



Rail Safety Task Force

August 2025

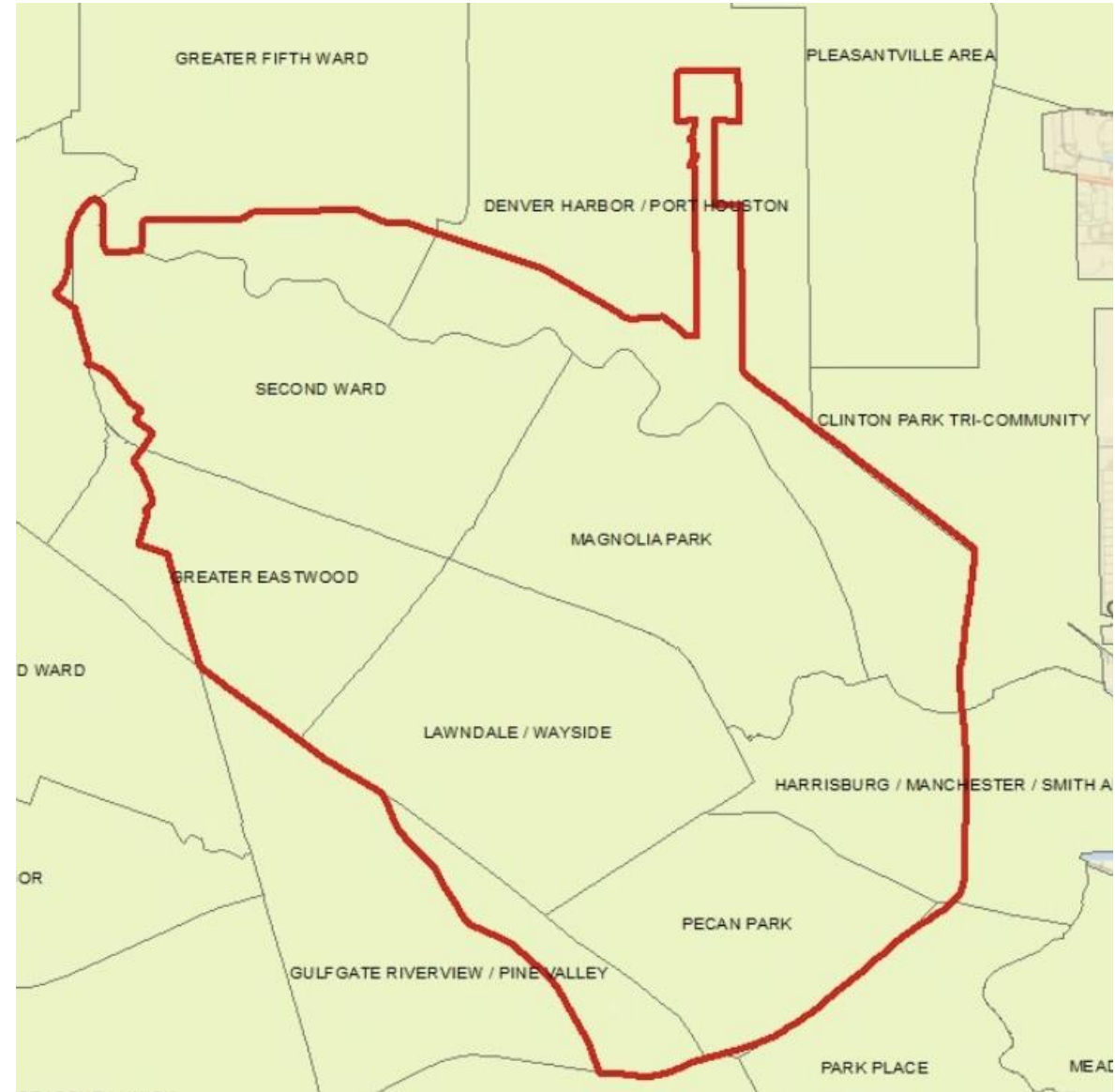
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Top 3 Neighborhood Concerns

