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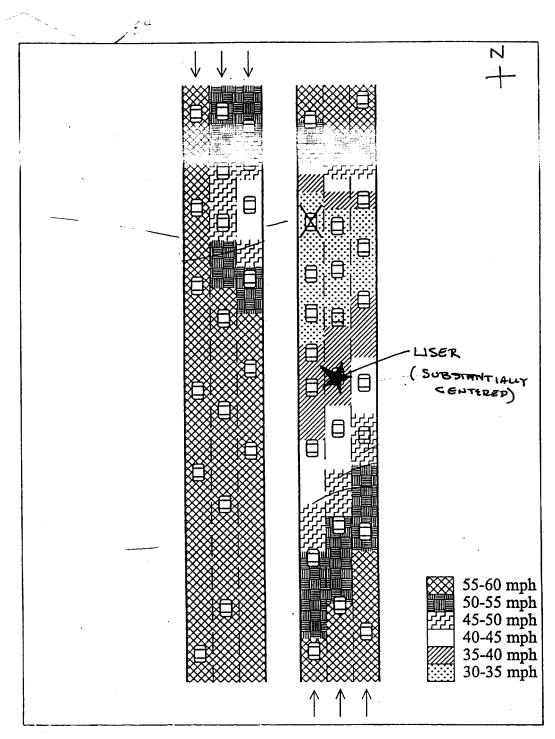


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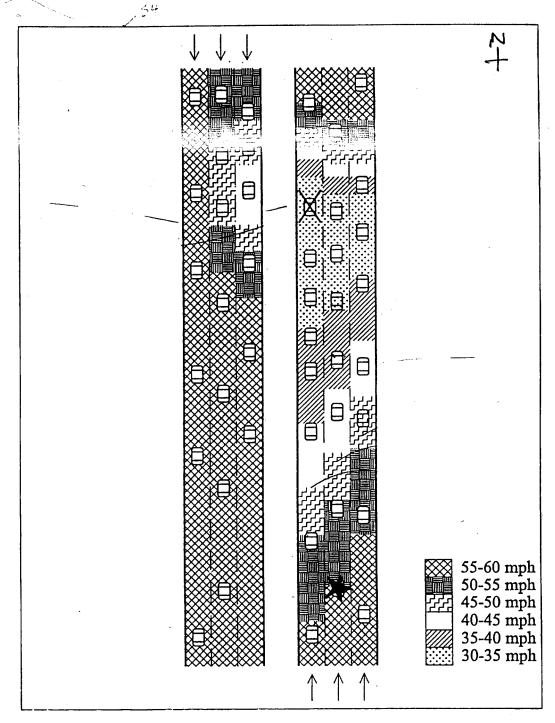
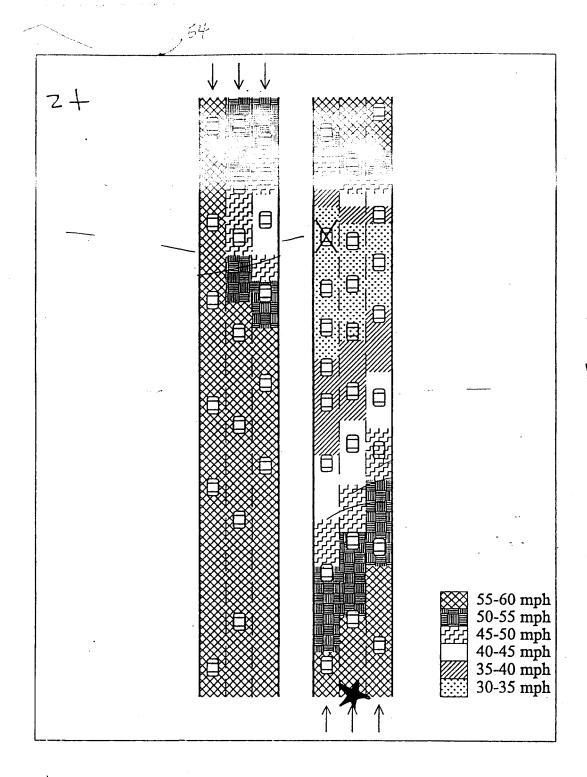
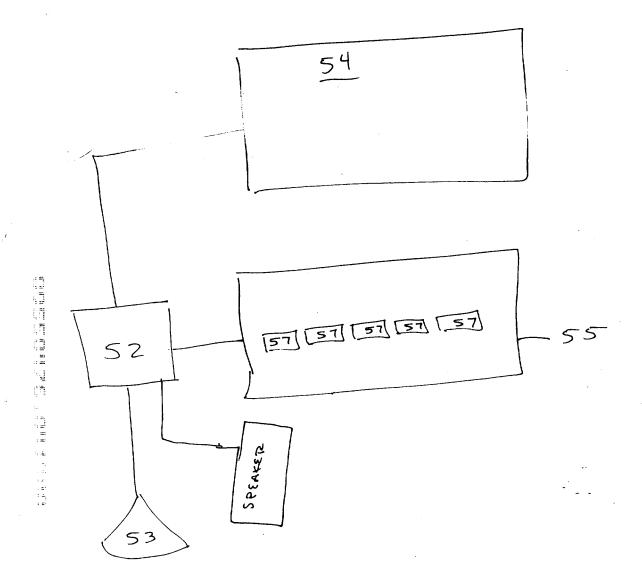
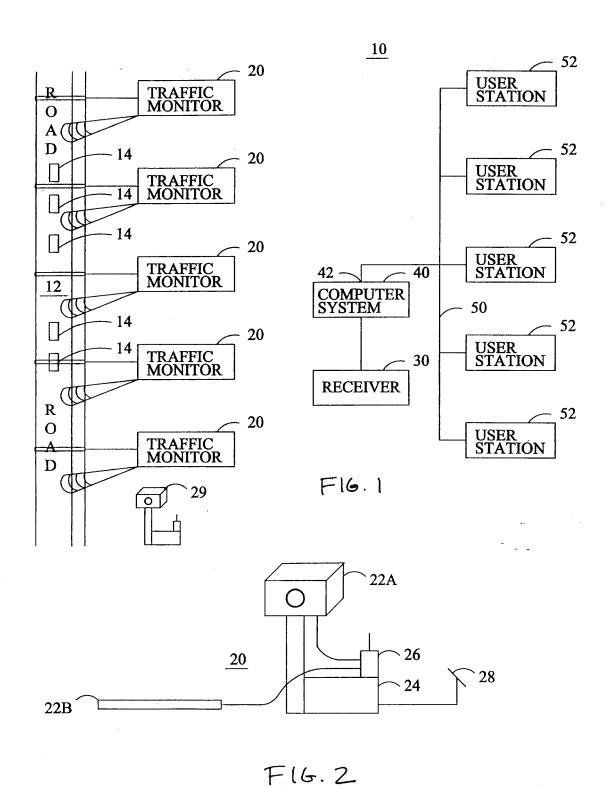


