Progress of the North/West Passage Operations and Travel Information Integration Sharing (OTIIS) Project

National Rural ITS Conference

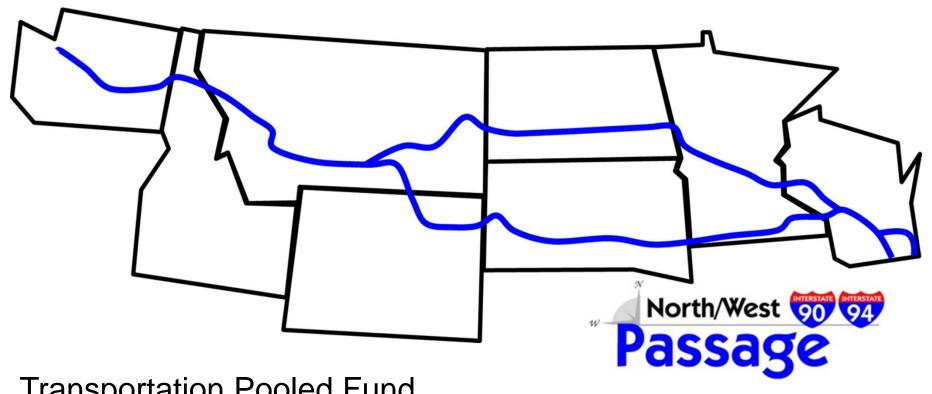
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- Website Demo and Mobile App Status

The North/West Passage



Transportation Pooled Fund

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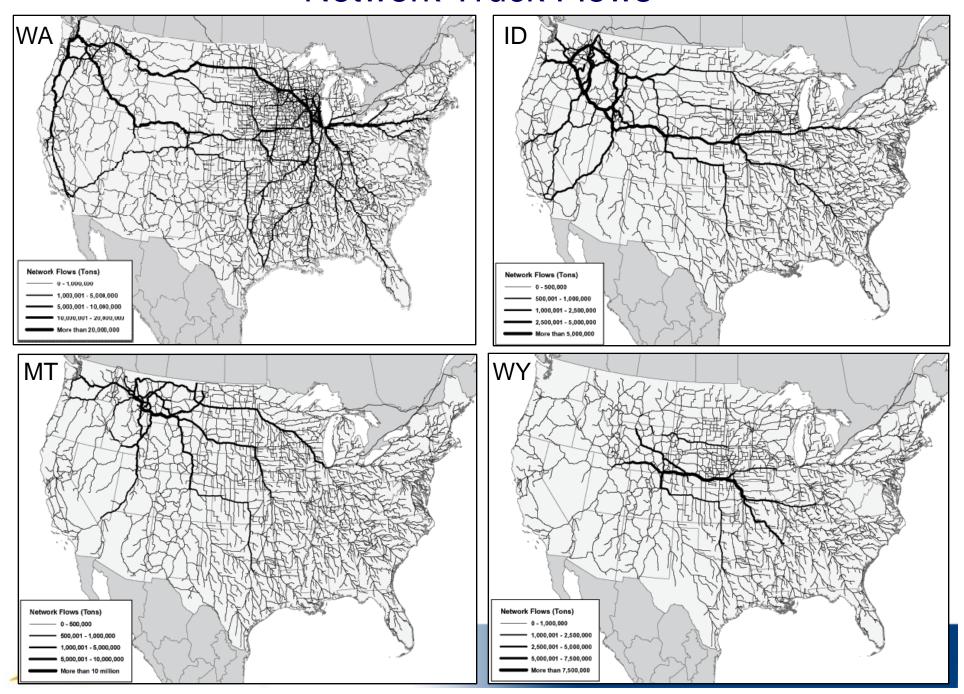
8 states

