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State announces smart phone app that shows current travel times for I-93

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State officials this week announced the launch of a new smart phone application that provides current travel times for Interstate 93. And, officials said they plan for the app to eventually provide traffic updates for other Massachusetts highways.

The Real Time Travel App, or "RTTM", displays travel times for I-93 that are color-coded by speeds, officials said. The app allows users to select specified routes along the busy highway and also includes a detailed map view of each route that shows the current travel time and speed.

Developed by Boston-based company KCUS Inc., the app uses the same information displayed on travel time message boards installed along I-93 earlier this year. State officials said they plan for the app to eventually expand to include other Massachusetts highways and to also include more interactive features.

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“By bus, train, subway, and now along our busiest highway corridor, we are tapping into the power of smart phone technology to provide customers with the answer to the most basic question- how long will it take to reach my destination?,” state transportation department Secretary Richard A. Davey said in a statement. “This partnership with KCUS, Inc. will help commuters make informed decisions about choosing the best routes and planning a trip.”

The app is available for both iPhone and Windows Phone platforms, officials said. An Android version is being developed.

An RTTM real time travel map with color-coded speed and travel time displays is now also available on the MassDOT website, [here](#).

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