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## **“Dude, Where’s my Bus?”**

### **Why open transport data matters to people**

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# Dude, where's my bus?



- What are my options?
  - Different routes + route combinations
  - Express / stopping services
  
- How long is it actually going to take?
  - Door-to-door journey time
  - Relative to other modes
  
- How much does it really cost?
  - Cheapest / fastest / relative to other modes

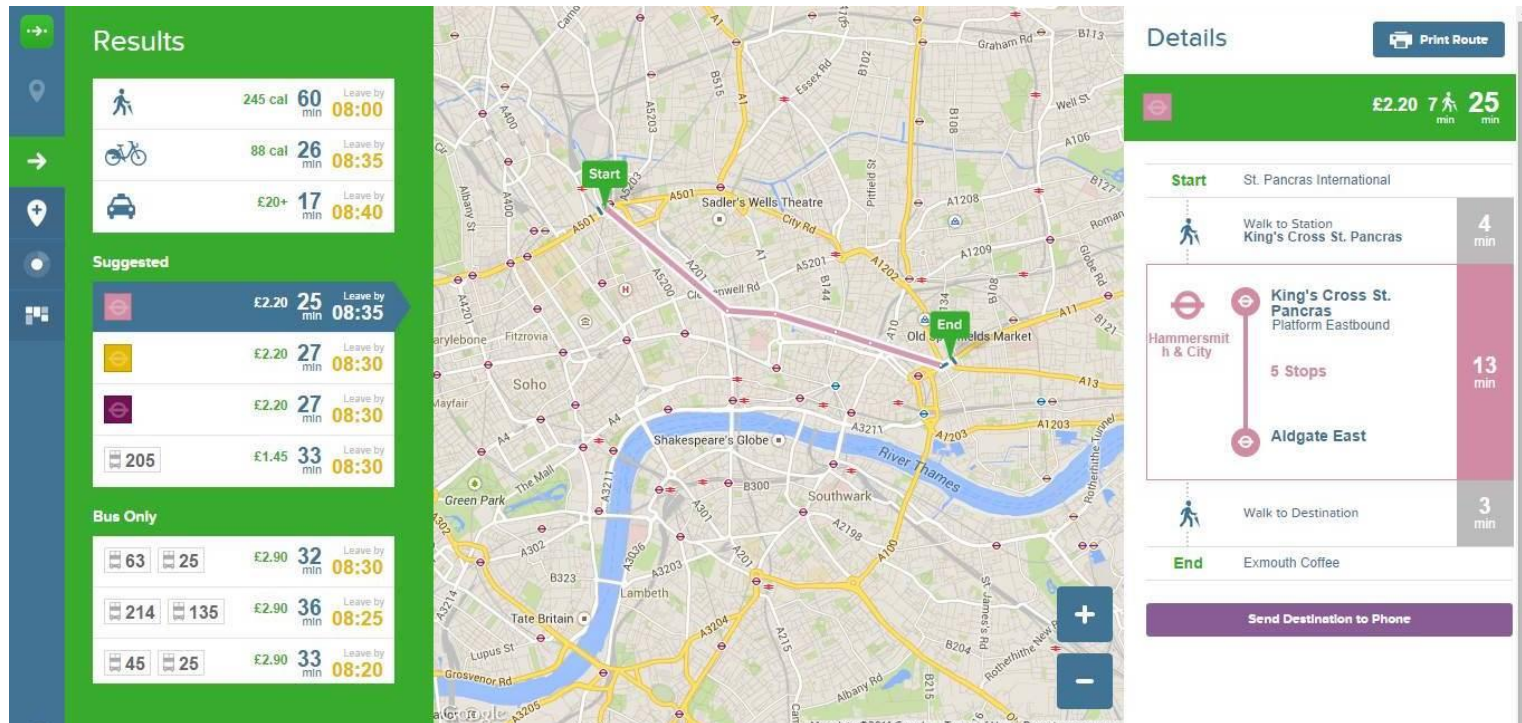


# Not just bus maps



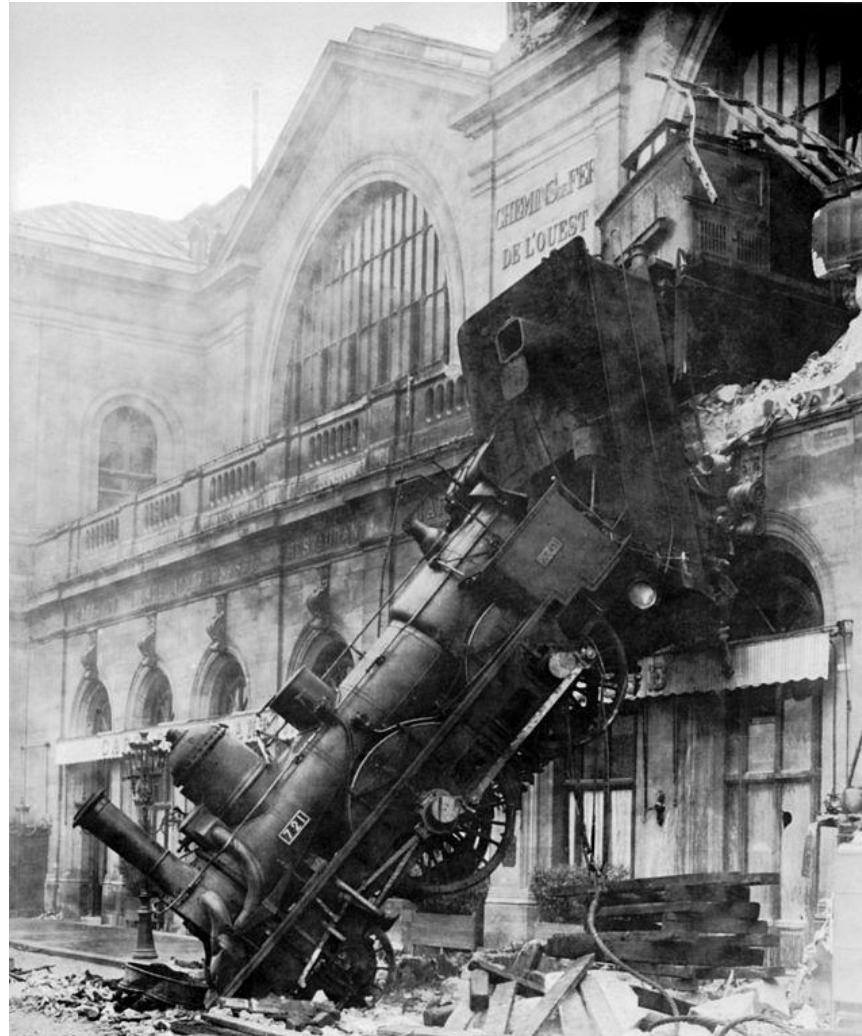
# Something more intelligent

- 'Life support' for individuals
  - Better informed decision-making
  - Reduced need for human intelligence & research





