



Example 55 **Talking Sign System RNIB React to Move More Savely and Easily**
 City (country) **Portsmouth (UK)**
 Similar service in Birmingham (UK), Brighton (UK), Trieste (Italy), Vilnius (Lithuania)

good practice for people with ...	kind of vehicle	kind of measure/approach
... visual impairment	city bus regional bus tram underground local train long-distance train	engineering/technology approach financial support measure

Project description

RNIB (Royal National Institute for the Blind) React is a high technology solution offering a talking sign system to help people with visual impairments move more safely and easily in society. It can be used in train and bus stations but is not limited to any specific public transport system.

As in other talking sign systems the disabled person carries a small device from which it is possible to activate an audio message. The message can contain information about their current position and how to orientate in the surroundings and may also provide real-time information like delays in public transport vehicles. The system supports people with visual impairments in different languages. The administrator of the system can change the settings on the device via a Bluetooth connection from his PDA so that it is not necessary to hand in the device for updates.

RNIB is a charity organisation that works solely with visually impaired people, so it can be assumed that its members have a good idea of the problems these people face and develop their products in such a way as to tackle these problems.

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