

Google Maps will now direct drivers along more eco-friendly routes

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Google Maps is to begin showing drivers more eco-friendly routes as part of efforts to cut carbon footprints.

The navigation feature in the mapping app will calculate fuel consumption based on factors such as road incline and congestion to help users reduce the environmental impact of a journey.

Google said the feature will default to the eco-friendly route when it offers roughly the same arrival time as the fastest route, but even when it is significantly slower the navigation will also show the eco-friendly route so users can choose. (...)

'From Amsterdam to Jakarta, cities around the world have established low emission zones – areas that restrict polluting vehicles like certain diesel cars or cars with specific emissions stickers – to help keep the air clean,' Google said in a blog post. 'To support these efforts, we're working on alerts to help drivers better understand when they'll be navigating through one of these zones. (...)'

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Questions:

- 1. What did Google Maps do to improve its application?
- 2. According to you, how will New Technologies change cities in the future?