Rail Safety Task Force
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# No Formal Meeting due to Rail Safety Workshop

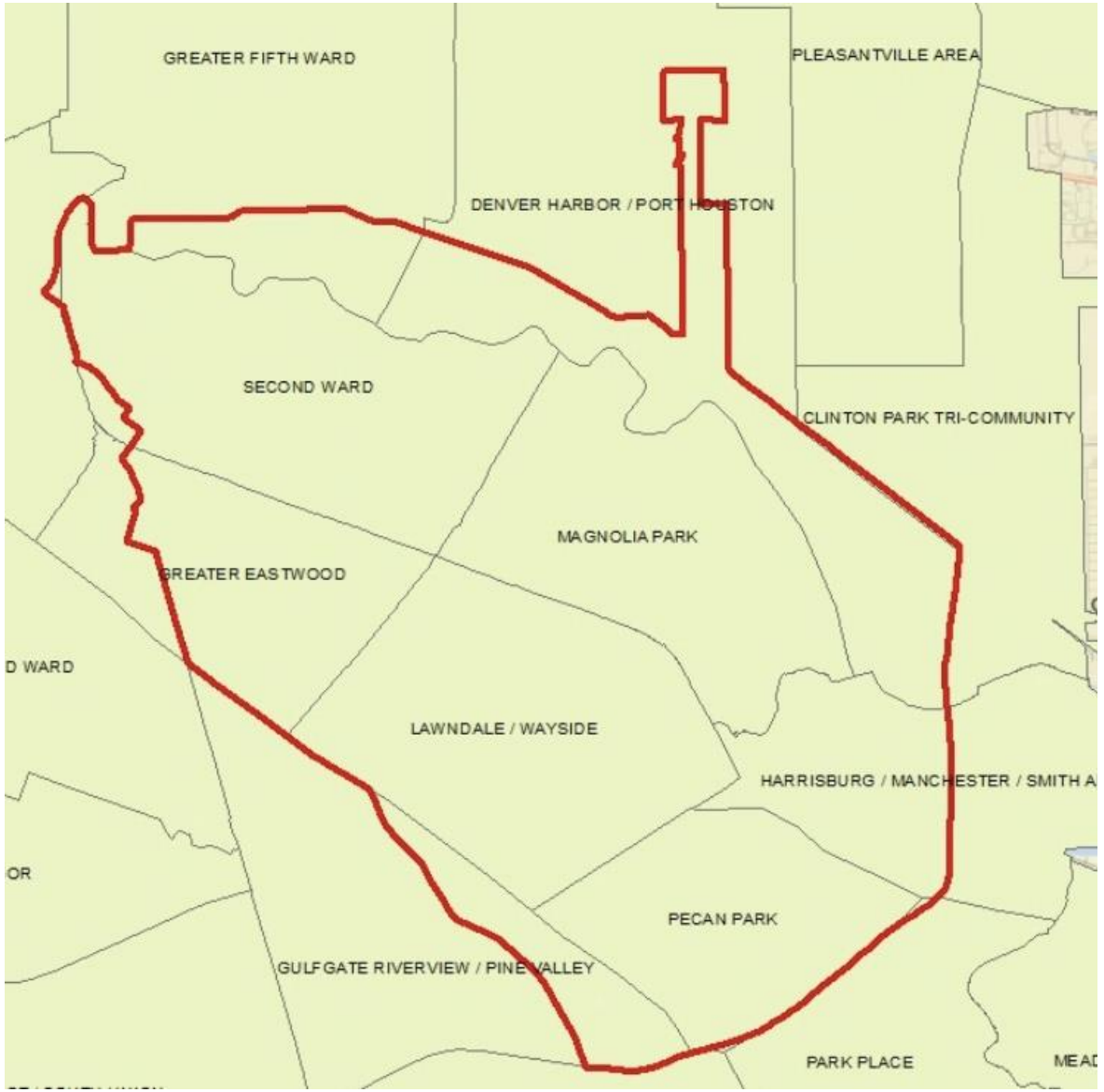
# Rail Safety Task Force
# Top 3 Neighborhood Concerns

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

- Monitoring Trespassing in BNSF Milby St. Facility
- Monitoring train builds along West Belt