- Stopped Trains
- Train Horn Noise
- Speeding Vehicles



Rail Corridor Collaborative

Reported Events that affected Safety and Railroad Operations:

- August 19- October 10, 2025 – East Belt Railroad Tie Replacement (No Crossing Affected)
- June 5, 2025 – Congestion Multiple crossings and corridors affected due to track damage
- June 3, 2025 – Derailment (Non-Hazmat/No Injuries)
- May 2025 - Track Maintenance Project Phase 2
- March 18, 2025 – 2.5 Hour Blockage on Galveston Sub (Train Meet & Track Curfew)
- March 11, 2025 – Track Maintenance on East Belt – no disruption expected
- January 1, 2025 – Track Maintenance in Denver Harbor/Fifth Ward
- December 9, 2024 – Pedestrian Train Fatality (Galveston Sub)



Rail Safety Focus Group

Public and Private Sector entities from the four railroads, city, county, state and federal governments

- Continuity of Efforts
- Information Sharing
- Transparency
- Goal Oriented

<u>Short Term</u>	<u>Mid Term</u>	<u>Long Term</u>
Crossing Prioritization List	Monitoring/Alerting Technology	Infrastructure Improvements
School Proximity List	Pedestrian Access	Legislation
Railroad Operating Practices	Funding	
Communication		
Signage (Wayfinding)		
Public Awareness Campaign		
Crossing Guards		

State, Federal, & City Activities

Texas Senate passes bill to fund safer railroad crossings

- SB 1555 co-authored by Senator Carol Alvarado & Senator Robert Nichols
- \$250 million grant program (Conditional \$50 Million Cap removed)
- Approves TXDOT to manage projects on non-state highways

Federal Railroad Awarded \$36.9 for underpass along UPRR West Belt

- Underpasses scheduled to be constructed for York Street crossings and the Commerce Street crossing
- Considering Environmental Changes

Harris County Precinct 2 and City of Houston

- Received \$2 million to study the effects of the East End Train Triangle

Projects for Consideration

- Request Lockwood for Underpass
- Consider Polk as Secondary (EB)
- Mykawa/Griggs (T&NO Junction)

Concept

Houston Train Watch

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Report a Blocked Crossing ([Link To FRA Blocked Crossing Dashboard](#))

Crossing Activity

ANTOINE STREET
Blockage Start: 07:18
Blockage End: 08:19
SOUTH PINEMONT DRIVE
Blockage Start: 13:21
Blockage End: 14:22
FONDREN ROAD
Last Blockage: 10:40
Duration: 4 minutes
HILLCROFT AVENUE
Last Blockage: 10:37
Duration: 4 minutes
CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD
Last Blockage: 10:35
Duration: 5 minutes
LOCKWOOD DRIVE
Last Blockage: 10:25
Duration: 1 minute
POLK STREET
Last Blockage: 10:09
Duration: 33 minutes
SOUTH SHAVER STREET
Last Blockage: 10:36
Duration: 2 minutes
POST OAK SOUTHBOUND FRONTAGE
Last Blockage: 10:29
Duration: 8 minutes
SCOTT STREET
Last Blockage: 10:32
Duration: 3 minutes
GENOA RED BLUFF ROAD
Last Blockage: 10:32
Duration: 1 minute
BRANTLEY STREET
Last Blockage: 10:27
Duration: 1 minute



Helpful Links

- [Operation Lifesaver](#)
- [Questions about Railroad Operations](#)
- [Live Trains Video Feed](#)
- [BNSF Web](#)
- [CPKC Web](#)
- [PTRA Web](#)
- [UPRR Web](#)