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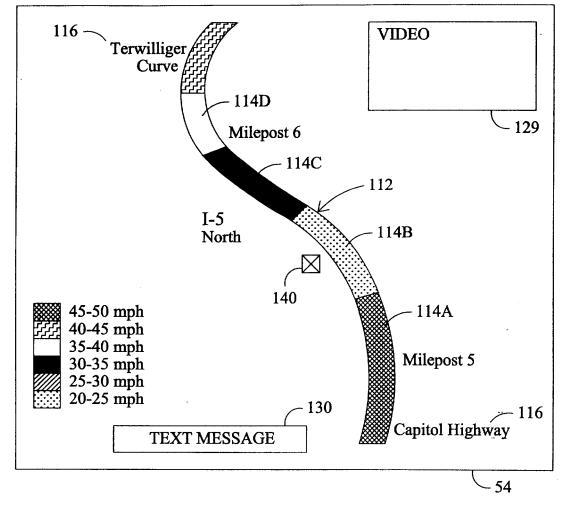
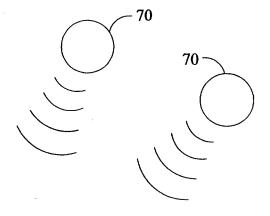


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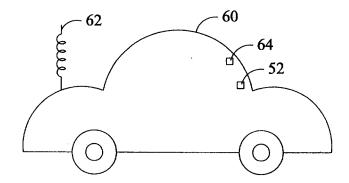


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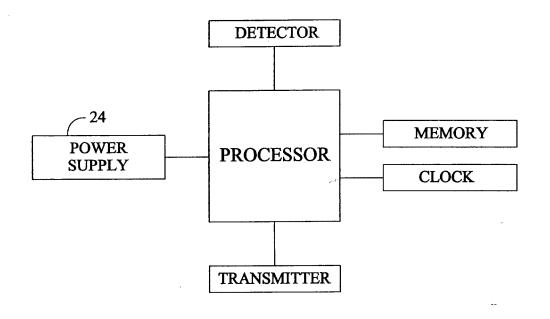