# 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

| Short Term | Mid Term | Long Term |
|---|---|---|
| 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 | | |

# Active Safe Streets Grants

- FY24 EED Supplemental Planning and Demonstration – $895,000 to conduct Traffic System Analysis, Pedestrian Conflict Studies, and Community Portal - in Design Phase
- FY24 Houston HFD Post Crash Care - $3.4 Million to expand the Smart Crossing Monitoring Project - in Procurement Phase
- FY25 EED Supplemental Planning Bike/Ped Access -$1.2 Million for a study in Second Ward - in Agreement Phase



# School Capstone Projects

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

- Transportation System Analysis of the East End District
- Pedestrian Conflict: Esplanade, Lower Second Ward, and Wayside Corridor

Both projects have completed drafting charters and conducted tours of the District

The Capstones will support the FY24 Safe Streets Project



# 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
- Ground breaking completed September 2026, projected to be finished by January 2027

**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
- Charrette with Community in Lower Second Ward for Sampson and York (FY25 Funds)
- Pending funding release

**Harris County Precinct 2 and City of Houston**

- Received $2 million to study the effects of the East End Train Triangle
- Completed community feedback on design

**Leeland/Cullen Study**

- Houston Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZ) has requested a feasibility study of the Leeland and Cullen Crossings.
- Received crossing sensor data to analyze

# 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

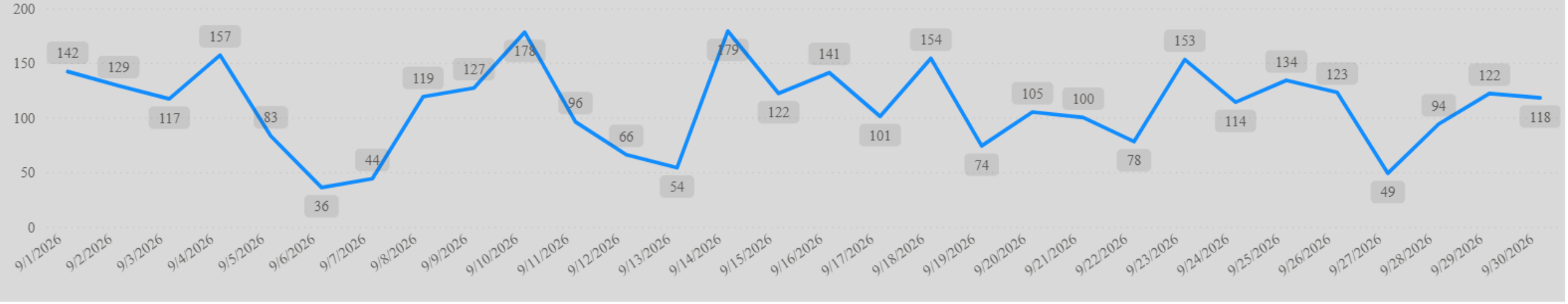
The goal is to identify trends that compound a Stopped Train Event

Evaluating Pedestrian Activity at Crossings

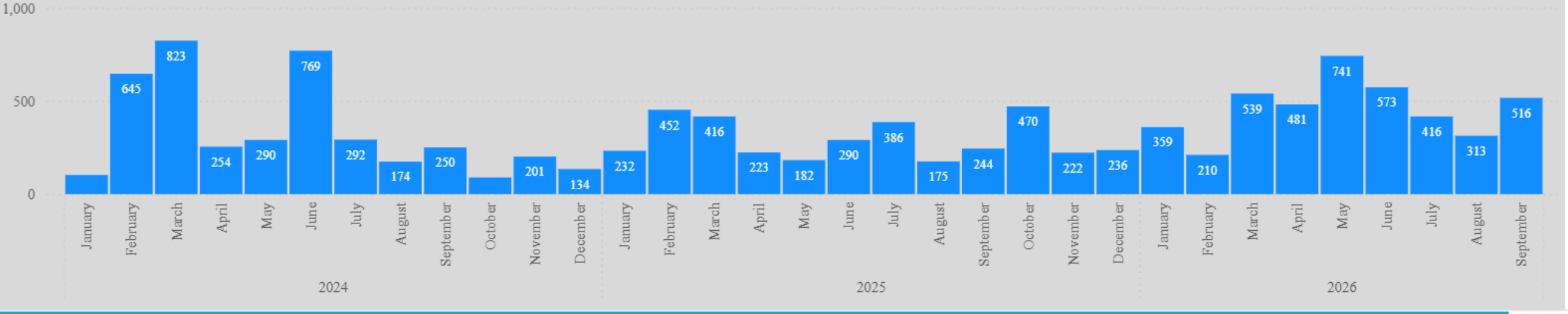
# FRA Blocked Crossing Report - Daily | Monthly Trend