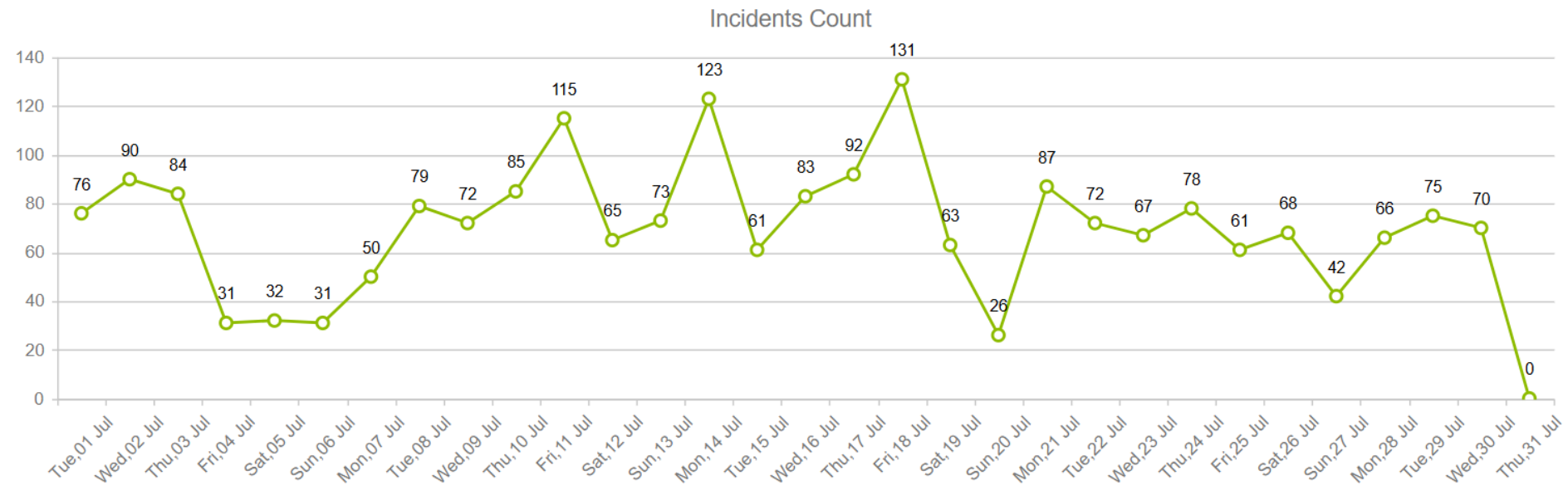
Railroad Emergency Numbers

- BNSF
- PTRA
- UPRR

39.24	248	9.48
Avg. Daily Activation (hr)	Avg. Number of Activatio...	Avg. Activation Duration ... (Minutes)

National Blocked Crossing Trends

July 2025



July 2025 – 2,418
June 2025 -1,900
May 2025- 1,912
April 2025 – 2,378

East Houston Sensor Activity July 2025

July 2025	Daily Crossing Occupancy	Average Occupancy	Total over 1 hour	Longest Occupancy	location of longest occupancy
Commerce St	27	9 min	2	1.58 Hr 7/25/25 @ 4:05 am	288129A
Hirsch Rd	7	30 min	39	2.63 Hr 7/28/25 @ 7:05 pm	755640L
Leeland/cullen	28	8 min	6	2.74 Hr 7/10/25 @ 3:29 pm	288224V
Lockwood St	9	11 min	0	.86 Hr 7/17/25 @ 11:04 pm	859523F
Market(5900)	15	14 min	16	2.61 Hr 7/31/25 @ 8:17 pm	755709E
Polk (5400)	7	15 min	9	6.79 Hr 7/29/25 @ 1:54 am	288039B
York St	10	10 min	3	4.74 Hr 7/13/25 @ 10:20 pm	859517C