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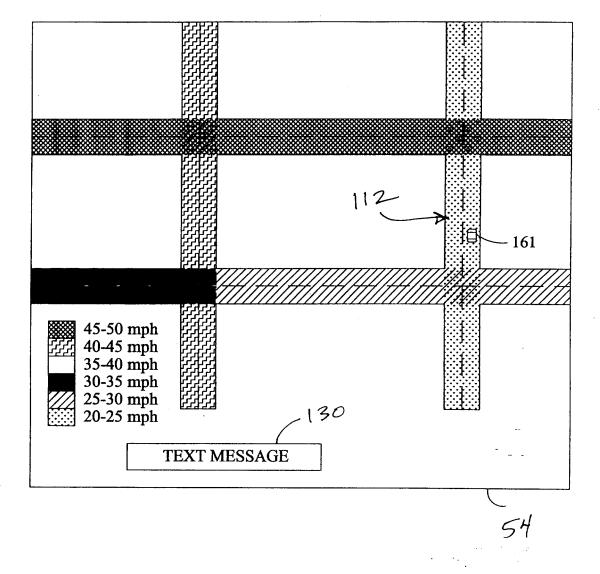


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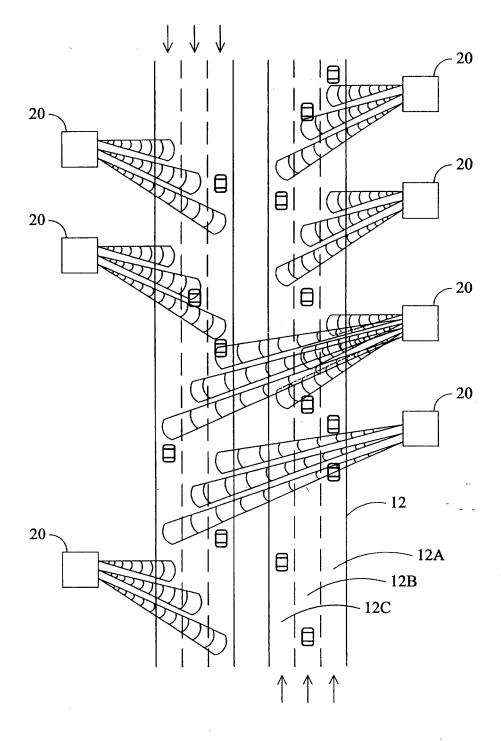


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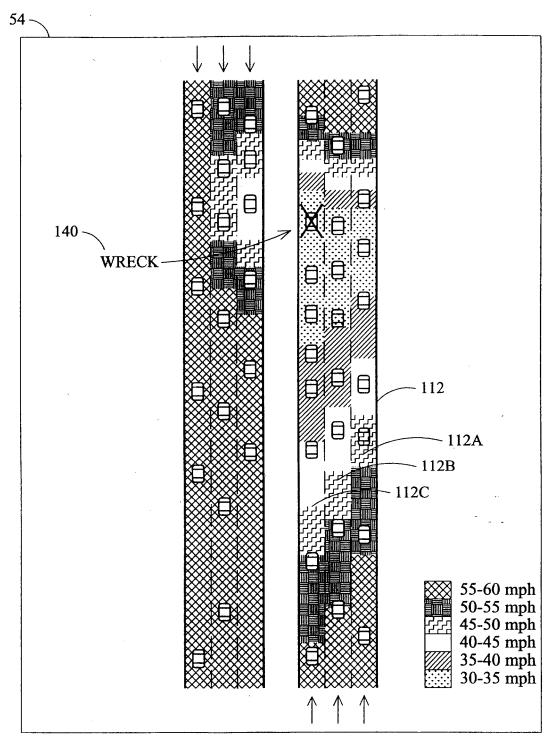
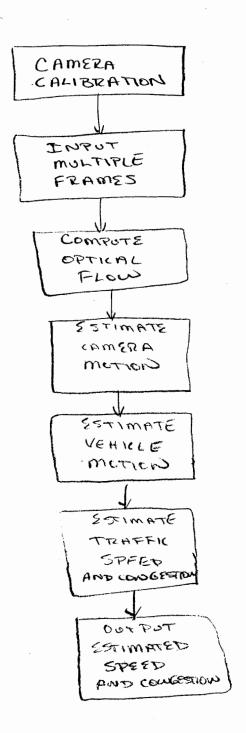
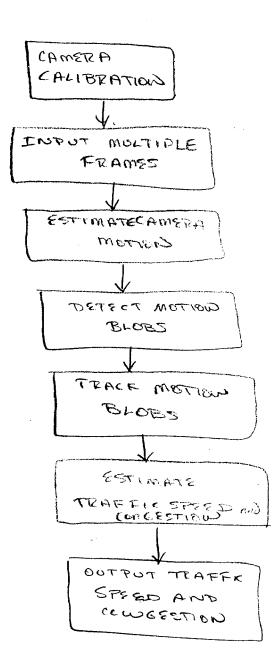


