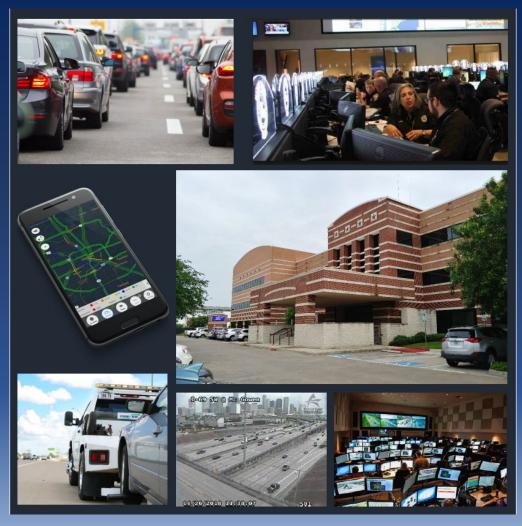
2019 Houston TranStar Annual Report





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2019 Activity Highlights

112,726 incidents captured in RIMS in 2019

- Up 9.6% from 2018
- Average clearance time of 28.7 min, down from 30.6 min

City of Houston & Harris County - centralized traffic signal control

Light Rail Dispatch moved to TranStar

TxDOT expanded IH-69 coverage in Fort Bend through Rosenberg

Key HCOHSEM Activations:

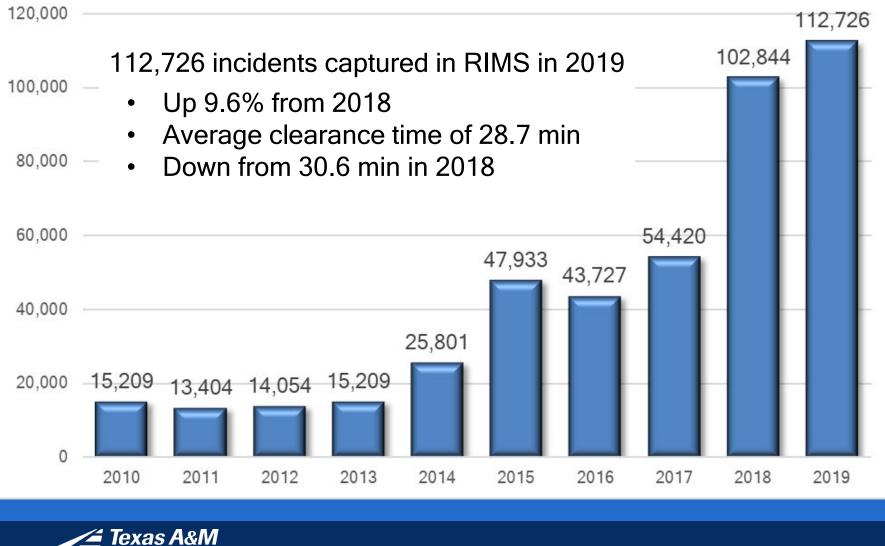
- Chemical Plant Fires (ITC, KMCO, Exxon-Mobil)
- May 9th Storm (Flooding in Kingwood, Spring, & Friendswood)
- Tropical Storm Imelda (September)
- World Series (October)







RIMS Entered Incidents, 2010-2019



Transportation

Crash/Accident Clearance

- 17,163 Crashes/Accidents in 2019 (3.8 percent decrease from 2018)
- Average Clearance Time in 2019 27.4 minutes (29.0 in 2018)

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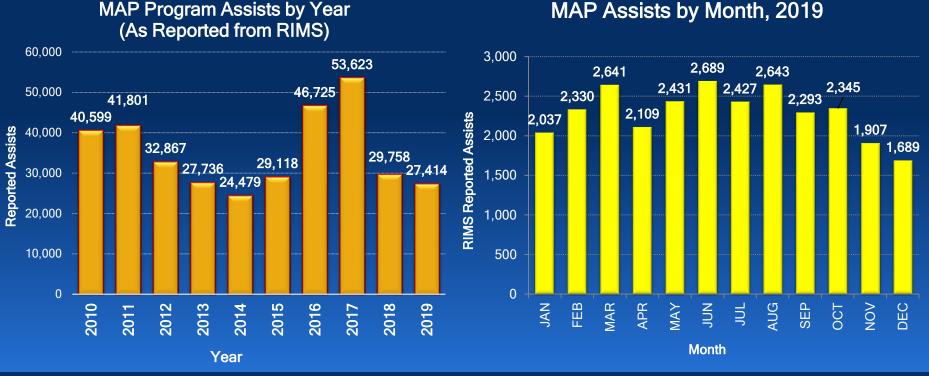
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Annual Crashes and Clearance Times (as reported in RIMS)



