

TOW AND GO UPDATE

Background

H-GAC currently funds the following regional incident management activities:

- Quick Clearance Towing Program branded as Tow and Go™
- Harris County Sheriff's Office's Motorist Assistance Program (MAP)
- HCSO's Incident Management Unit (IMU)
- Strategic Highway Research Program 2 (SHRP2) Traffic Incident Management Responder Training Program

The Quick Clearance towing program is a "No Cost" towing program to remove motorists who are stranded on the freeway to a safe location off the freeway system. The MAP patrols all freeways in Harris County and assists with stalls, vehicles crashes, emergency construction traffic control, debris removal, emergency management activities, and weather-related factors. The IMU authorizes these "No Cost" tows using the TxDOT Freeway CCTV cameras at Houston TranStar. The Traffic Incident Management Responder Training Program provides training to first responders in incident management procedures.

Current Situation

H-GAC contracted with the City of Houston last year to do the Tow and Go Program, and the program completed one-year by May 2019. The program has been performing "No Cost" tows and has provided the service to over 31,000 motorists. The Tow and Go program will be expanding to freeways in Harris County outside the City limits of Houston this summer. The attached map shows the coverage area and expansion of the program.

Action Requested

Information Only.