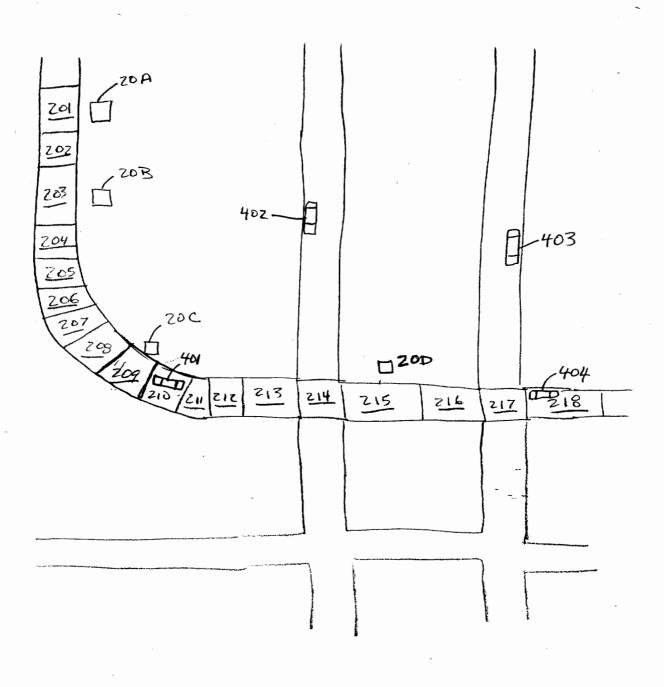
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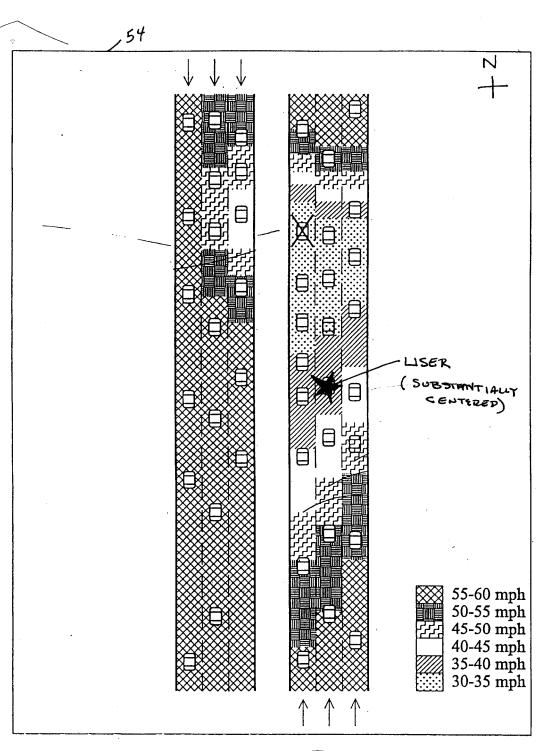