~3200 miles of interstate

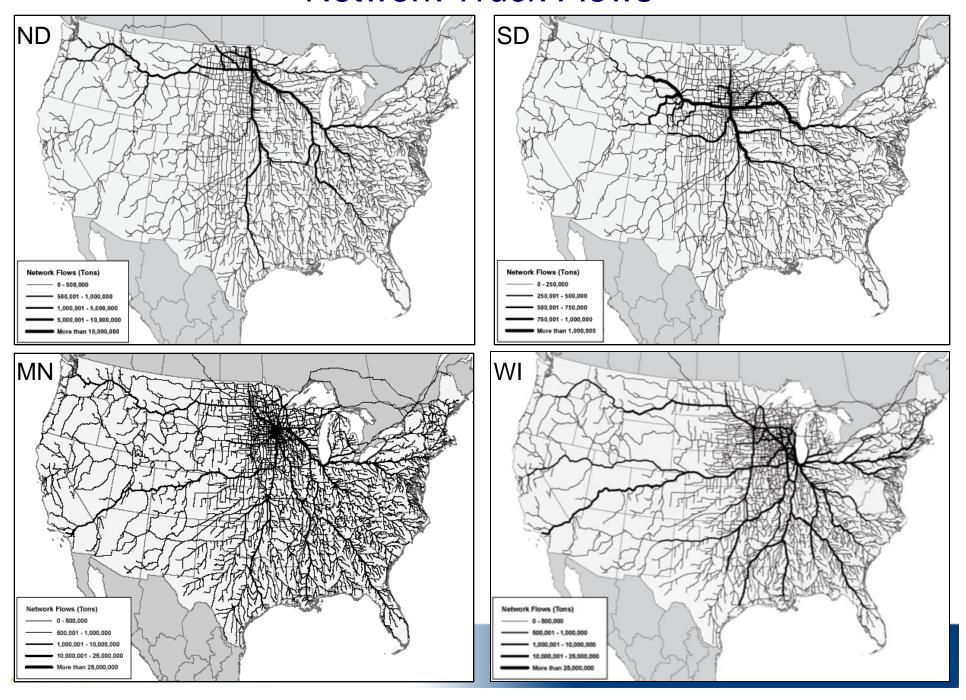
Major east-west corridor for commercial and recreational travel



Network Truck Flows

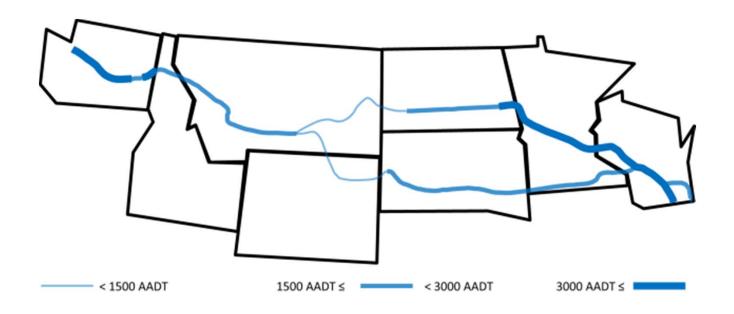


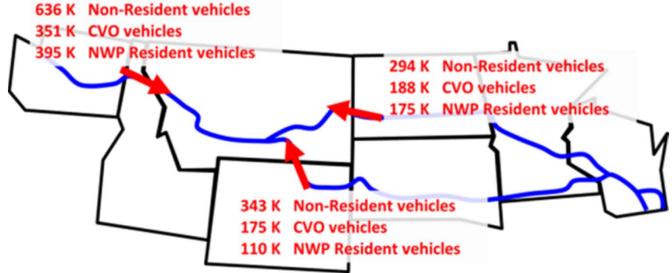
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Daily Traffic

