviously do not have other ways to travel. Don't make it harder for them. Sat, Jun 12, 2010 7:59 AM Find...

167. I recently became aware of the bus route to the airport. I am considering using it; however, on that particular route, I would like to take any luggage that I am using on the plane. Could the 'luggage' limitation be limited for that route? I believe it is #20. Sat, Jun 12, 2010 7:45 AM Find...

168. I know it's cumbersome for people bring young children with them to try to hold the child and fold the stroller and drag the whole load onto the bus. But a child in a stroller isn't really safe on the bus, it seems, and those strollers are sometimes HUGE, and a real problem on a bus with limited space. Thank you for listening. Sat, Jun 12, 2010 7:11 AM Find...

169. I would also like to see enforcement of the no dog policy. Sat, Jun 12, 2010 7:11 AM Find...

170. I do not agree that passengers should be required either to fold strollers or to take children out of them while on the bus. Both of these require time and frequently lead to crying children, which is not pleasant for other riders. Equally importantly, public transportation under these conditions is no longer "public", since it becomes nearly impossible (logistically) for a single adult to travel with more than one small child. It seems perfectly reasonable to me to ask that mobile adults traveling with either strollers or large items make every effort possible to keep the aisle clear, and if necessary that they move out of the space that is designated for people in wheelchairs. Sat, Jun 12, 2010 5:16 AM Find...

171. you will force me to take the cab more often when I use luggage for plane or the new train Fri, Jun 11, 2010 7:32 PM Find...

172. I think it is unreasonable to ask parents to remove children from strollers and fold them up. Instead, I think strollers should be secured in a manner similar to a wheelchair. This seems safest for the child and other passengers. Fri, Jun 11, 2010 6:20 PM Find...

173. doesn't seem practical - the bus makes trips to the airport but riders could not take the luggage

- it would be difficult for to ride the bus to get groceries or other items

- there is space for bikes but no place for bus riders with needs to carry luggage, groceries- hardly fair

- there are many people with physical limits like myself who need a rolling cart to carry the items I need for the day (lunch, drinking water, swim suite and towel for aqua therapy, books for UW)

- I've been hit in the face while seated by people carrying back packs perhaps they should be regulated too

- while I see the need for safety for young passengers, having them sit in a seat is not necessarily safe either; it depends upon the caregiver

- Metro should be finding ways to increase all kinds of riders instead of limiting them, Fri, Jun 11, 2010 5:37 PM Find...

174. The new policy sounds very unfriendly to mothers. I can't imagine carrying a diaper bag, infant and folding up a stroller and storing it? I'm sure the bus driver will be impatient to go and may just start driving, which would be a safety hazard. I find it difficult to maintain my balance and get to my seat without having anything in my arms. It seems much safer to have a child belted in a stroller rather than sitting on a seat or someone's lap. This strikes me as a very unfriendly policy to mothers and to those who have to rely on the bus for their transportation. Where would the strollers be stored? Our culture needs to support mothers and not create frustrations for them. Fri, Jun 11, 2010 5:09 PM Find...

175. The folks who use strollers are usually low-income with no car trying to raise their kids, and I think we should give them accommodation. What if the baby/kid is asleep? What if the stroller doesn't fold? Where are they supposed to put the kid and their belongings?