FY22 EED Safety Action Plan – In Closeout

FY24 EED Supplemental Planning and Demonstration - \$895,000

FY24 Houston HFD Post Crash Care - \$3.4 Million

FY25 EED Supplemental Planning Bike/Ped Access -2nd Ward

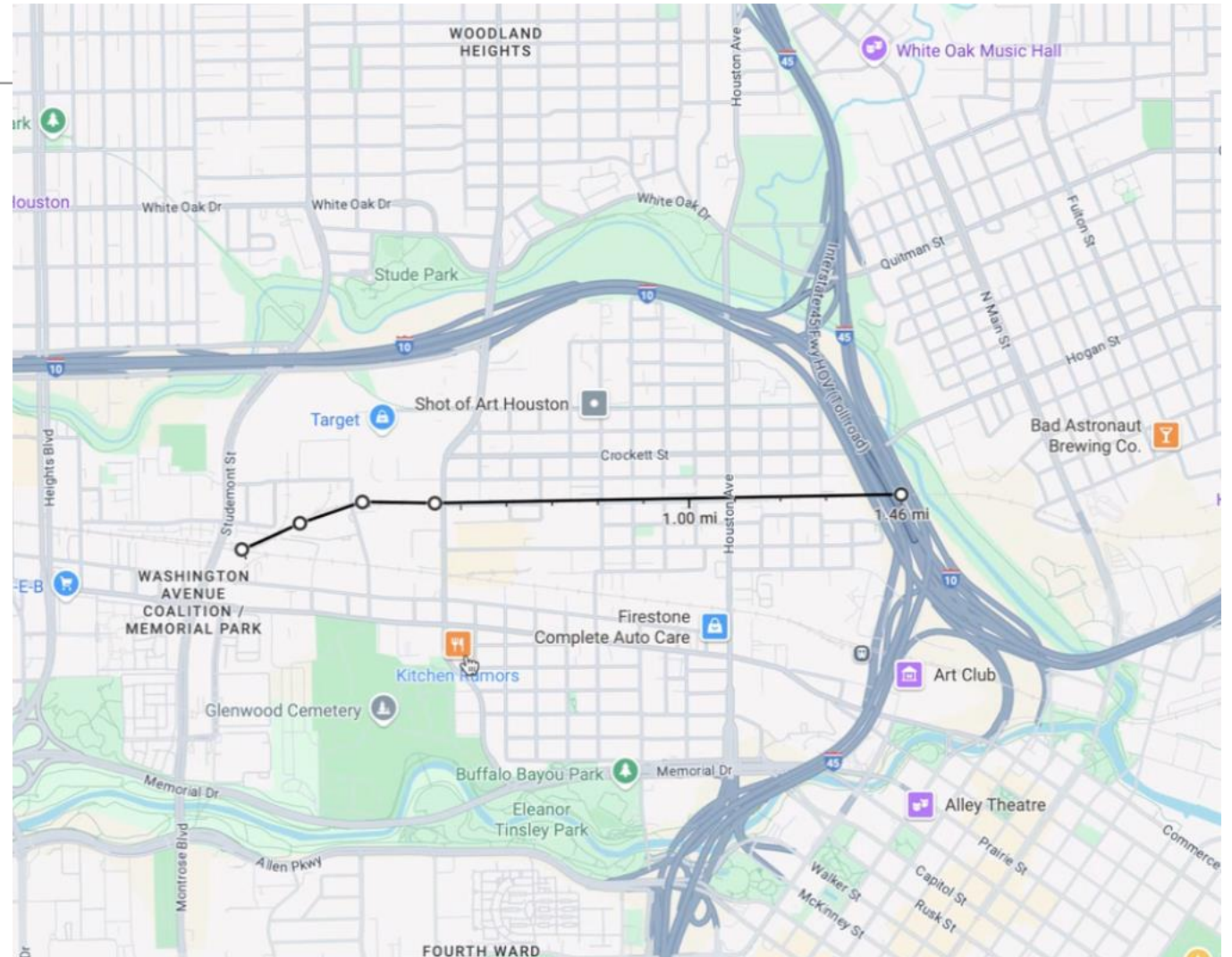


July 23-24, 2025

- Participants
 - Day 1-78
 - Day 2 - 68
- Survey Outcomes
 - Make Workshop and Annual Event
 - Create SMART Goals
 - Need More Discourse
 - Breakout Sessions
 - Map Funded Projects
 - Transparency of HART

Rail Urban Legends

- West Belt Underpass
- Commerce Street
- Washington Corridor Consolidation
- Homeless Camp





Thank You
