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### Anyone, Anywhere

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# Accessible Navigation & Wayfinding

Waymap provides step-by-step travel guidance for

- People with vision impairment
- Those with mobility and cognitive impairments
- Anyone with a mobile phone

The challenges of step-level accurate guidance

- 1. Anyone relevance and timeliness
- 2. Anywhere indoors and outside

# Challenge 1: Anyone

Most applications don't work for everyone

- Little understanding of user needs
- Too hard to do, with little economic value

Bespoke solutions are siloed and underfunded

- Addressing a narrow range of needs
- Starting with technology available off-the-shelf



Solution: Set standards that define a quality of service for accessibility

• ITU F.921, CTA-2076 for Audio Navigation for Vision Impaired and others

## Challenge 2: Anywhere

Existing technology is not good enough

- GPS outside, Beacons or Wifi inside
- Not accurate, not reliable, not maintainable

Installing infrastructure does not scale

• Anywhere means any and every train station, building or street

Solution: A revolutionary dead-reckoning technique that follows every step

• On the phone without infrastructure & privately without connection



## Inclusively designed navigation that works anywhere

Every step, Waymap works out

- where you are, and
- where you are facing

Every decision point is clearly announced

- Automatic, timely and relevant
- Audio and visual

Every route is tailored to the user's mobility

• Step free, wide access or shoreline

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# Anyone, Anywhere

- Confidence to explore
- Reliable and relevant guidance

#### The whole way

- Air, bus, train and taxi
- Streets and corridors

#### **True Independence**

- Quick end-to-end journeys, or
- Linger as long as you like



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