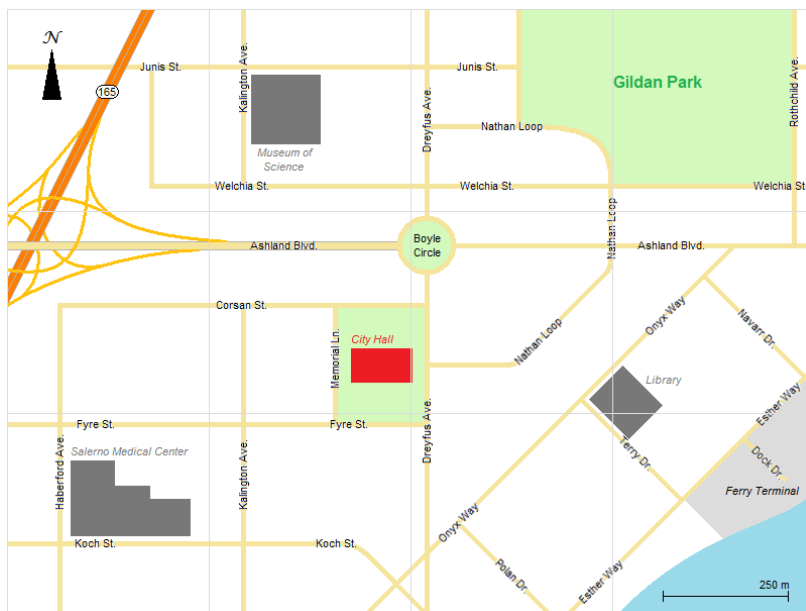


Solution to Turn-by-turn Directions

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This is a relatively straightforward puzzle. The pieces of the GPS image are already in their correct positions, albeit the wrong orientations. If you rotate the pieces to their correct orientations, you'll get the following map:



The flavor text tells you that the car just got off Highway 165, putting it on Ashland Blvd. going eastbound. The title of the puzzle gives a hint as to what to do to find out what happened to the car. "Turn-by-turn directions" alludes to the fact that the rotation of each piece in the original image indicates a turn on the map. A piece that is rotated 90° to the right indicates a right turn; rotated 90° to the left indicates a left turn. A piece that's already in the correct orientation indicates that the car kept going straight at the intersection. (There are no pieces that are rotated 180°.)

Reading the rotations of the pieces from left-to-right top-to-bottom, you get the following directions:

1. Right From Ashland Blvd., make a right onto Boyle Circle.
2. Straight Keep going straight on Boyle Circle past Dreyfus Ave.
3. Right From Boyle Circle, make a right onto Ashland Blvd.
4. Right From Ashland Blvd., make a right onto Nathan Loop.
5. Left From Nathan Loop., make a left onto Dreyfus Ave.
6. Straight Keep going straight on Dreyfus Ave. past Fyre St.
7. Left From Dreyfus Ave., make a left onto Onyx Way.
8. Straight Keep going straight on Onyx Way past Polan Dr.
9. Straight Keep going straight on Onyx Way past Terry Dr.
10. Right From Onyx Way, make a right onto Navarr Dr.
11. Right From Navarr Dr., make a right onto Esther Way.
12. Left From Esther Way, make a left onto Dock Dr.

You find that the car arrived at the Ferry Terminal, but the flavor text hints that it's all about the *journey* rather than the destination. So to find the answer, look at the names of all the streets that were traversed in the order that they were traversed and take the initial letter of each one: **A**shland, **B**oyle, **A**shland, **N**athan, **D**reyfus, **O**nyx, **N**avarr, **E**sther, **D**ock.

This yields the answer: **ABANDONED**.