Motorist Assistance Program

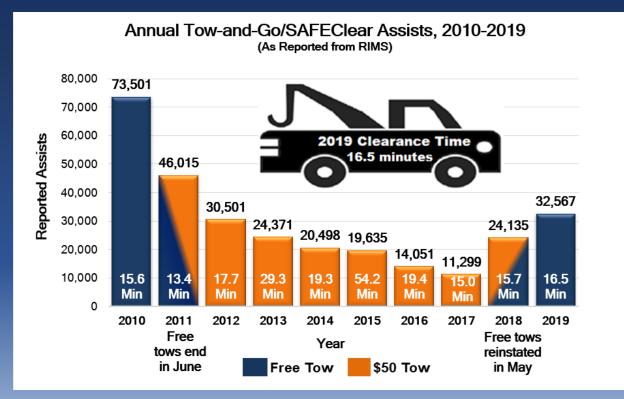
- HCSO MAP 27,414 total assists (down 7.9% from 2018)
- Reinstatement of SAFEClear/Tow and Go
- MAP conducting more incident scene management activities





Tow and Go (SAFEClear)

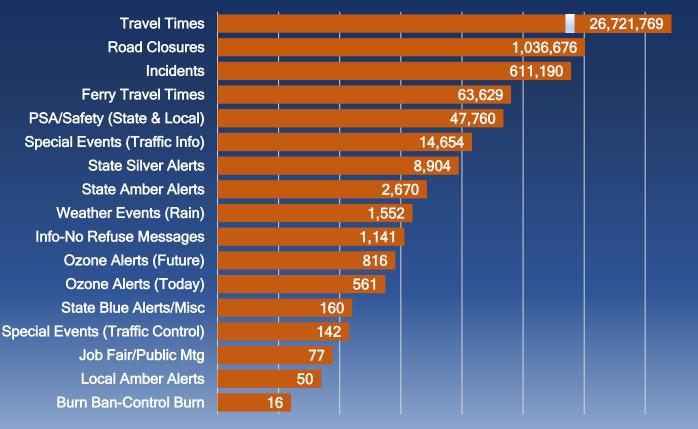
- 32,567 programmatic (free-tow) assists in 2019
- Average 16.5 minute clearance time up from 15.7 minutes in 2018
- 25,000 additional tows involving arrangement between patron and tow operator





DMS Messaging, 2019

- Posted 28.5 million messages (down from 30.1 million in 2018)
- Road Closure postings up 31.6 percent; Incident postings down 13.4 percent
- System changes impacting the number of messages posted





Houston TranStar Website

- Average monthly unique users at 693,300; down 9.7% from 2018
- 310 million CCTV views, up 29.0% from 2018
- Over 54,100 WebApp Installations in 2019 (up from 32,300 in 2018)







How Are TranStar's Benefits Calculated?

- Estimate impact of Center on:
 - Mobility (primarily freeway & tollway)
 - Travel time & delay
 - Energy and environmental benefits
- Uses both quantitative and qualitative measures
- Most sensitive to:
 - Vehicle-miles traveled ([↑])
 - Value of Motorist Time ([†])
 - Fuel Price (↑)
 - Speed (\downarrow)





Estimated TranStar Benefits

\$546.1 million in user cost & fuel savings

- 19.2 million vehicle-hours of delay
- 35.9 million gallons of fuel

\$25.0 million annualized cost

2019 B/C ratio = 21.8 (2017 = 20.5)

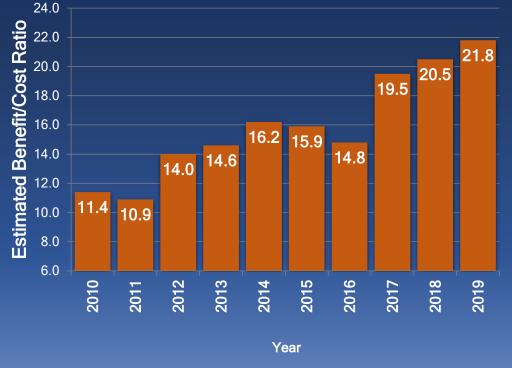
Key Factors for Increase

- Value of Time increased
- Amortized capital costs (10-year) fell off books
- Fewer expenditures on additional infrastructure in recent years

TranStar's Lifetime Benefit - <u>\$7.1 billion</u> in savings to Houston motorists



Houston TranStar Benefit/Cost Ratios 2010-2019



Questions?