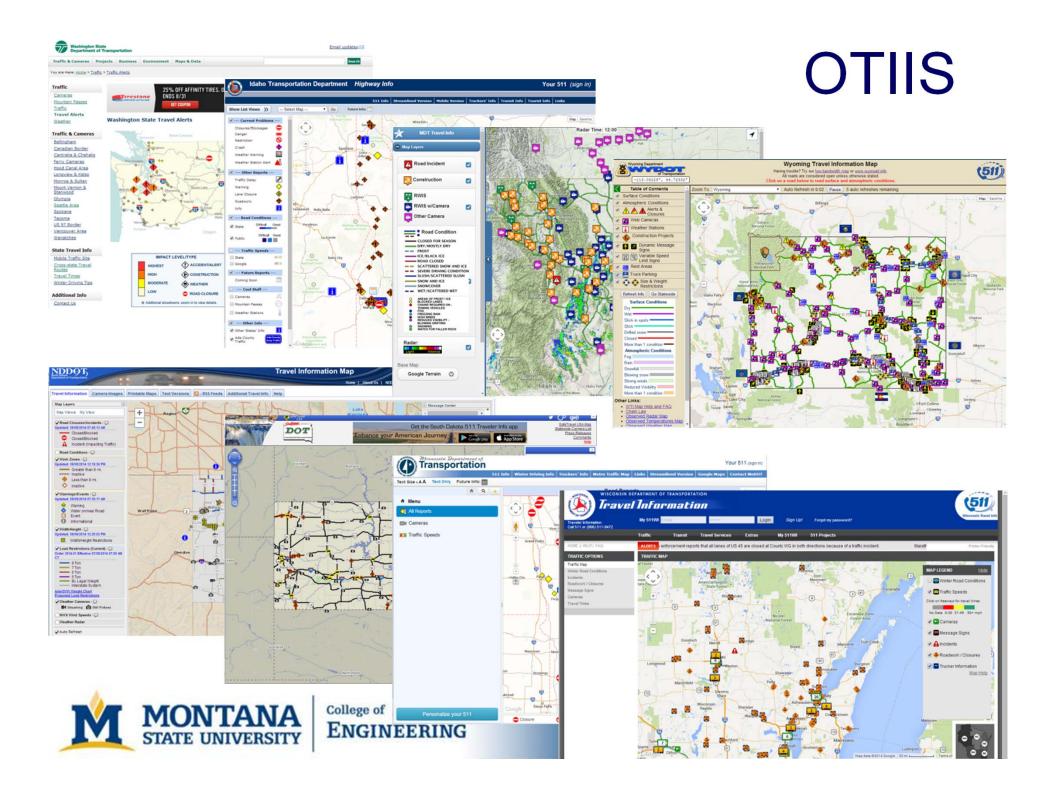
CVO AADT:





ITRR annual visitation:





Project Goals

Research, develop, and operationally test a technology solution:

- Traveler Information → decision making → safer and more efficient;
- Agency Coordination → response to weather events, serious incidents;
- Influence Positive Driver Behavior Changes → safety, efficiency;
- API Opportunities → Connect Vehicle, sustainable business model;
- Increase Awareness → public education and marketing

Corridor-wide Traveler Info Website Mobile App with push notifications API for expansion, integration



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Literature Reviewed

- Trends in Current Traveler Info and Technology
 - Reports, Journal Articles and Conference Proceedings
- 511 Coalition Findings
- Existing Private Sector Systems
- The Future: Connected Vehicles

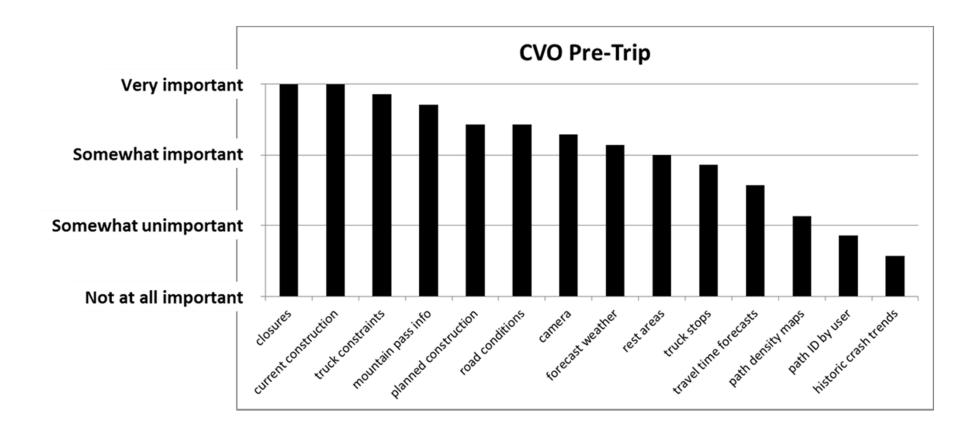
From the Literature

- Corridor-wide traveler information that extends beyond an individual state is desired
- <u>Personalized</u> information preferred
- Push type notifications gaining in popularity
- Mobile devices favored
- Social media tools are increasingly used for information dissemination
- <u>Tourism Destination Anchors</u> are important marketing focal points



Survey of Steering Committee Members

- Rank the importance of various aspects of traveler info
 - CVOs and Recreational Travelers (Pre-trip and En-route)

