



Partner Update: Houston TranStar

Established in 1993, Houston TranStar is a formal collaboration among the principal transportation and emergency management agencies in Harris County. It houses multi-agency operations and management of the region's transportation system. The following agencies and operations are co-located at TranStar:

City of Houston

- ITS & Safety
- ITS Plan Review
- Mobility and Traffic

Harris County

- Traffic & Transportation Group
- Sheriff's Office
- Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO)

- Regional Bus System
- Light Rail System
- METRO Police
- Office of Emergency Management

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

- Freeway Operations
- Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Design and Special Projects
- Media Contractors
- SH 288 Tolling Support Operations
- Transportation Management Systems

2018 – 2019 Activities

- Ongoing, 24-7 transportation system operations and emergency planning and response.
- Partner agencies approved a new 10-year interlocal agreement for the continuation of the TranStar collaboration.
- TranStar agencies began a strategic planning process to identify future operational and building needs.
- Launch of Houston TranStar mobile application.
- TranStar unveiled its Roadway Flood Warning System to alert drivers of roadway flooding risk during rain events.
- The Gulf Coast Regional Tow and Go Program: Managed by H-GAC, operated out of Houston TranStar.
- Annual benefits (due to TranStar operations) were nearly \$517.2 million, which included:
 - 19 million fewer vehicle-hours - \$431 million
 - 35.6 million gallons of fuel saved - \$86.2 million

