

Waze Announces Global Rollout of Railroad Crossing Alerts

New feature alerts drivers when approaching a railroad crossing, making drives safer for Waze users, globally.

Mountain View, CA - August 12, 2020 - Waze, the platform bringing together communities on and off the road, today announced a new feature that will provide alerts to users approaching a railroad crossing. We are [seeing](#) Waze users make a significant return to the road following the COVID-19 outbreak. This feature is unique to Waze and puts drivers' safety first, helping them return to the roads by highlighting the potential risks associated with driving over railroad crossings.

The decision to add railroad crossing alerts to the Waze map follows recommendations from both the US senate and the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to app-based navigation platforms like Waze that doing so can help contribute to the efforts to reduce the number of drivers involved in railroad crossing fatalities. The US Federal Railroad Administration also championed this feature and provided valuable insights as Waze used their publicly available database of US railroad crossings. The feature was advocated for by major rail network operators and other organizations, including MTA Long Island Rail Road, Amtrak, SEPTA, Brightline, Operation Lifesaver Canada, the Railway Association of Canada, CN, SNCF, the Regulatory Agency of Rail Transport of Mexico (ARTF) and the Secretary of Communications and Transportation of Mexico. These organizations have provided the vital data (verified by the Waze volunteer community of map editors) to add railroad crossings to the Waze map in the US, Canada, Mexico and France, and local Waze map editors have taken the initiative to incorporate crossings to the map in the UK, Italy, Israel, Brazil, Colombia, Belgium, Poland, Hungary, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, New Zealand, Netherlands and Ireland.

The new feature will automatically alert drivers using the latest version of Waze on Android or iOS that they are approaching a railroad crossing. A banner will appear on the Waze app highlighting the crossing and encouraging the driver to approach with caution.

"The Railroad Crossing feature is a result of a cross-industry, cross-sector collaboration, both internally within Waze and the community, working together to help fellow drivers map out all highway-railroad intersections," said Dani Simons, Head of Public Sector Partnerships, Waze. "This feature exemplifies Waze's commitment to building for its Driving app, being the first to implement features and emphasizes our focus on safety."

The addition of this feature on Waze has received support from rail network operators globally.

"At CN, the safety of our employees and communities is a core value," said Doug MacDonald, Senior Vice-President, Information and Technology. "By joining forces with Waze, Operation Lifesaver Canada and our industry peers, we have taken another important step towards technology innovation by embedding a rail crossing location feature to improve driver safety and awareness. With Waze rail crossing alerts, drivers will receive a warning that they are near a rail crossing – which will help the driver be attentive to speed and better acknowledge oncoming trains. At the end of the day, our goal is for everyone to arrive home safely."

This feature is available on Android and iOS. For more information visit [Waze.com](https://www.waze.com).

About Waze

Waze is where people and technology meet to solve transportation challenges. It's a platform that empowers communities to contribute road data, edit Waze maps, and carpool to improve the way we move about the world. Thanks to Wazers everywhere, Waze is able to partner with municipalities and transit authorities to reduce traffic and congestion—leveraging current infrastructure while impacting city planning.

A world with better transportation doesn't have to be in the distant future. By harnessing the power of community to reverse negative trends in transportation, Waze can create a world where traffic is history.