

STATE OF SAFETY IN THE REGION: 2009 REPORT

Background

As part of its bylaws, a report on the state of transportation safety in the region is to be released by the Regional Safety Council (RSC). The first report, which was released in February 2007, addressed four areas of transportation safety concerns, including drunk driving, aggressive driving, freight safety, and safety information systems. The 2007 Safety Report also included a set of recommendations and next steps for addressing some of these issues. In 2008, due to a lack of crash data, an interim report was released, providing a synopsis of the Council's efforts, but also the other safety-related activities that are taking place within the region.

In April 2009, the Texas Department of Transportation released crash data for the period of 2003-2007. This allowed for a more recent analysis of the transportation safety situation for the region.

Current Situation

The *State of Safety in the Region: 2009* Report was presented to the RSC on June 5, 2009. This report details the 1) progress made on the initial 17 recommendations from the 2007 State of Safety in the Region report, 2) a full review of safety-related legislation from the 81st State Legislative Session in 2009 and 3) lists previous and ongoing activities and accomplishments of major RSC members and contributors are discussed, as well as other safety-related activities sponsored and/or supported by H-GAC staff.

In addition, the *State of Safety in the Region: 2009* Report provides a compendium of transportation safety statistics for the period of January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2007, which reflects the most up-to-date data available.

Staff will continue to work with the RSC and its member organizations to monitor and promote region-wide traffic safety. Staff anticipates the release of crash data for the year 2008 in August 2009, at which time the data analysis will be updated..

Action Requested

For information only.