

Research Focus: Routes & Route Announcements

Directions

Use your assigned app to complete the following activity and answer the questions on this worksheet. **Read all of the questions before** you begin the route so you know what to be listening for. You may need to plan and travel **several routes** before you are able to answer all of the questions.

1. Search for a point of interest or address (Starbucks, User or favorite POI, Target, Fremont Bart Station, 500 Walnut Avenue, etc.)
2. Create a **vehicle route** to the destination.
3. While traveling to the destination, pay attention to the announcements made by the app.

Questions

While planning:

1. Does the app have built in routing or does it have you launch an outside app like Google Maps or Apple Maps?
2. What information does the app give at the beginning of the route?

During route (Upcoming turns, intersection announcements, POI):

1. Describe how your app announces upcoming turns. How far in advance does it tell you when the next turn is?
2. How does the app deal with intersection announcements along routes?
3. Are points of interest announced along routes? If so, is there a way to only hear specific categories of points of interest?
4. Are there any other sounds made during route travel like chimes, blinker sounds etc.

Upon reaching destination:

1. Is there an easy way to check in along the route to see how far away the destination is?
2. What does the app do when you are approaching your destination?
3. What does that app do once you arrive at the destination?

Name:

Date:

Time Spent on evaluation:

App used:

Other observations: