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#### (54) BUSINESS METHODS FOR NOTIFICATION **SYSTEMS**

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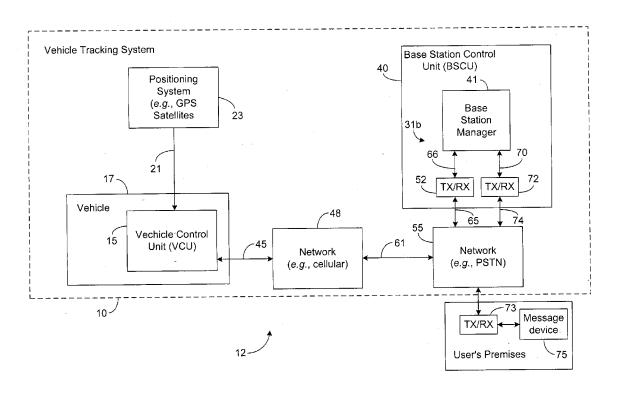
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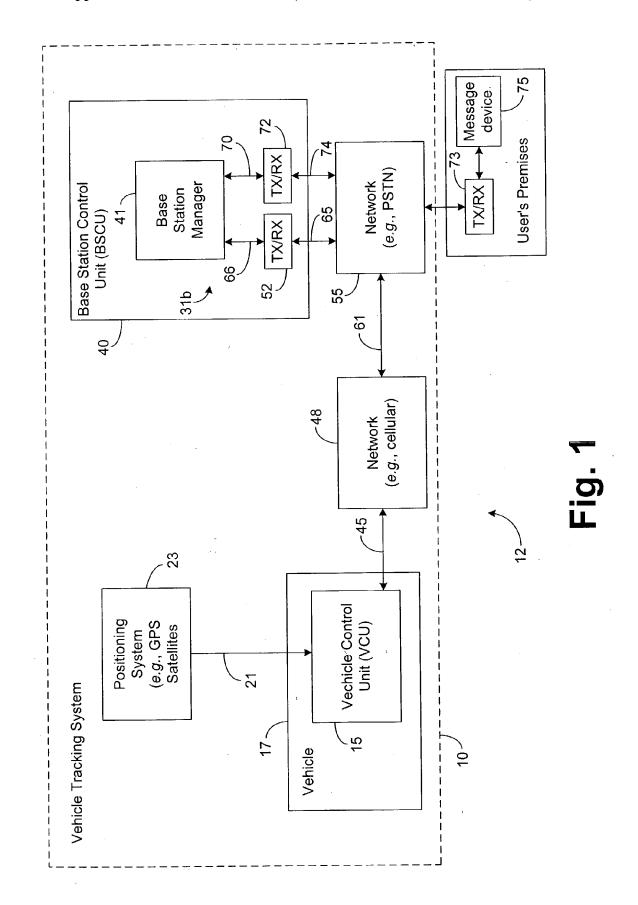
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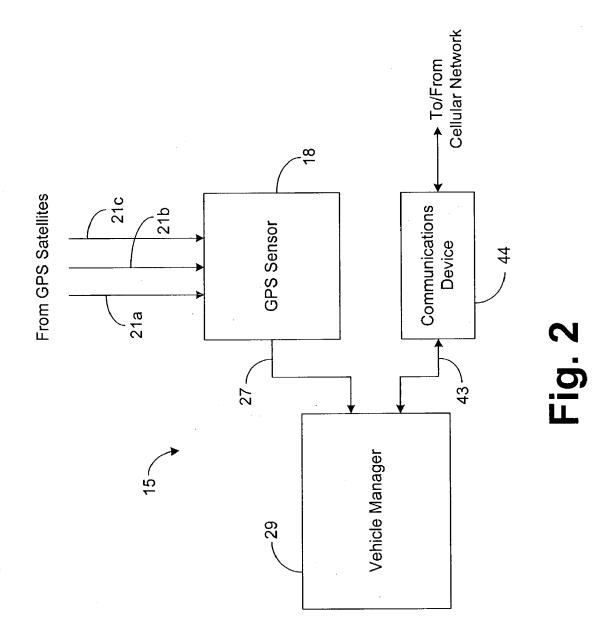
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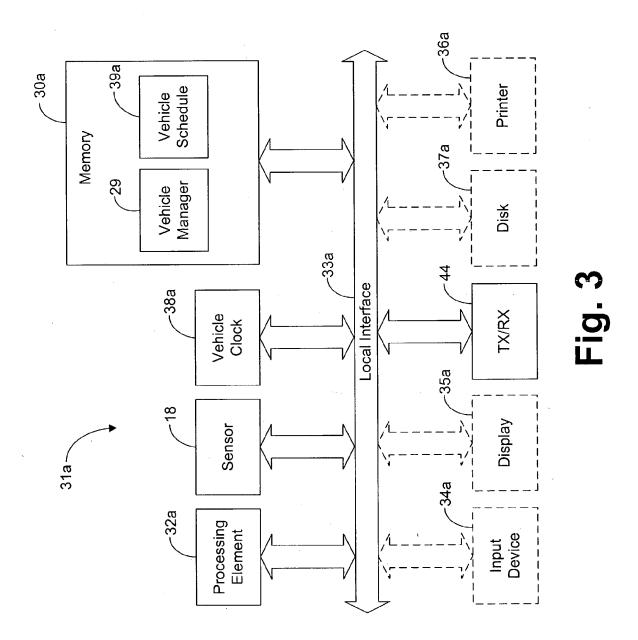
Business methods for notification systems are provided. One such method, among others, can be summarized by the following steps: offering to a user a notification service regarding status of travel of a movable thing relative to a location; charging a fee to the user in exchange for the notification service; in accordance with the notification service: (a) enabling the user to define at least two communications methods for receiving notifications relating to travel of a mobile thing; (b) enabling the user to define one or more criteria when each of the communications methods should be used as opposed to the one or more others; (c) monitoring travel data associated with the movable thing; and (d) providing a notification to the user using at least one of the communications methods based upon a particular proximity of the movable thing to the location and the one or more criteria.

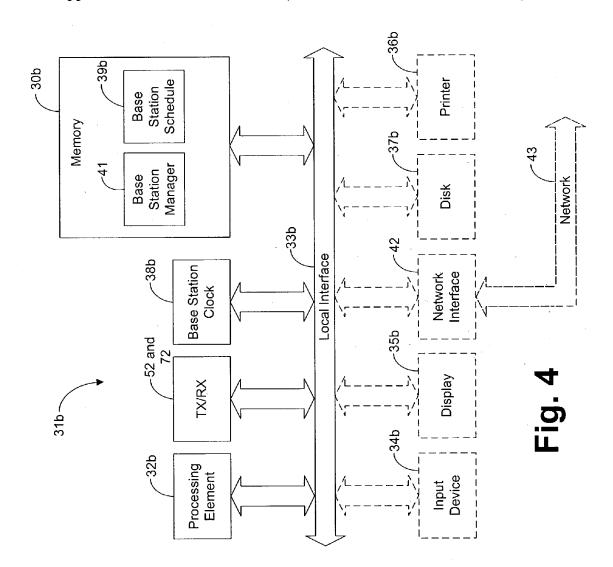












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