# Transport can go wrong...



# ...and nobody likes waiting





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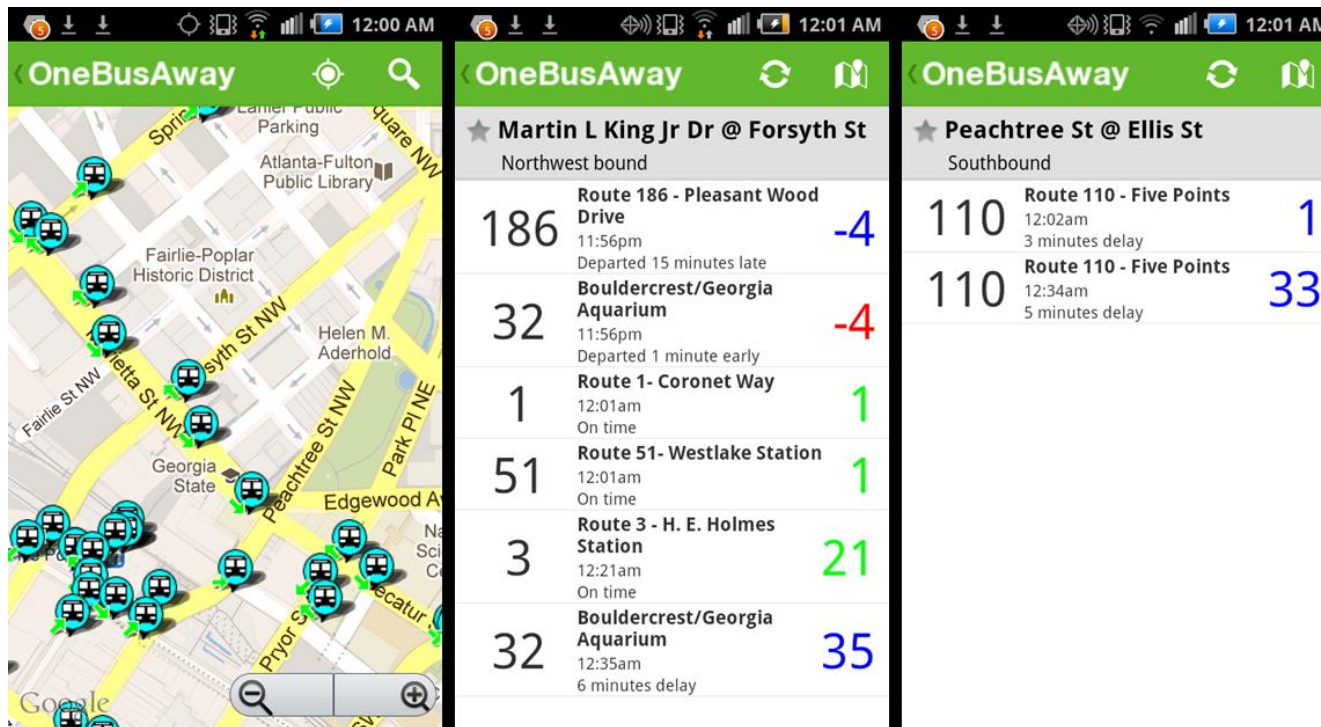


# So, give users updates..



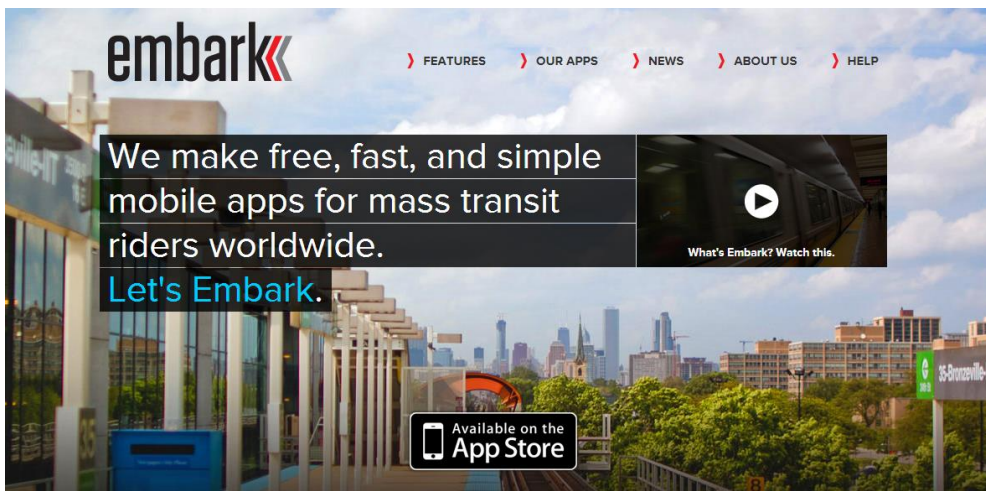
## Real-time info on-the-move

- Supported by open data feeds (GTFS RT)
- Often a secondary use of existing technology (AVL)



# ... and make sure it's free

- You can, because everyone else is!
  - (All they need is your Open Data)





# Open Data can help!

- Open Data = low-cost raw material
  - Essential foundation for reliable information services
  - Cost in maintaining underlying data feeds
- Reduce costs of transport info provision
  - Outsourcing information provision to third parties
  - Open data usually brings vendor neutrality
- Innovation from private sector/third parties
  - Localise transport info services by establishing local partners

# Any questions?

## Please get in touch...

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