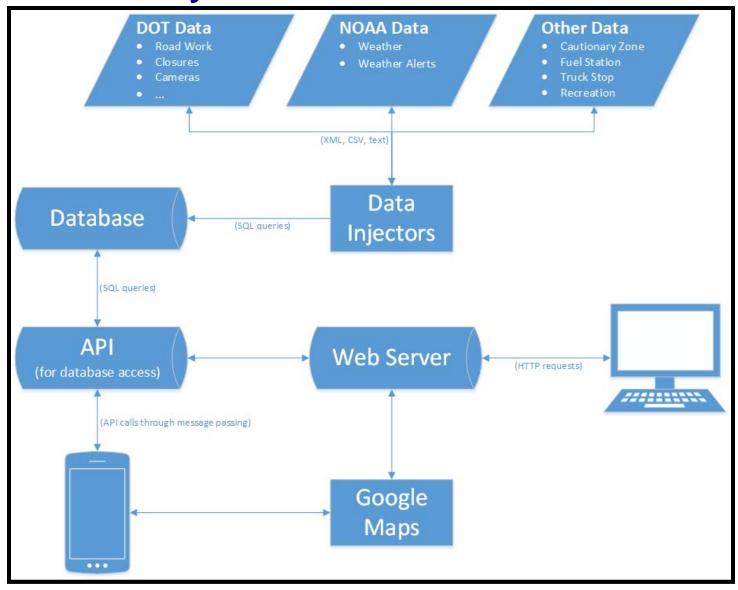


Mockups, ConOps, Prototypes

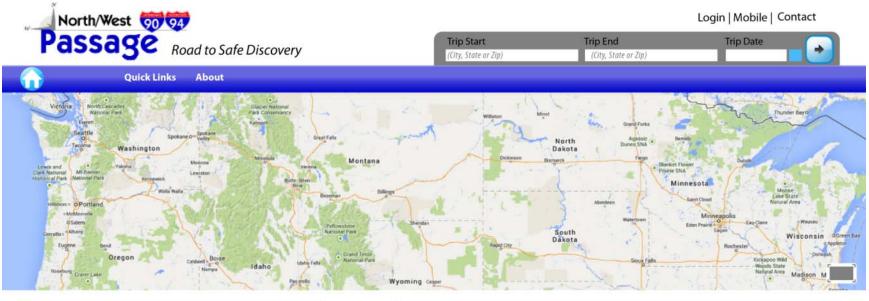
Used to gather feedback from:

- Steering Committee and other DOT Stakeholders,
- ATA and State Trucking Associations,
- Usability Testing Participants
 - NWP corridor truck drivers
 - NWP corridor general travelers

System Architecture



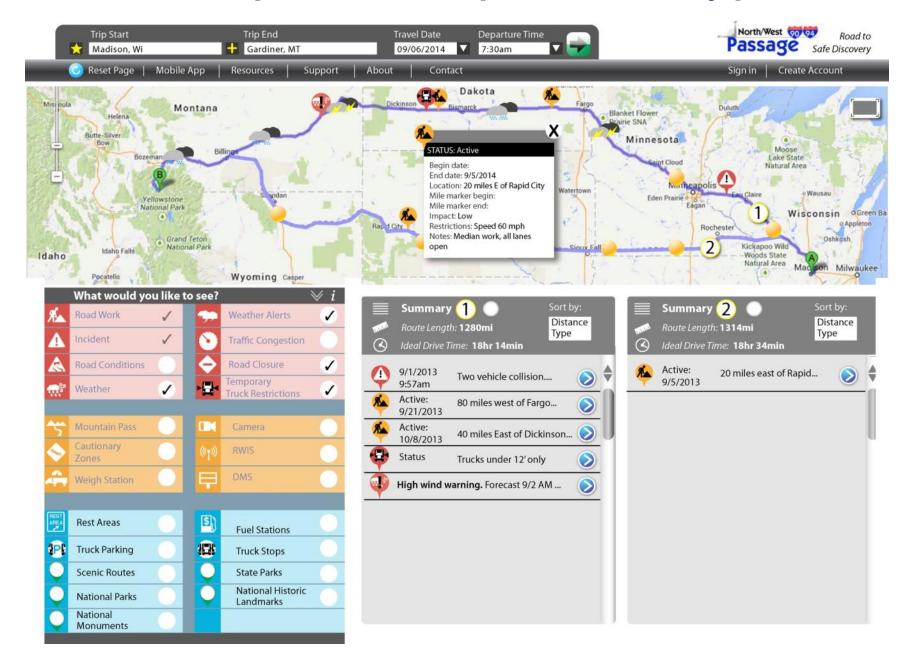
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Trip Summary		Sort by:	Distance
Route Length:	Ideal Drive Time:		
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Mockups, ConOps, Prototypes



