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[54] **VEHICULAR NAVIGATION SYSTEM**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

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A vehicular navigation system includes a central control unit which determines when a present position deviates from a searched route along which guidance is being provided from a starting point to a destination and determines whether or not the detected deviating present position is on a guidable road prior to re-searching the route and providing guidance based upon the re-searched route. A guidable road is a road upon which the navigation system contains sufficient map information and guide information for the navigation system to search a route and provide guidance. Additionally, system determines whether the vehicle has traveled a predetermined distance after re-search of the route prior to providing travel guidance based upon the re-searched route. Otherwise travel guidance continues to be provided based upon the previously searched route. A driver, after making a short deviation, may thus return to the previous route without travel guidance being interrupted by a re-searched route.

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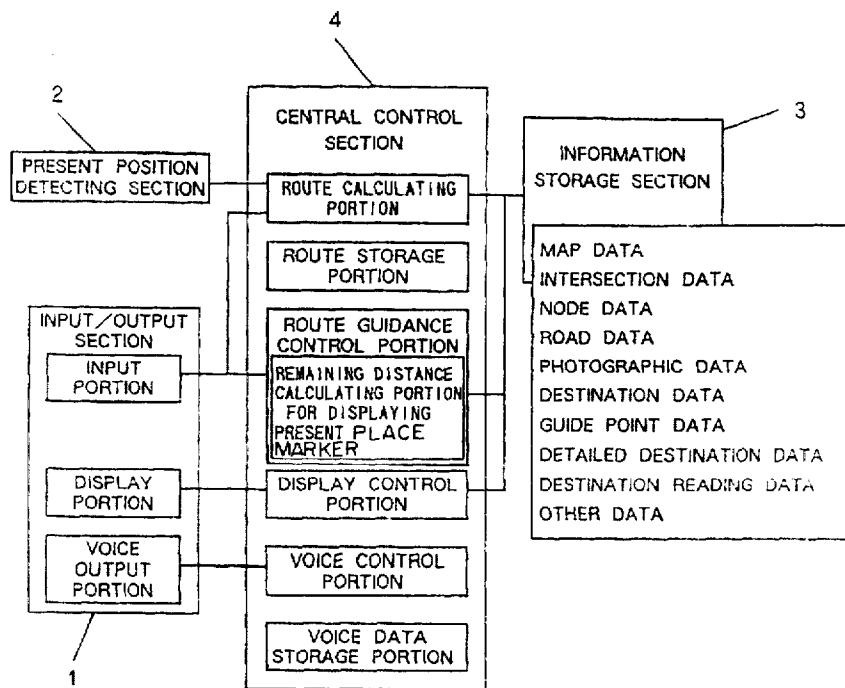
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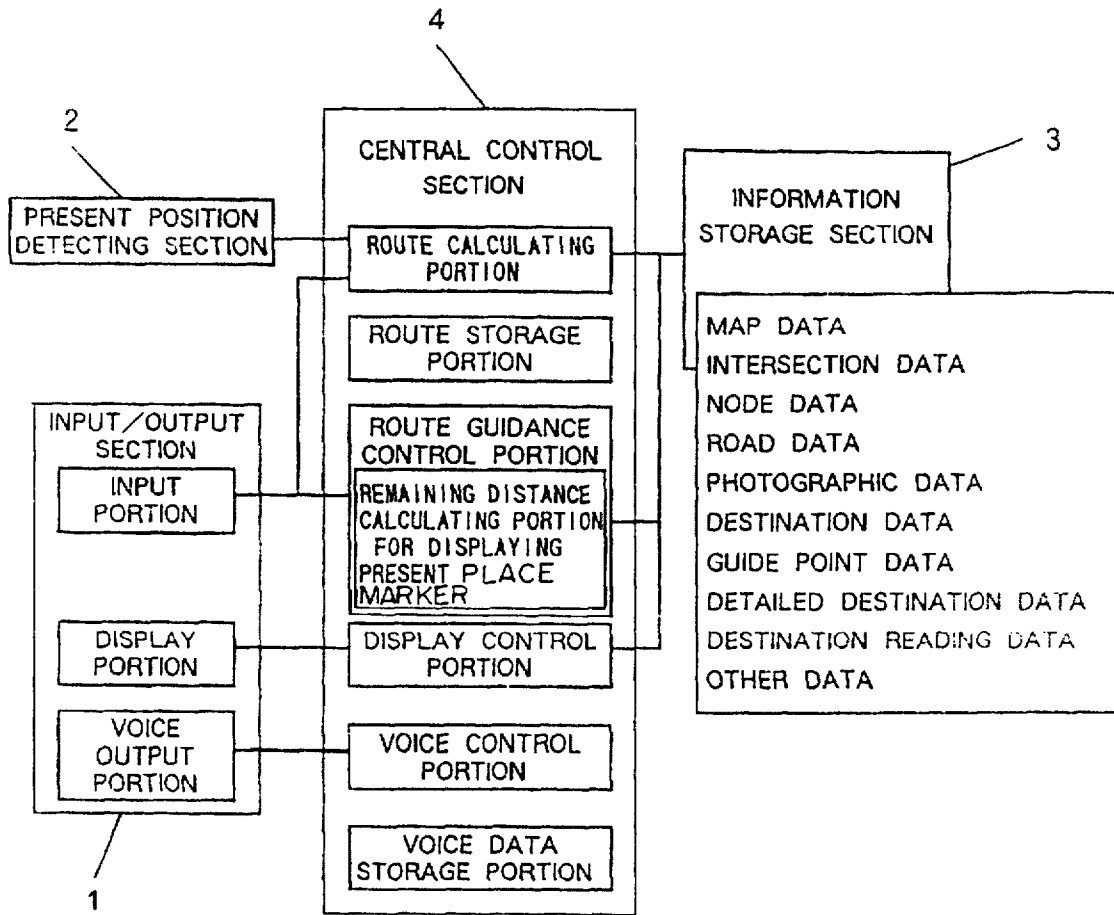


