

Route Choices

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INTRODUCTION

One way that metro conducts transportation forecasts is by asking and researching this question: What is behind people's route choices? In this podcast we will be exploring the topic of route choice.

ROUTE CHOICES

TROY: (singing) Driving my van! Hey, what's this sticking out of my ash tray? A lottery ticket? From a month ago? Oh wow, all the little pictures are bulging sacks of money! It expires today! I got to cash this in now!

GPS: Please enter a destination.

TROY: Get me to the nearest convenience store.

GPS: There are three possible routes.

TROY: I must get there fast.

GPS: Option one, the road past Happy the Clown's House. Option two, through the swamp of depression or option three, over the troll bridge.

TROY: Can you outline those routes?

GPS: Option one is very dangerous but it is the fastest. Option two will make you depressed. Option three, the troll will repeatedly say fail but he won't kill you.

TROY: I will take option one!

(Tire screech)

GPS: That is a living room, not a legal road. Execute a U-turn.

MAN: HEY! Get out of my house, and take your car with you! I'm calling the cops!

TROY: Uh oh.

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TROY: I have my GPS! You'll never take me alive!

GPS: Unhand me.

TROY: No. Now which way to the convenience store?

GPS: It's right behind you, man.

TROY: Oh.

(Running footsteps)

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TROY: I'm inside finally!!!!

STORE CLERK: Welcome to the convenience store. Get your junk and get out. Can I interest you in a tabloid?

TROY: I'm here to cash in my lottery.

STORE CLERK: Whoops, I dropped it in the slurpee machine sorry. Now if you'd maybe buy something I could fish it out....

TROY: RAHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!