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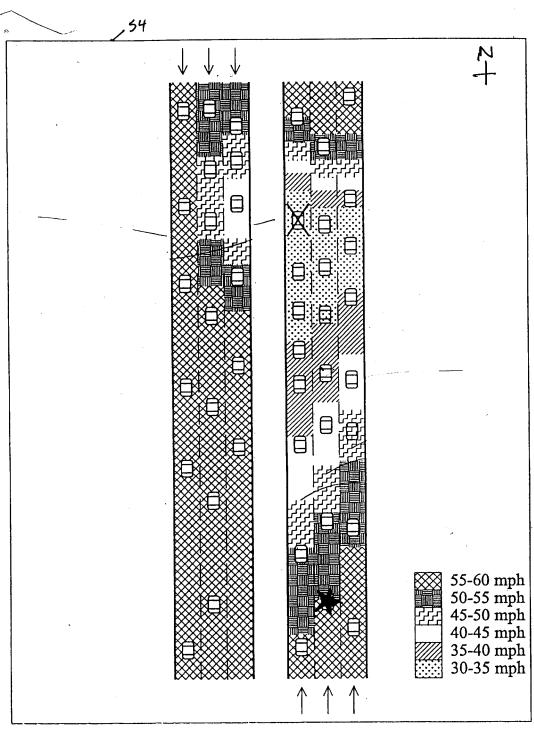
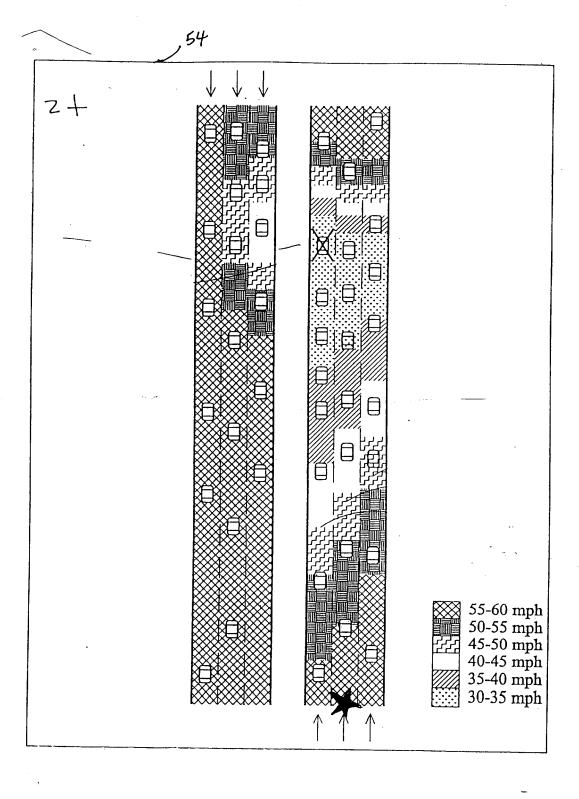
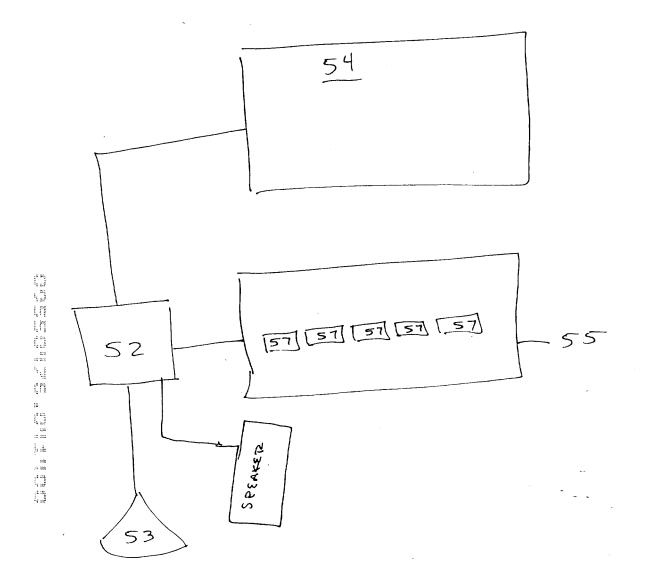


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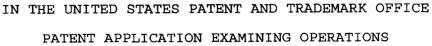
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-38 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

- 3. Claims 1, 7, 8, 11-13, 16, 19, 24-34, 37 and 38 are rejected under 35
- U.S.C. 102(2) as being anticipated by Fan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,959,577).

In regard to claim 1, Fan et al. disclose:

- in one embodiment, using a GPS receiver, position information of a mobile unit is determined from positioning signals received from GPS satellites and pseudo-ranges derived from the positioning signals. The GPS receiver triangulates the pseudo-ranges to obtain a measured position of the mobile unit. The measured position is then transmitted via a data network to a data processing station. (see col. 1 line 64-col. 2 line 4); which corresponds to part (a) of claim 1;
- a GPS receiver of the mobile unit receives a positioning signal which contains code sequences from GPS satellite constellation 8 and converts the code (see col. 3 lines 16-20); which correspond to part (b) of claim 1.

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- a data processing station 18 interconnected with said GPS satellite receiver 8 and said wireless network 10 (see Fig. 1); which correspond to part (c) of claim 1;

- a mobile unit 3 connected to a global positioning system receiver 8 (see Fig. 1), a mobile unit having a display (see Fig. 12), communicating device (see Fig. 1); which corresponds to step (d) of claim 1.
 - an authorized monitor unit may request for a specific area map by sending a request through the data network. Upon receiving a request, the data processing unit sends the area map to the monitor unit. Data processing station may also perform a database search for travel-related information, such as directions to a gasoline station (see abstract); Fan et al. also disclose in one embodiment, using a GPS receiver, position information of a mobile unit is determined from positioning signals received from GPS satellites and pseudo-ranges derived from the positioning signals. The GPS receiver triangulates the pseudo-ranges to obtain a measured position of the mobile unit. The measured position is then transmitted via a data network to a data processing station. The data processing station organizes the measured position and generates an area map which indicates by a position marker the position of each mobile unit. This area map is made available to one or more monitor units connected to the data network. A mobile unit may also send a request for a database search through the data network to the data

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processing station to obtain an area map or travel-related information (see col. 1 line 64-col. 2 line 24); Which corresponds to part (e) of claim 1.