Fig. 1

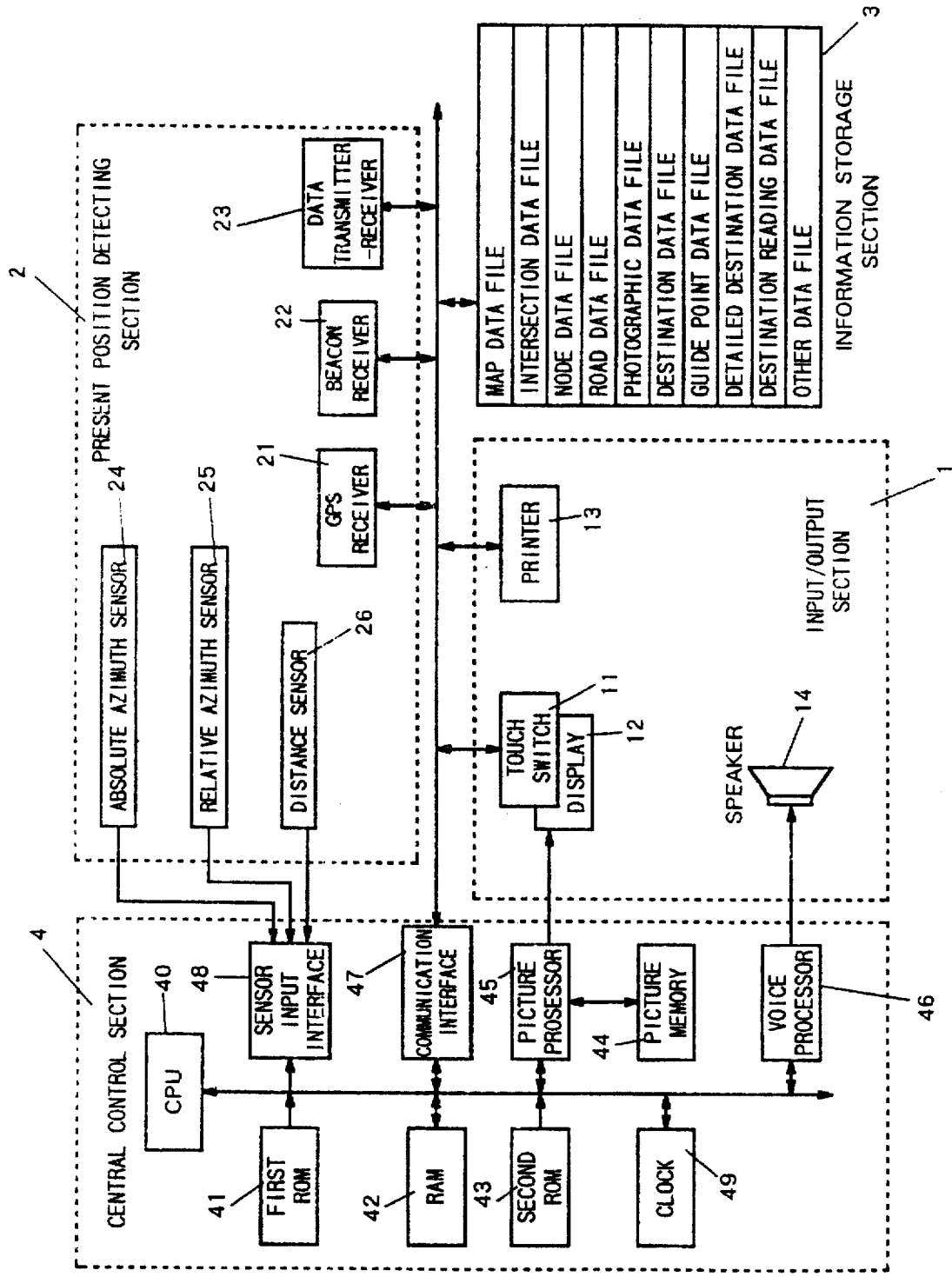


Fig. 2

Fig.3

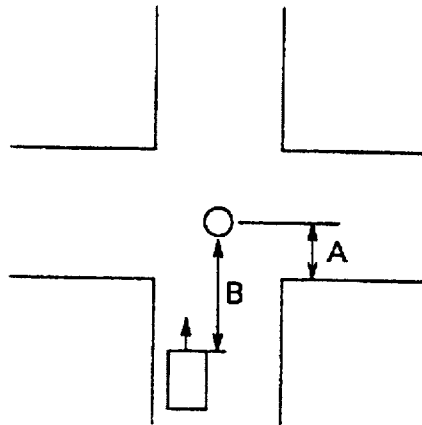


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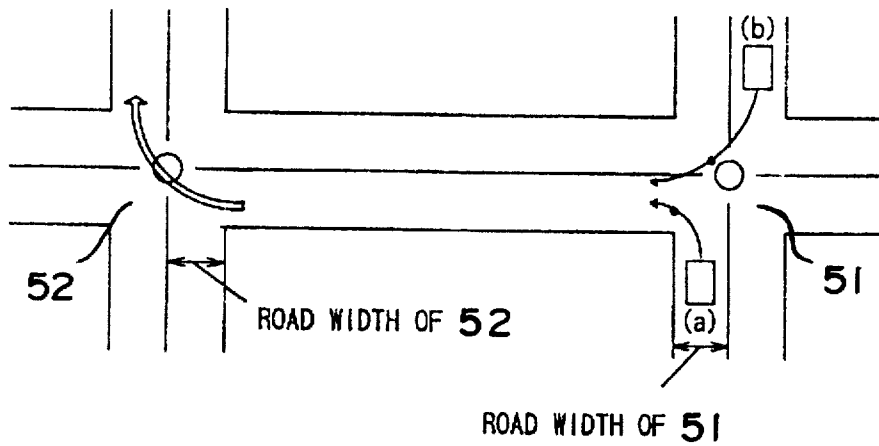