Usability Testing Results

(8)	Fuel/gas (10) Cash only gas station	100% of the participants accurately identified the icon with fuel/gas station.	
REST AREA (10)	Rest area (11)	100% of the participants accurately related the icon with a rest area.	
	Truck parking, rest area (9) Truck idling Semi only parking	About 82% of the participants accurately identified the icon with a stop area or parking for trucks.	
(3)	Not sure Trucks are prevented on this route Truck driving from opposite direction Low visibility ahead Truck stop Trucks merging into traffic Wide load	About 18% of the participants related the icon with its intended meaning of truck restrictions. About 27% reported not knowing or understanding the icon. Most of the participants were able to relate the icon with truck information.	
(2)	Don't know (4) Road is flat ahead Do not enter (2) Road close No Semi's Level surface ahead Caution	About 36% of the participants did not know the meaning. About 27% of the participants accurately related the icon with road closure or do not enter.	



Select Usability Results

Comments from the participants:

- "I like the grouping of the icons for the historic places and I like the way the national parks are separate from other parks"
- "I love this website, I would definitely use it"
- "I love the color coding and the grouping of the choices"
- "Finally the DOT cares about providing for truck drivers (I mean to help them plan their trip)"
- "It will be very useful to have a mobile application"



Select Usability Results

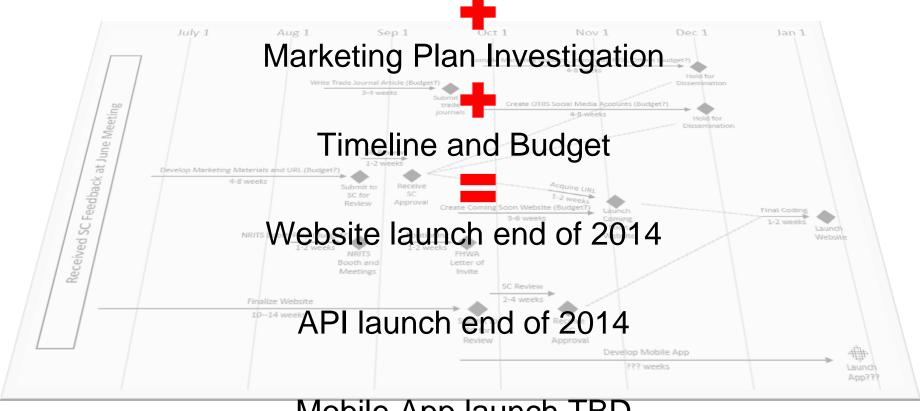
- 8 out of 11 participants mentioned that they would like to see information about rest areas, hotels, restaurants, food, services available and speed limits
- 8 out of 11 participants asked, or were concerned with, the frequency with which the information will be updated on the website.
- All the participants of the study suggested they would use the website if it was in place

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Sustainable Business Model Investigation



Mobile App launch TBD



DOT Provided Data Status

		Truck	Crash /	Road	Road	Traffic		
	Road Work	Restriction	Incident	Closure	Conditions	Congestion	Camera	RWIS
WA								
ID								
MT								
WY								
ND								
SD								
MN								
WI								