In regard to claim 16, Fan et al. disclose that:

- one or more ground stations and many mobile units installed on the vehicles. In such a system, each mobile unit is equipped with a GPS receiver and a wireless transmitter. Using the GPS receiver, a mobile unit determines the position of the vehicle and then transmits the position directly to a ground station. The ground station receives the positions of all vehicles, and displays these positions on a digital map on a display device. The ground station of a conventional vehicle locating system normally also includes a map database search system, a media reader (e.g., a CD-ROM drive) and media (e.g., CD-ROMs) that store digital maps and travel-related information. Using the stored digital maps and positioning information received from the GPS satellites, the operator of the ground station can determine a present position for the vehicle (see col. 1 lines 26-40). Fan et al. also disclose identification code of said mobile user station and said transmitter transmitting said signal (see col. 4 lines 55-65); which corresponds to part (a) of claim 16.
- a GPS receiver of the mobile unit receives a positioning signal which contains code sequences from GPS satellite constellation 8 and converts the code (see col. 3 lines 16-20); which correspond to part (b) of claim 16.

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a data processing station 18 interconnected with said GPS satellite receiver 8 and said wireless network 10 (see Fig. 1); an authorized monitor unit may request for a specific area map by sending a request through the data network. Upon receiving a request, the data processing unit sends the area map to the monitor unit. Data processing station may also perform a database search for travel-related information, such as directions to a gasoline station (see abstract); Fan et al. also disclose in one embodiment, using a GPS receiver, position information of a mobile unit is determined from positioning signals received from GPS satellites and pseudo-ranges derived from the positioning signals. The GPS receiver triangulates the pseudo-ranges to obtain a measured position of the mobile unit. The measured position is then transmitted via a data network to a data processing station. The data processing station organizes the measured position and generates an area map which indicates by a position marker the position of each mobile unit. This area map is made available to one or more monitor units connected to the data network. A mobile unit may also send a request for a database search through the data network to the data processing station to obtain an area map or travel-related information (see col. 1 line 64-col. 2 line 24); Which corresponds to part (6) of claim 16.

In regard to claims 25, 26, and 34, Fan et al. disclose:

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- a plurality of mobile user stations, each mobile user station being associated
 with a display, a display, a global positioning system receiver and a
 communicating device to allow each of said mobile user stations to send sand
 receive signals (see col.1 lines 24-40);
- a data processing station 18 interconnected with said GPS satellite receiver 8 and said wireless network 10 (see Fig. 1); said computer being capable of sensing and receiving signals to and from said mobile user stations (see Fig. 1); which corresponds to part (b) of claim 25;
 - said computer system including a map database and a traffic information database, said traffic information database containing data representative of traffic at a plurality or locations (see col. 4 lines 41-54); which corresponds to part (c) of claim 25;
- at least one of said mobile user stations providing a request to said computer system for information together with a respective geographic location of said one of said mobile user stations, and in response thereto, said computer system providing to said one of said mobile user stations information representative of selected portions of said map database and selected portions of said traffic information database based on said respective geographic location of said one of said mobile user stations (see col. 1 line 64-col. 2 line 24);

Fan et al. also disclose that said map information is displayed together with traffic information (see Figs. 12 and 13).

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In regard to claims 7 and 8, Fan et al. disclose that at least one of said transmitters transmits directly to said receiver; at least one of said transmitters transmits to another traffic monitor (see Fig. 1 and col. 1 line 64-col. 2 line 24).

In regard to claims 11 and 30-32, Fan et al. disclose that the mobile unit provide latitude and longitude information to said computer system (see col. 3 lines 11-16 and col. 4 lines 55-65).

In regard to claim 12, Fan et al. disclose that said computer system selects said traffic information to provide to said mobile user station based on a signal received from said global positioning system receiver (see col. col. 1 line 64-col. 2 line 24).

In regard to claims 13, 19, 24, 27-29, 37 and 38, Fan et al. disclose that said computer system maintains a traffic information database containing data representative of traffic at a plurality of locations and updates said traffic information database in response to signals received from said mobile user station; they also disclose that the computer screens data providing by said mobile user stations to determine whether said data corresponds to actual traffic conditions (see col. 4 lines 41-65).

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In regard to claim 33, Fan et al. disclose that the internet can be used as data network 27 (Fig. 1), the necessary hardware and software for implementing a monitor unit are readily available. Most computers that have the ability to access the Internet, together with a standard web browser, can be used to access data processing station 18, to perform the functions of the monitor units. Since a monitor unit can receive a map from data processing station18, such as the map displayed on LCD 212 in Fig. 13, which can be displayed using conventional graphics software, the monitor is not required to be equipped with any special map software or a map database. Because the cost of communication on Internet is inexpensive, a vehicle monitoring system can be deployed in a world-wide basis at minimum cost. Which means that information is displayed as an information banner on said display.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 5. Claims 2-5, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20-23, 35 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,959,577) in view of Lappenbusch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,982,298).

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In regard to claims 2-4, 14, 17, 20-23, 35 and 36, although Fan et al. disclose a display (see Figs. 12 and 13), they do not specifically disclose that said traffic information transmitted by said computer system is displayed graphically on said display nor do they disclose that said traffic information is displayed together with a video image and a text message.

