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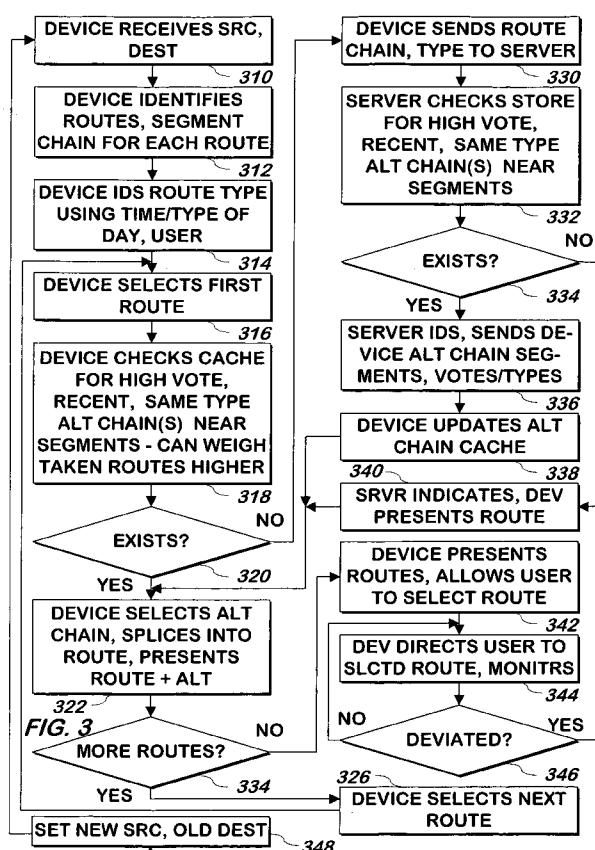
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(54) Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SHARING USER-IDENTIFIED ROUTES



(57) Abstract: A system and method splices into, or replaces routes identified based on road geometry with routes taken by the same user or other users to create alternate routes that may be selected by a user to display, for example, on a map or for which driving directions can be displayed. Communication of routes traveled by different devices may be received from a server or from another device. A naming convention for road segments and ordered paths of road segments is described.



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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Claims 1-27 drawn to the technical feature for providing a route to a user.

Claims 28-48 drawn to the technical feature for identifying road segments most heavily used by a plurality of users for at least one reason.

Since the above mentioned groups of claims do not share any of the technical features identified, a technically special relationship between the inventions does not exist. Accordingly the claims do not relate to one invention or to a single inventive concept, a priori.

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