CLAIMS

1. A method for determining an indication of a plurality of sites included in a transportation system using a length of travel and a similarity, the method characterized by:

   (a) receiving a request comprising at least one place included in the transportation system ;

   (b) determining at least two isochrone sites included in the plurality of sites , wherein a length of travel within the transportation system between each isochrone site and the at least one place is included in a range;

   (c) determining the indication using steps comprising one of:

      i. determining a plurality of similar sites included in the at least two isochrone sites , and determining the indication of the plurality of similar sites , or

      ii. selecting at least one first site that is not similar to at least one second site , both included in the at least two isochrone sites , and determining the indication of the at least one first site and the at least one second site ; and

   (d) responding to the request with the indication .

2. A method for determining an overview of a plurality of sites included in a transportation system using a length of travel and a quantity, the method characterized by:

   (a) receiving a request comprising at least one place included in the transportation system ;

   (b) computing a sequence of two or more sites included in the plurality of sites , wherein

      i. for a first site and a second site included in the sequence , a length of travel within the transportation system between the first site and the at least one place is at least a range apart from a length of travel within the transportation system between the second site and the at least one place , and

      ii. a quantity associated with a third site included in the sequence is at most a quantity associated with a fourth site included in the plurality of sites , whenever a

length of travel within the transportation system between the fourth site and the at least one place is in a neighborhood of a length of travel within the transportation system between the third site and the at least one place ;

(c) determining the overview that includes an indication of the sequence ; and

(d) responding to the request with the overview .

3. A method for determining an indication of at least two alternatives included in a plurality of points of interest included in a transportation system , the method characterized by:

(a) receiving a request comprising a site included in the transportation system ;

(b) determining the at least two alternatives ,

wherein a length of travel within the transportation system between each alternative and the site is within a threshold of shortest;

(c) determining an indication of the at least two alternatives that is non-singular and is not a description of travel; and

(d) responding to the request with the indication .

4. A method for determining an indication of at least two sites included in a transportation system using an estimated length of travel and a length of travel, the method characterized by:

(a) receiving a request comprising at least one place included in the transportation system ;

(b) determining at least two estimated lengths of travel , including an estimated length of travel within the transportation system between each site included in the at least two sites and the at least one place ;

(c) selecting one or more sites included in the at least two sites using the at least two estimated lengths of travel ,

wherein a number of the one or more sites is at most a predetermined bound;

(d) determining at least one length of travel , including a length of travel within the transportation system between each site included in the one or more sites and the at least one place ;

(e) determining the indication of the one or more sites using the at least one length of travel ; and

(f) responding to the request with the indication .

5. A device for navigating an overview of a plurality of sites included in a transportation system using a length of travel, the device characterized by :

(a) receiving a request comprising at least one place included in the transportation system ;

(b) computing a sequence of at least one cluster of sites included in the plurality of sites , using a length of travel within the transportation system between a site and the at least one place ;

(c) determining the overview that includes an indication of the sequence , and displaying the overview on the device ;

(d) determining at least one second level site included in the plurality of sites ,

wherein a length of travel within the transportation system between each second level site and the at least one place :

i. is less than:

a length of travel within the transportation system between a cluster included in the sequence and the at least one place ,

ii. is at least:

a length of travel within the transportation system between a cluster included in the sequence and the at least one place , or

iii. is between:

a length of travel within the transportation system between a cluster included in the sequence and the at least one place ,

and

a length of travel within the transportation system between a next cluster included in the sequence and the at least one place ; and

(e) navigating the overview by:

i. receiving from a user an interaction with a User Interface element on the device , and

ii. responding to the interaction by:

displaying a second indication of the at least one second level site on the device , or

hiding the second indication from the device .