Lappenbusch et al. disclose that said traffic information transmitted by said computer system is displayed graphically on said display; they also disclose that said traffic information is displayed together with a video image and a text message (see Figs. 4-8; col. 1 lines 28-33; and col. 9 lines 37-50).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to utilize Lappenbusch et al.'s graphical display with Fan et al.'s travel information system because it would provide a vehicle monitoring system that can deployed on a world-wide basis at minimum cost since the cost of communication in the internet is inexpensive (see Lappenbusch et al. col.11 lines 13-33).

In regard to claims 5 and 18, Fan et al. disclose that in addition to computing the corrected measured position, data processing station 18 searches a database 32 and associated area map storage 63 to process the operator's query received in the outbound data package. Database 32 maintains such travel-related information as maps, traffic situation in a particular area, positions of service stations and destinations of interest. Storage for

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database 32 can be implemented using any mass storage media, such as hard disks, RAMs, ROMs, CD-ROMs, and magnetic tapes. For example, infrequently updated information (e.g., maps or destinations of interest) can be stored on CD-ROMs, while frequently updated information (e.g., current traffic conditions) can be stored on RAM. Database 32 is accessed by data processing unit 38 (see col. 4 lines 41-54). Fan et al. also disclose that said map information is displayed together with traffic information (see Figs. 12 and 13).

In regard to claims 9 and 10, Lappenbusch et al. disclose that at least one of said traffic monitors includes a video camera; at least said detector is a video camera (see Fig. 1).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to utilize Lappenbusch et al.'s camera with Fan et al.'s travel information system so that continuous images and live feeds conditions can be provided (see Lappenbusch et al. col.1 lines 15-18).

In regard to claims 15 and 21, Fan et al. disclose that said mobile user station has an input mechanism to select a mode in which traffic information graphically on said display (see Figs. 12 and 13).

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6. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,959,577) in view Akutsu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,374).

In regard to claim 6, although Fan et al. disclose GPS 8 to monitor vehicle movement, they do not specifically disclose that the GPS detect vehicular traffic speed.

Akutsu et al. disclose a vehicle traveling guidance system comprising: a plurality of data providing devices installed on a road, wherein each of said data providing devices includes a detector for detecting speed and pass time of a vehicle passing over the vicinity thereof (see col. 8 lines 30-35).

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to utilize Akutsu et al.'s detector with Fan et al.'s 's travel information system so that congestion prediction with high accuracy can be achieved by considering both speed and the pass time of a vehicle (see Akutsu et al. col. 7 lines 25-29).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marthe Y. Marc-Coleman whose telephone number is (703) 305-4970. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (5:30AM -3:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Cuchlinski can be reached on (703) 308-3873. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) Application/Control Number: 09/550,476

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305-7687 for regular communications and (703) 308-8623 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1111.

Patent Examiner

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for a three month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR §1.136 to respond to the Office Action therein dated January 22, 2001. The applicant is a large entity and, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.17(a)(3), a fee in the amount of \$\$445 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1550.

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AMENDMENT

July 19, 2001

To the Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 22, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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- 1. (Amended once) A system for providing traffic information to a plurality of mobile users connected to a network, comprising:
 - (a) a plurality of traffic monitors, each said traffic monitor comprising at least a detector and a transmitter, said detector providing a signal including data

- representative of vehicular movement and said transmitter transmitting said signals;
- (b) a receiver, remotely located from said transmitter, that receives said signals transmitted by said traffic monitors; and
- (c) a computer system interconnected with said receiver and said network;
- (d) a mobile user station connected to a global positioning system receiver, a display, and a communicating device; and
- (e) said computer system, in response to a request for traffic information from one of said mobile user stations, providing in response thereto to said one of said mobile user stations traffic information representative of said signals transmitted by said traffic monitors.
- 16. (Amended once) A system for providing traffic information to a plurality of mobile users connected to a network, comprising:
 - (a) a plurality of vehicles, each said vehicle comprising at least a mobile user station, a global positioning system receiver and a transmitter, said mobile user station providing a signal including data representative of a location of said mobile user station and at least one of a speed of said vehicle and an identification code of said mobile user station and said transmitter transmitting said signal;
 - (b) a receiver, remotely located from said transmitter that receives said signals transmitted by said user stations; and
 - (c) a computer system interconnected with said receiver and said network,
 said computer system, in response to a request for information from one of
 said mobile user stations, providing in response thereto to said one of said

mobile user stations information representative of said signals transmitted by said mobile user stations.

