



Rail Safety Task Force

April 2026

(No formal meeting due to HART Community Advisory Group)

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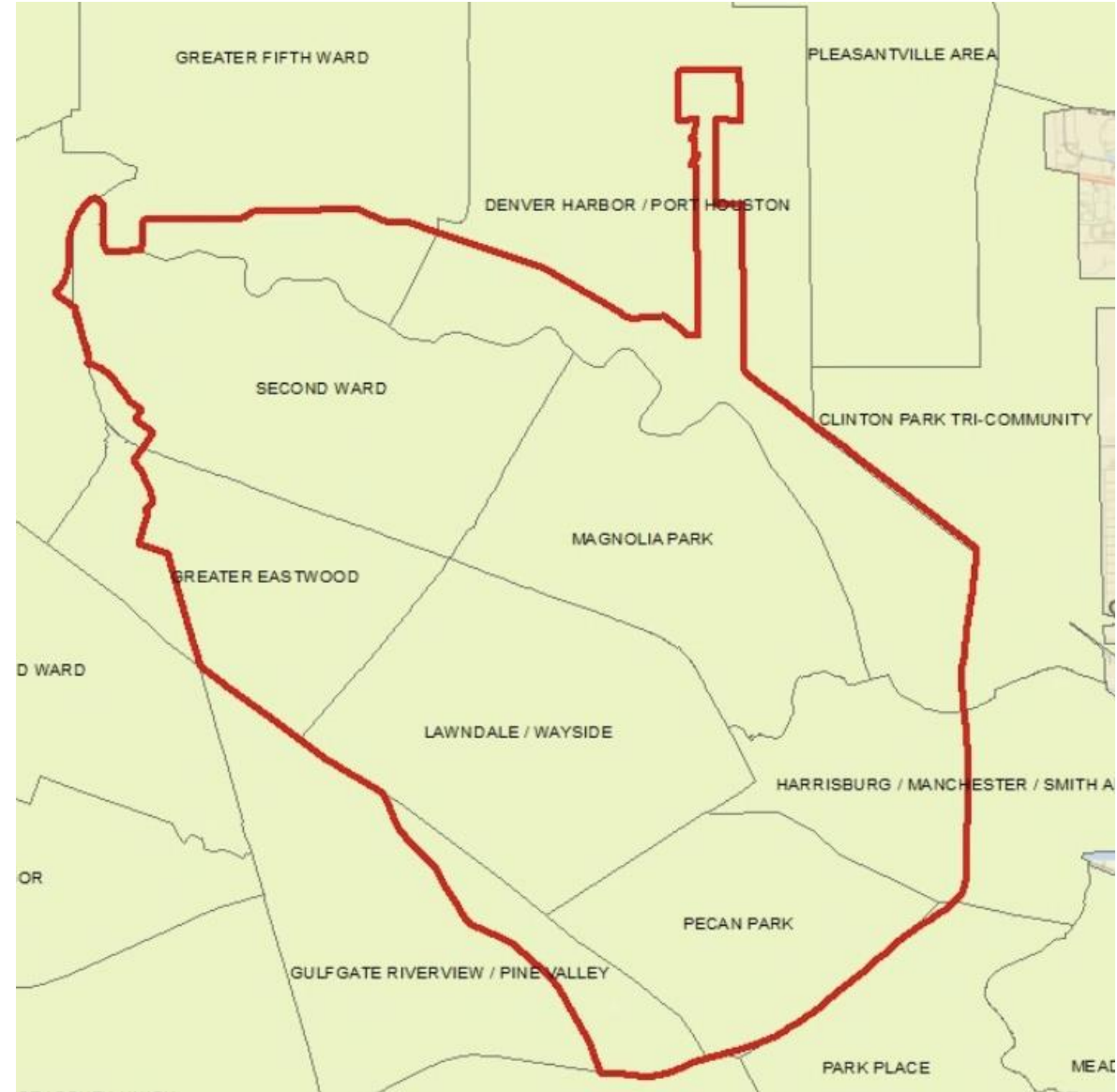
Top 3 Neighborhood Concerns

2026

- Stopped Trains
- Smart Solutions (Technology)
- Risk Management

2025

- Stopped Trains
- Train Horn Noise
- Speeding Vehicles



Rail Corridor Collaborative

Monthly meeting with Houston Emergency Services and the four operating railroads to discuss impacts to emergency response caused by train activity



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		

Railroad Corridor Projects

Texas House allocated \$10 million in funds for a pedestrian bridge

- Pedestrian bridge to be constructed for Broadway Crossing to support safety around Milby High School
- UPRR completed fencing to protect pedestrians from crossing tracks in unsafe areas
- UPRR and City of Houston collaborated to complete the sidewalks over the railroad tracks, creating an at grade pedestrian crossing for students.

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
Harris County Precinct 2 and City of Houston
- Received \$2 million to study the effects of the East End Train Triangle

Leeland/Cullen Study

- Houston Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ) has requested a feasibility study of the Leeland and Cullen Crossings.

