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Walking Directions Now Available On Google Maps

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The screenshot shows the Google Maps interface. At the top, there are navigation links: [Web](#), [Images](#), [Maps](#), [News](#), [Shopping](#), [Gmail](#), and [more](#). The Google Maps logo is on the left. The search bar contains the start address "US-101 S @37.806960, -122.4754!" and the end address "Bay St @37.8...". Below the search bar are buttons for "Search the map", "Find businesses", and "Get directions".

Below the search bar, there are two tabs: "Search Results" and "My Maps". Under "Search Results", the "Directions" section shows "By car - Walking ^{Beta}". The "Walking" option is circled in red. Below this, a yellow box contains the text: "Walking directions are in beta. Use caution when walking in unfamiliar areas." There is a link for "Get reverse directions".

The "From:" field shows "US-101 S" and "Via Bay St". Below this, the "Walk:" option is selected, showing a distance of "5.7 mi - about 1 hour 53 mins". The first step of the directions is: "1. Head **northeast** on **Vista Access** toward **Marshall Rd** 0.2 mi".

On the right side of the screenshot, there is a map with navigation controls: a compass, a street view pegman, and a zoom in (+) button.

Got directions but want to walk the distance instead of driving? Well, we're glad to see that Google Maps has now added a new walking option for directions, thanks to popular demand. Similar to getting driving directions, after entering your origin and destination, click "Walking" at the top left panel. You can see an example of this in action [here](#). You can also drag the purple line around if you want to go by another specific route. Done, and done. (But maybe they will add a bicycling option soon.)

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