Deployment



Coming Soon Website: Coming Soon

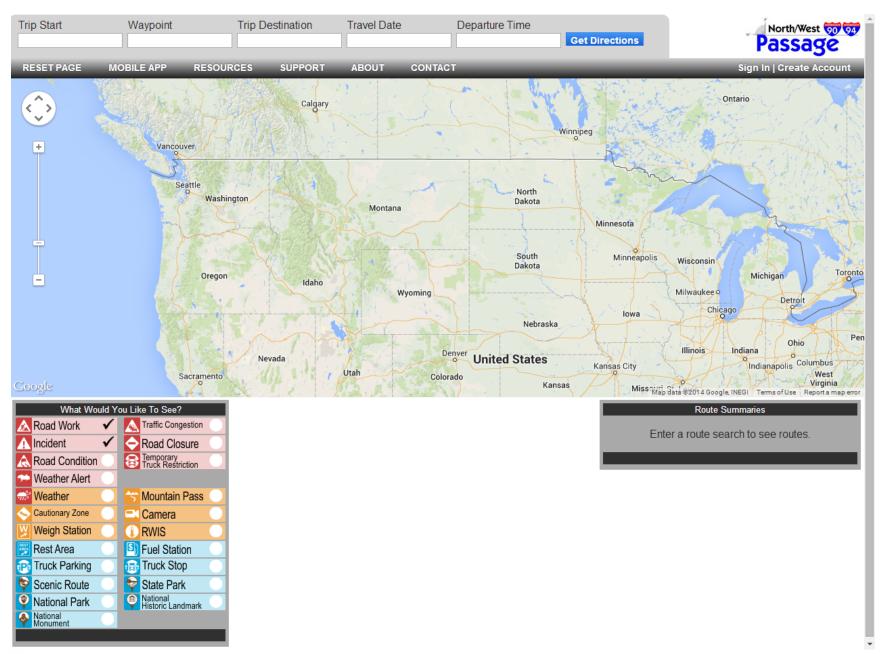


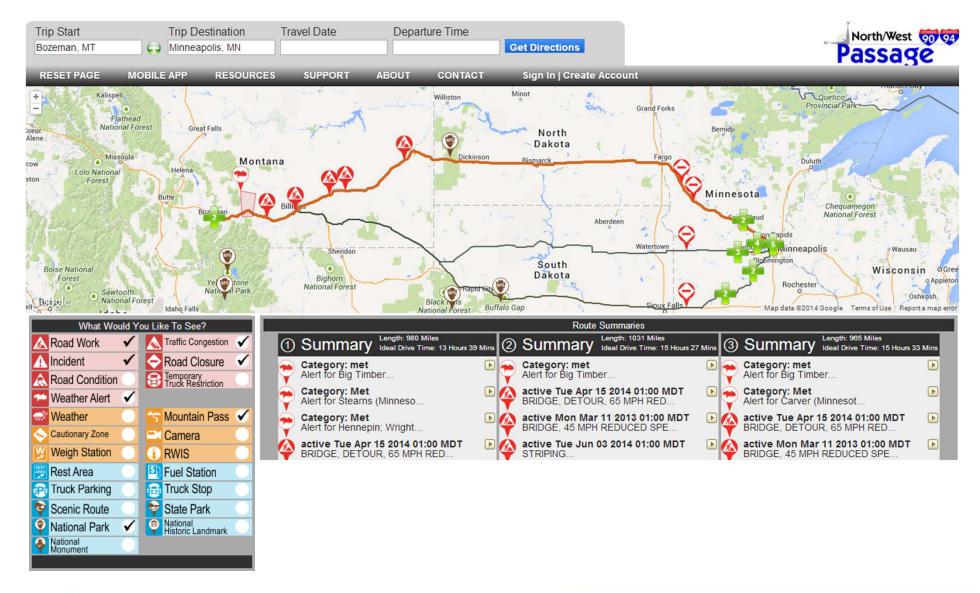
Next Steps

- Finish Website for public roll-out
- Finish API
- Finish Mobile App
- Accident prediction and integration with freight scheduling
 - Proposal with JB Hunt and Watkins & Sheppard
- Intelligent rerouting
 - Suggest alternative routes in real-time through notifications
 - Balance traffic based on observed shifts
 - Keep trucks on highway, but route passenger traffic onto local roads