Fig.5

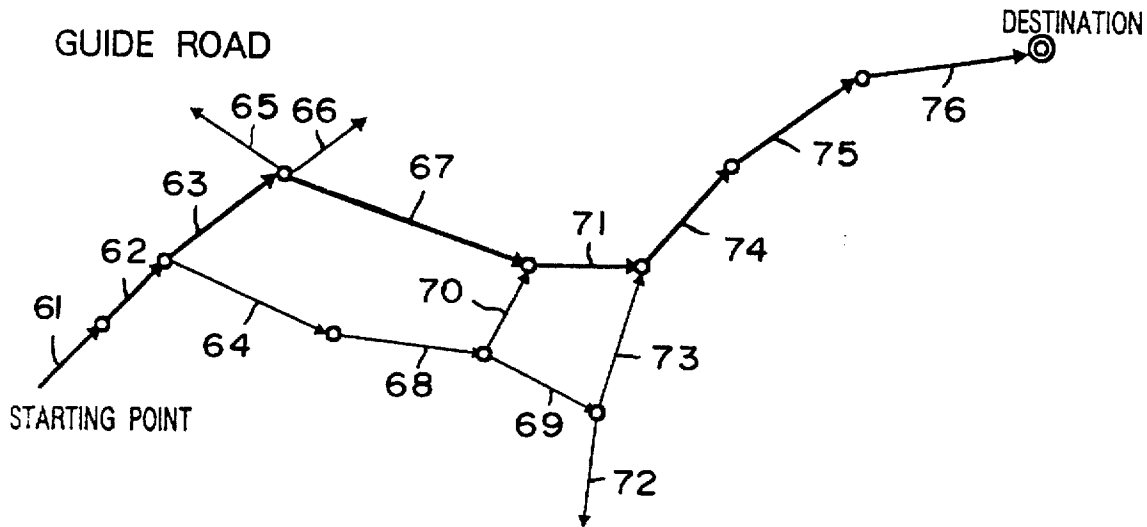


Fig.6

GUIDE ROAD STRING DATA

NO.OF GUIDE ROADS
61
62
63
67
71
74
75
76

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