COMMUTE WARRIOR ANDROID APPLICATION FOR ACTIVITY TRACKING

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INTRODUCTION

- Travel survey data
 - Traditionally done using travel diaries
 - New technology has led to more GPS data
- Longitudinal GPS travel data have a wealth of information
 - GPS devices can provide accurate and detailed spatial and temporal data
 - High-resolution GPS data are useful in studying travel behavior, driver behavior, safety, emissions, etc.

BACKGROUND

- Multiple studies show significant under-reporting for travel diary trips
- Commute Atlanta study diary vs GPS comparison
 - 29% of GPS vehicle trips were not reported in diaries
 - 5.9 trips/day/household (reported) vs. 8.4 (GPS)
 - Under-reporting of VMT by 22%
 - Under-reporting is not random
 - Short distance/duration, end-of-day, differences across demographics, etc.

TRAVEL DATA FROM GPS LOGGERS

- GPS data collection that require participant interaction will likely yield under-reporting
- 2013 study in UK and Australia with 19 participants, using GPS data loggers along with SenseCam (as ground truth) indicated that 21.5% of total trips were missed
- Passive travel data collection systems with minimal participant effort are needed

SMARTPHONE TRAVEL DATA COLLECTION SYSTEMS

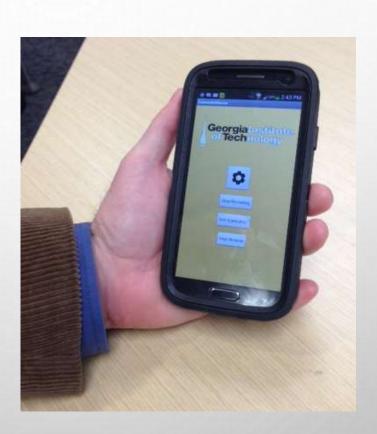
- Nielsen 2013 data
 - 64% of US cell phone users have a smartphone
 - 80% of all new phone purchases are smartphones
- Smartphones have in-built GPS chipsets, processing power, and communications essential for data collections
- Smartphones are carried almost all the time
- Battery consumption is always a concern

SMARTPHONE SYSTEM OBJECTIVES

- Minimal user interaction
- Battery saving mode
- Ability to protect privacy
- Real-time, high-resolution data
- User-review of trips with functions that allow interactive capabilities to support submission of more detailed data

COMMUTE WARRIOR ANDROID APPLICATION





COMMUTE WARRIOR

- Android App for personal cell phone tracking
- Monitors second-by-second phone location and speed
- Transmits real-time data to server via cellular
 - Settings for Wi-Fi only transmission if desired
- Integrates the functionality of previous vehicle monitoring systems, including travel diary reporting
- Runs in background with low battery power draw

COMMUTE WARRIOR HOME SCREEN

- App runs in background
- Always on
- Can stop recording at any time (via menu) for privacy
- Commute Warrior Widget
 - Shows status (running)
 - Shows data collection and transmission activity



COMMUTE WARRIOR LOGIN SCREEN

- Login required to record data, access data, view trips, and record travel diary data
- Account-Smartphone link



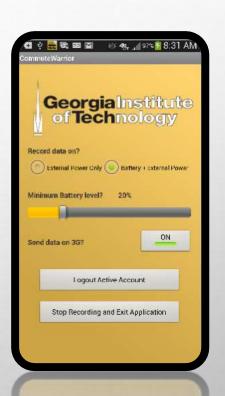
COMMUTE WARRIOR MAIN INTERFACE

- Settings Menu (gear icon)
- Travel Journal
- Stop Recording
- Hide Window
 - Runs in background
 - Automatically restarts



COMMUTE WARRIOR SETTINGS

- Power options
 - Run only on A/C
 - Run on A/C or battery
- Set maximum battery drain
- Data via cellular, or Wi-Fi only
- Logout
- Stop recording and exit



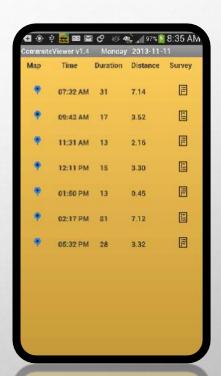
COMMUTE WARRIOR TRAVEL JOURNAL CALENDAR

- All days for which trip data were recorded appear in green
- Back/forward by month
- Dates link to trip journal



COMMUTE WARRIOR TRIP VIEWER AND DIARY INTERFACE

- Daily record of all trips
- Date/time, duration, distance
- Map icon for trip playback
- Survey icon for trip purpose
 - Purpose data via App



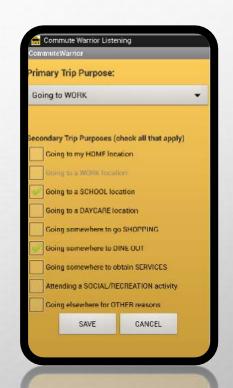
COMMUTE WARRIOR TRIP VIEWER

- For trip purpose recall
- Pan/zoom, center/autocenter, slider bar
- Green (start), red (end)
- Trip playback animation
 - Visualize trip speed and delays



COMMUTE WARRIOR TRAVEL DIARY CUSTOMIZABLE TRIP DATA ENTRY

- Primary trip purpose and secondary activities
- Purpose-only for App entry
- Web interface supports long form diary with more complex nested options such as business types, route information, passengers, etc.



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COMMUTE WARRIOR TRAVEL DIARY SURVEY REQUESTS

- Researchers can request that users complete travel diary entries for any desired dates
 - Special events
 - Interesting data event identified by analysts
- Server can be programmed to issue diary-day requests
 - Regular (e.g., Mondays)
 - Random (e.g., 7x/month)

ONGOING DEPLOYMENT EFFORTS

- Beta Testing: School of Civil and Environmental Engineering,
 Georgia Institute of Technology; target 40 participants
- Initial Field Deployment: target 80 participants
- Deployment Partners
 - Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA)
 - Xpress bus rider newsletter
 - GRTA blog site
 - State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA)

PARTICIPATION

- Anyone can participate
 - http://transportation.ce.gatech.edu/commutewarrior
- Contact us:
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SUMMARY

- App collects travel data with minimal interaction
- App has marginal impact on smartphone battery life
- App is efficient in collecting all modes of travel
- Since January 1, 2014
 - More than 4300 trips monitored
 - More than 10,000 miles monitored
- Commute Warrior Android App available
 - Beta testing system via Google Groups

FUTURE WORK

- On Google Play Store in March 2014
- Deploy 200 units in Spring 2014
 - 1000+ participants in Summer/Fall 2014
 - I-85 HOT lane commutershed
- Add travel mode to the App survey
- Add health measures functionality to the App
- iOS version of the app forthcoming in June 2014

QUESTIONS?

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