Passenger-Facing Technology Program The Digital Assistant, data and what's next

Rider Experience and Operations Committee 11/3/22



Why we are here

- Introduction to PFT Program
- The Digital Assistant
- Regional data hygiene and creation
- Regional trip planning
- Today we are here to provide information



Passenger-Facing Tech purpose

Improve passenger experience by investing in innovative solutions that remove real or perceived barriers to ridership and improve the dependability of information we provide passengers so they can make informed decisions that suit their mobility needs.



Work streams

- Digital Assistant
- Data
- Passenger Care
- Fare payment
- Innovation pilots



The Digital Assistant

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A single, accessible tool that incorporates

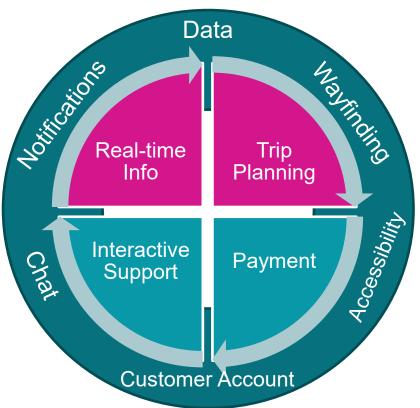
- Trip planning
- Real-time information
- Interactive support
- Fare payment





Project is underway

Vendor: IBI Amount: \$2 million Phased development





Scope by Phase

Phase 1

 Trip planner
 Mobile Apps
 (iOS, Android)
 Dynamic rerouting
 Profiles AI-Enabled
 Chatbot
 Interactive Voice
 Response

Phase 2

Phase 3

Fare Payment
 Integration (ORCA)
 GTFS Fares V2

Delivery NTP + 9 Months Delivery NTP + 16 Months Delivery NTP + 28 Months (dependent on ORCA APIs)



Accessibility and Equity

- Accessibility audit, testing
- Usability testing with passengers with disabilities
- Accessible walking/rolling instructions in trip plans
- Notification and updated walking/rolling instructions when vertical transportation options are unavailable
- Translation into 7 languages
- Touch screen/kiosk experience



Regional data hygiene and creation

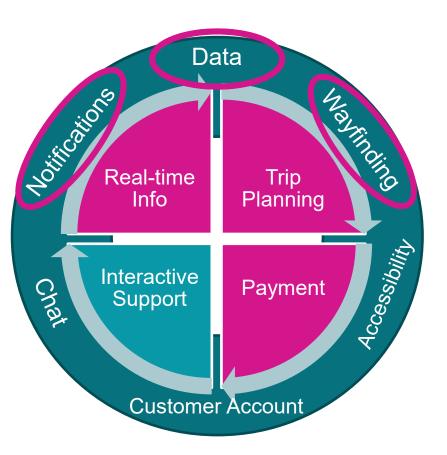
Regional data effort

Objective: Provide a positive planning and travel experience for riders who use tools provided by agencies and 3rd parties



Data Ecosystem

Supports trip planning, real-time information, wayfinding, payment





Next Steps: Business and technical alignment

- Establish governance structure
- Conduct research
- Create a work plan
- Execute

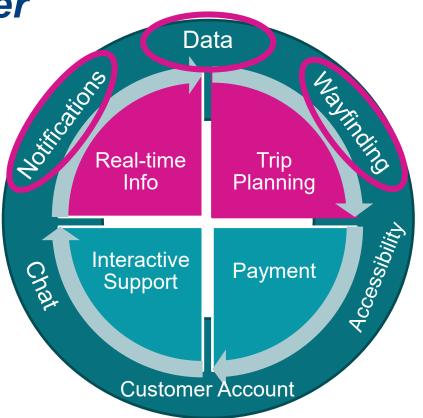




Regional trip planner

Why?

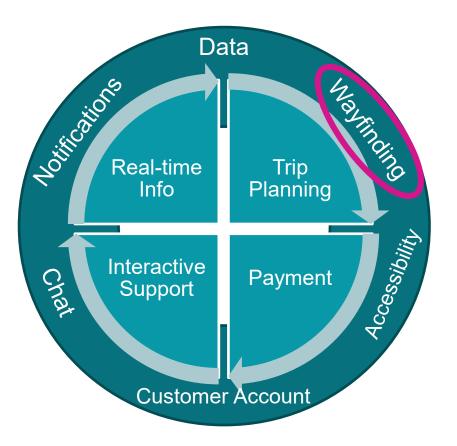
- Interconnected services
- Increasing rider needs
- Budgetary pressure
- Trust







Accessible navigation









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