REMARKS:

Fan et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,959,577, disclose a system for processing position and travel related information through a data processing station on a data network. In particular, Fan et al. teach the use of a GPS receiver to obtain a measured position fix of a mobile unit. The measured position fix is reported to the data processing station which associates the reported position with a map of the area. Typically, the measured position of the mobile unit is marked and identified by a marker on the map. The area map is then stored in the data processing station and made available for access by authorized monitor units or mobile units. An authorized monitor unit may request a specific area map. This permits shipping companies to monitor the location of their fleet and permits the mobile units to identify their current location in relation to a map, which is particularly suited for the application of navigation to a particular destination. In addition, Fan et al. teach that the measured position data transmitted from the mobile units may be used to calculate the speeds at which the vehicles travel. The collective speed data from the mobile units is then available for use by the monitor units, such as those at the shipping company, to route the vehicles away from traffic congestions and diversions. In this manner, the dispatcher at the shipping company, to which Fan et al. teaches the data is available to, may use the collective speed data to decide which vehicles to contact in order to reroute them.

With respect to claim 1, the Examiner interprets part (a) to incorporate a GPS receiver and its associated transmitter (mobile unit 1 or 3), as shown in FIG. 1 of Fan et al. Also, the Examiner interprets part (b) to include the GPS receiver of the mobile unit (mobile unit 1 or 3), as shown in FIG. 1 of Fan et al. Further, the Examiner interprets part (d) to include the mobile unit (mobile unit 1 or 3), as shown in FIG. 1 of Fan et al. In essence, the Examiner seems to be suggesting that parts (a), (b), and (d) of claim 1 are the GPS receiver of the mobile unit and its associated transmitter.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to clarify that, in the currently claimed embodiments, the transmitter and the receiver are remotely located from one another.

As previously discussed, Fan et al. is directed to a system that obtain collective speed data from the mobile units that is then available for use by the shipping company to route its vehicles away from traffic congestions and diversions. In this manner a dispatcher at a shipping company (e.g., an authorized monitor unit) can decide which vehicles to contact in order to reroute them. There is no suggestion nor teaching in Fan et al. that this collective speed data from the mobile units is made available to the mobile user stations. In contrast, this information is made available to a dispatcher, who based upon this data, makes determinations regarding whether vehicles need to be contacted in order to reroute them.

Claim 1 patentably distinguishes over Fan et al. by claiming that the computer system, in response to a request for traffic information from on of the mobile user stations, provides in response thereto to the mobile user station traffic information representative of the signals transmitted by the traffic monitors.

Claim 16 patentably distinguishes over Fan et al. by claiming that the computer system, in response to a request for information from one of the mobile user stations, provides in response thereto to one of the mobile user stations information representative of the signals transmitted by the mobile user stations.

Claim 25 patentably distinguishes over Fan et al. by claiming that at least one of the mobile user stations providing a request to the computer system for information together with a respective geographic location of one of the mobile user stations, and in response thereto, the computer system providing to one of the mobile user stations information representative of selections portion of the map database and selected portions of the traffic information database based on the respective geographic location of tone of the mobile user stations, as claimed.

The applicant would further note that the Examiner makes reference to "an authorized monitor unit", which as taught by Fan et al. is a dispatcher at a shipping company. At no point does Fan et al. suggest that the authorized monitor unit for the speed data includes the mobile user stations. Further it is the dispatcher, who based on the collective speed data, then makes determinations regarding whether vehicles need to be contacted in order to reroute them.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the claims, in light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and to pass the claims to issue.

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APPENDIX

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(Amended once) A system for providing traffic information to a plurality of mobile users connected to a network, comprising:

(a) a plurality of traffic monitors, each said traffic monitor comprising at least a detector and a transmitter, said detector providing a signal including data representative of vehicular movement and said transmitter transmitting said signals;

(b) a receiver, remotely located from said transmitter, that receives said signals transmitted by said traffic monitors; and

(c) a computer system interconnected with said receiver and said network;

(d) a mobile user station connected to a global positioning system receiver, a display, and a communicating device; and

(e) said computer system, in response to a request for traffic information from one of said mobile user stations, providing in response thereto to said one of said mobile user stations traffic information representative of said signals transmitted by said traffic monitors.

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16: (Amended once) A system for providing traffic information to a plurality of mobile users connected to a network, comprising:

a plurality of vehicles, each said vehicle comprising at least a mobile user station, a global positioning system receiver and a transmitter, said mobile user station providing a signal including data representative of a location of said mobile user station and at least one of a speed of said vehicle and an identification code of said mobile user station and said transmitter transmitting said signal;

(b) a receiver, remotely located from said transmitter that receives said signals transmitted by said user stations; and

(c) a computer system interconnected with said receiver and said network, said computer system, in response to a request for information from one of said mobile user stations, providing in response thereto to said one of said mobile user stations information representative of said signals transmitted by said mobile user stations.

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