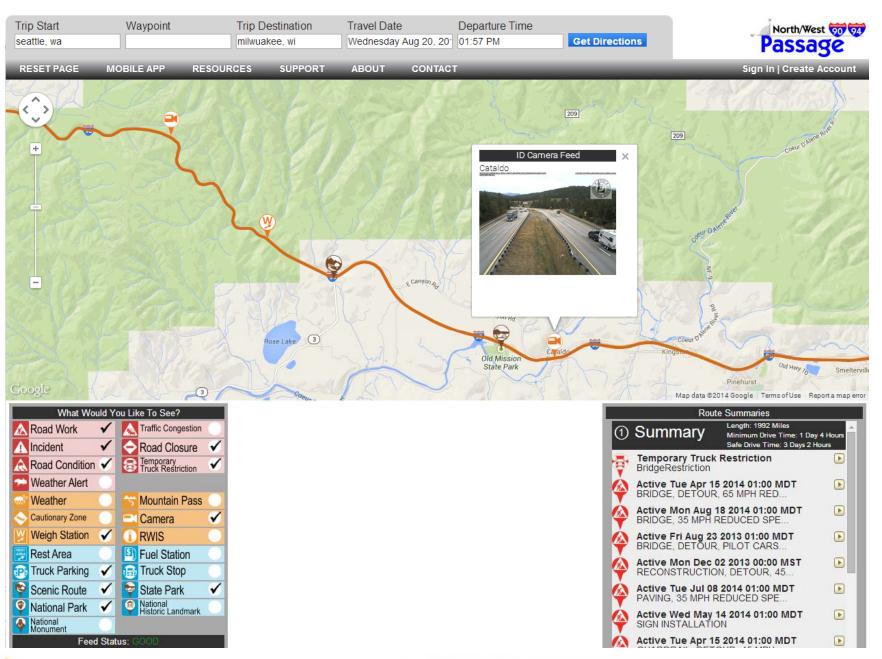
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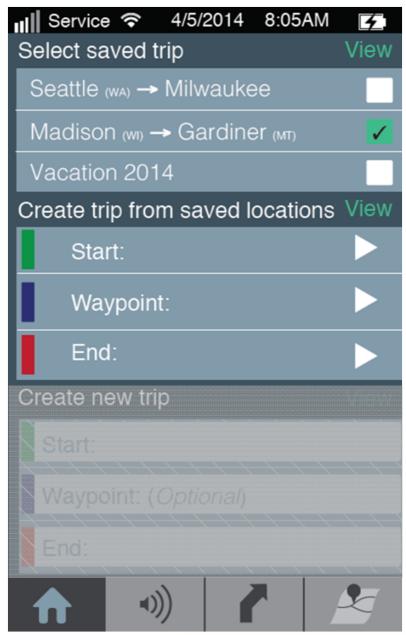


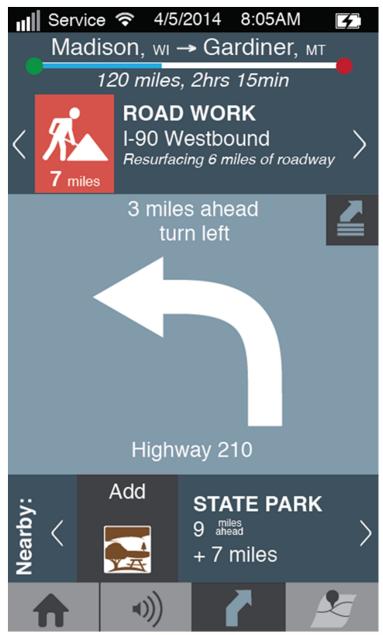


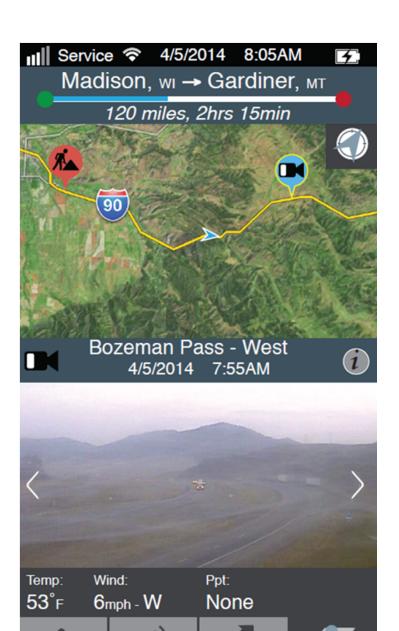


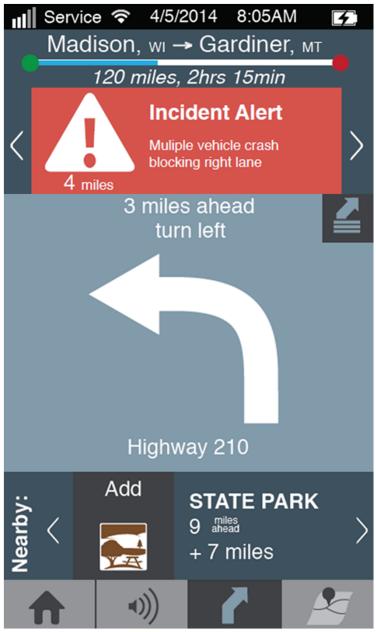












Questions





Across all Boundaries



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