As of September 30, 2026

## National Blocked Crossing Daily Trend - Total Count - 3,309




## East End Blocked Crossing Trend (Month-Over-Month)




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# TRAINFO - At-A-Glance

Sensor Activity - Greater Than One Hour - As of September 30, 2026

## Longest Occupancy

| Crossing Location \| ID | Daily Crossing Occupancy | Average Occupancy | Total Over 1 Hour | Avg No. Trains > 1 Hour | Longest Occupancy (Hrs \| Date \| Time) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HIRSCH ROAD - 755640L | 4 | 19.66 | 21 | 1 | 02:39 \| 9/9/26 \| 18:52 |
| LEELAND STREET - 288224V | 13 | 9.22 | 12 | 1 | 01:51 \| 9/4/26 \| 11:50 |
| MARKET STREET - 755709E | 9 | 13.40 | 5 | 2 | 02:09 \| 9/26/26 \| 21:16 |
| YORK STREET - 859517C | 3 | 11.76 | 3 | 2 | 04:13 \| 9/10/26 \| 4:50 |
| COMMERCE STREET - 288129A | 14 | 9.40 | 2 | 1 | 01:18 \| 9/4/26 \| 4:14 |
| LOCKWOOD STREET - 859523F | 8 | 10.29 | 1 | 4 | 04:19 \| 9/10/26 \| 4:50 |
| TELEPHONE ROAD - 288051H | 3 | 12.87 | 1 | 1 | 01:13 \| 9/10/26 \| 23:38 |
| POLK STREET - 288039B | 5 | 9.43 | | | 00:51 \| 9/9/26 \| 21:46 |

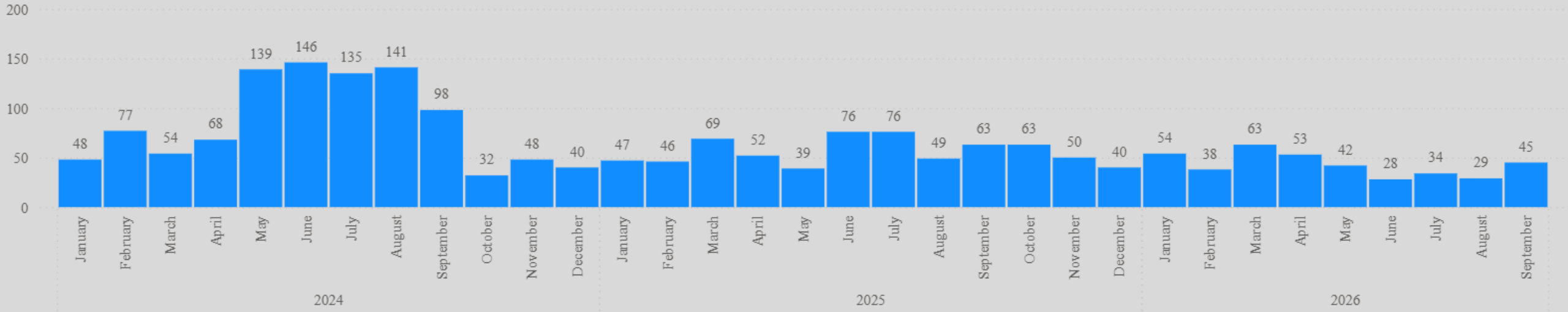
**12.87**
Average Occupancy

**45**
Total Over One-Hour

**8.89%**
Percentage Peak

**91.11%**
Percentage Non-Peak

## Total Over One-Hour by Year and Month



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# Thank You