Apple Maps is getting Google and Waze-like accident reporting

Apple is bringing accident, hazard, and speed check reporting to Apple Maps. The feature is currently only available to users with the iOS 14.5 beta, and is similar to user-reporting features found in Waze and Google Maps.

When you're using the feature, you (or preferably a passenger) can press a new Report button in the bottom tray, and select what type of incident or hazard you're reporting. You can even do this using Siri: I was also able to say "there's a speed trap here" or "there's something on the road." *MacRumors* shows that the interface is available on the CarPlay version of Maps, too.

Apple Maps will give you a confirmation that your report has been submitted.
Screenshot: The Verge

This user-centric reporting feature is now something that all the major maps app either have, or have in development. While this feature was popularized with Waze, it's been available in Google Maps since April of 2019, so Apple is playing catch-up here (like it's also trying to do by adding user-generated photos and reviews to Maps). It is worth noting, though, that Apple's version has way fewer options as of today — Google's, shown below, is much more in-depth.

Google's report interface has more options for hazard/incident types.

Screenshot: The Verge

There is one strange thing to point out with Apple’s version, and it has nothing to do with the fact that the feature is in beta. You may have noticed in the Google Maps screenshot that Apple’s and Google’s icons for accidents and speed traps look *very* similar. Here are Apple’s again for comparison:

These are Apple’s icons. See the similarities?
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