Data Convergence

Using FY24 Safe Streets Funding the District contracted with the Traffic Injury Research Center and Managed Global Solutions to correlate data content from the:

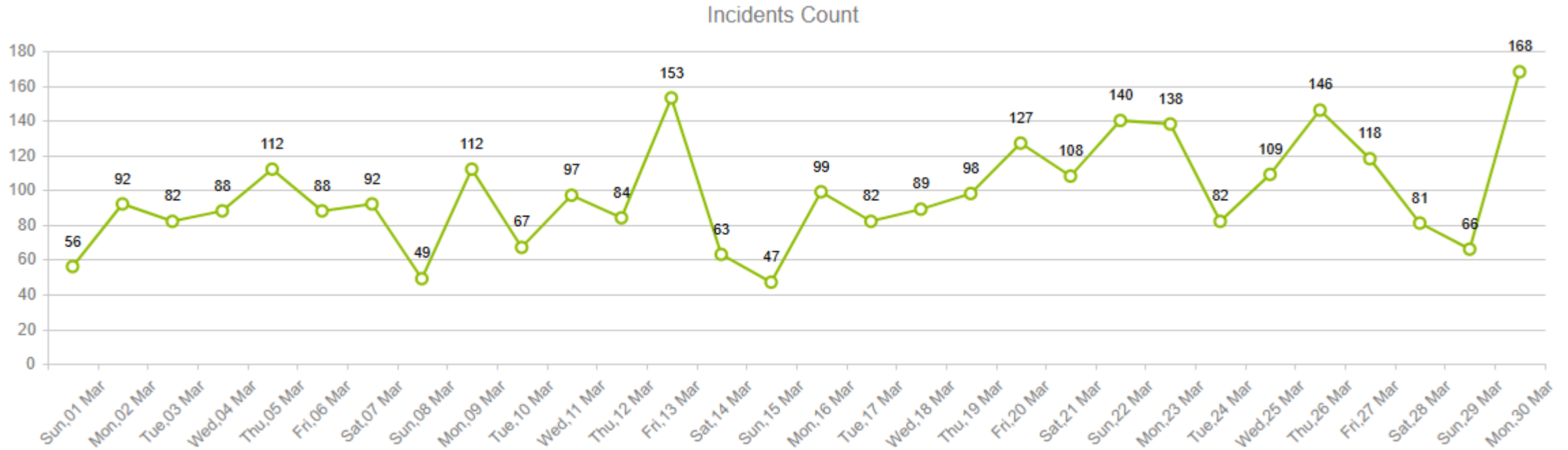
- FRA Blocked Crossing Report,
- Houston Smart Railroad Project,
- HFD Delay by Train Report

The goal is to identify trends that compound a Stopped Train Event

Evaluating Pedestrian Activity at Crossings

National Blocked Crossing Trends

March 2026



March 2026 – 3,058

February 2026- 2,135

January 2026 – 2,143

December 2025 - 2,075

November 2025 – 2,214

East Houston Sensor Activity March 2026

March 2026	Daily Crossing Occupancy	Average Occupancy	Total over 1 hour	Average of trains > 1 hr	Longest Occupancy	location of longest occupancy
Validated: Smart Crossing Technology						
Commerce St	24	10 min	3	1.35 Hr(82.13 min)	1.6 Hr 3/24/26 @ 4:50 AM	288129A
Hirsch Rd	8	23 min	22	1.53 Hr (91.64 min)	2.5 Hr 3/31/26 @ 3:15 PM	755640L
Leeland/cullen	26	9 min	16	1.08 Hr (64.81 min)	2.3 Hr 3/26/26 @2:35 AM	288224V
Lockwood St	9	11 min	2	1.64 Hr (98.14 min)	1.7 Hr 3/2/26 @ 2:29 AM	859523F
Market(5900)	15	14 min	10	1.86 Hr (111.81 min)	3.6 Hr 3/1/26 @ 8:58 PM	755709E
Polk (5400)	11	9 min	3	1.27 Hr (76.29 min)	1.52 Hr 3/2/26 @ 2:39 AM	288039B
York St	5	11 min	6	1.28 Hr (76.62 min)	1.51 Hr 3/9/26 @ 12:56 PM	859517C

Active Safe Streets Grants

FY24 EED Supplemental Planning and Demonstration – \$895,000 to conduct Traffic System Analysis and Pedestrian Conflict Studies

FY24 Houston HFD Post Crash Care - \$3.4 Million to expand the Smart Crossing Monitoring Project

FY25 EED Supplemental Planning Bike/Ped Access -\$1.2 Million for a study in Second Ward

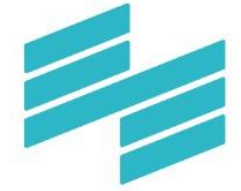


School Capstone Projects

In partnering with the TAMU Institute of Industrial and System Engineers, the East End District is benefiting from studies in Spring of 2026:

- Regional Crossing Catalog – a compilation and description of high- risk crossings
- Western Gateway Study – a traffic flow evaluation of roadway access points into the western boundaries of the District.





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Thank You
