

# Welcome



## **MD SafeZones**

### **Automated Speed Enforcement**

Work Zone Safety Peer Exchange March 8, 2023



# Outline

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The screenshot shows the official website for the Maryland Automated Speed Enforcement in Work Zones program. The header includes the Maryland state logo and a navigation bar with links for HOME, LOCATIONS, FAQs, VIOLATION INQUIRY, PAY A TICKET, RELATED INFO, and SAFETY. A search bar is also present. The main content area features a large banner with the text "Safer Speeds, Safer Work Zones. For Everyone." and a "NOTICE SPEED PHOTO ENFORCED WORK ZONE" sign. Below the banner, there is a paragraph explaining the program's goal to reduce speed-related crashes in work zones. The right sidebar contains logos for the Maryland State Police, MDOT, and the Maryland Transportation Authority, along with contact information. The footer includes links for FAQs, Accessibility, Privacy Notice, and Contact Us, as well as the physical address in Baltimore.

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**MARYLAND SafeZones** Automated Speed Enforcement

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Managing Speed and Reducing Speed Related Crashes

**Safer Speeds, Safer Work Zones. For Everyone.**

**NOTICE**  
**SPEED PHOTO ENFORCED**  
**WORK ZONE**

Why is work zone safety everyone's business? Because everyone is at risk. The goal of the *SafeZones* program is to reduce the speed of vehicles in advance of and through work zones to prevent crashes and injuries and save lives. In four out of five work zone crashes, motorists and passengers, not highway workers, are injured or killed. Work zones present challenging driving conditions with little margin for driver error, and space constrictions often limit traditional law enforcement. Please partner with us in building safer Maryland roads – drive safely and obey the posted speed limit in construction work zones. [Click here](#) for more information.

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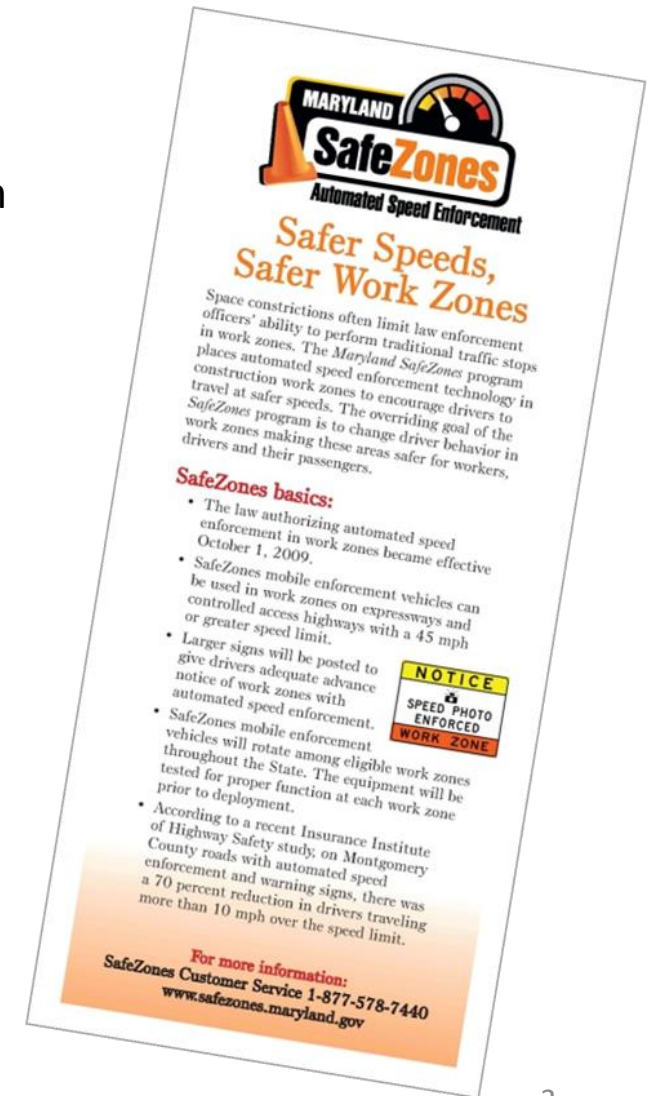
# Introduction

## Program Goals

- Change driver behavior using an integrated 3-E approach
- Promote awareness of speed-related safety issues
- Enhance worker and motorist safety by the reduction of or normalization of speed in work zones

## Program Partners

- State Highway Administration (SHA)
- Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA)
- Maryland Transportation Authority Police
- Maryland State Police





# Background

**February 2006**

Legislation allowing automated speed enforcement in School Zones and Residential Districts in Montgomery County, MD takes effect.

**July 2010**

SafeZones first long-term contract begins.

**January 2016**

SafeZones second long-term contract awarded.

**March 2007**

Montgomery County begins Safe Speeds program.

**October 2009**

Legislation allowing automated speed enforcement in highway work zones takes effect. Maryland begins SafeZones Pilot Program.

**January 2023**

SafeZones third long-term contract awarded.



# Automated Enforcement

## Other types of automated enforcements

- Red lights
- Insurance
- Cellphone
- Seatbelt

### Distracted driving



Photo from Baltimore Sun

### Red light running



Photo from Howard County



# Background

## Pilot Program

- Oct. 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010
- Issued warnings until November 15, 2009
- Two (2) mobile enforcement vehicles
- Radar-based technology
  - Integrated LIDAR in 1st vehicle in April 2010, 2nd vehicle in June 2010
- Five(5) work zones – nearly 55,000 citations and warnings issued



# Current Operation

## Long-term Program

- Seven (7) enforcement vehicles
- LIDAR-based enforcement technology
- Ten (10) deployments per vehicle per week
- Double shifts
  - Daytime – AM (6 AM to 3 PM)
  - Nighttime – PM (7 PM to 4 AM)
- Deploy on any day of the week, even if workers are not present
- Rotate vehicles based on work zone activity
- 3500 deployments (28,000 hrs) per year





# Current Operation



## Project Selection

- Expressways/controlled access highway, min. posted speed 45 mph
- Worker exposure/motorist hazards
- Lane shifts, lane width reduction, lane splits, closed shoulders, shortened acceleration/deceleration lanes, rough pavement, etc.

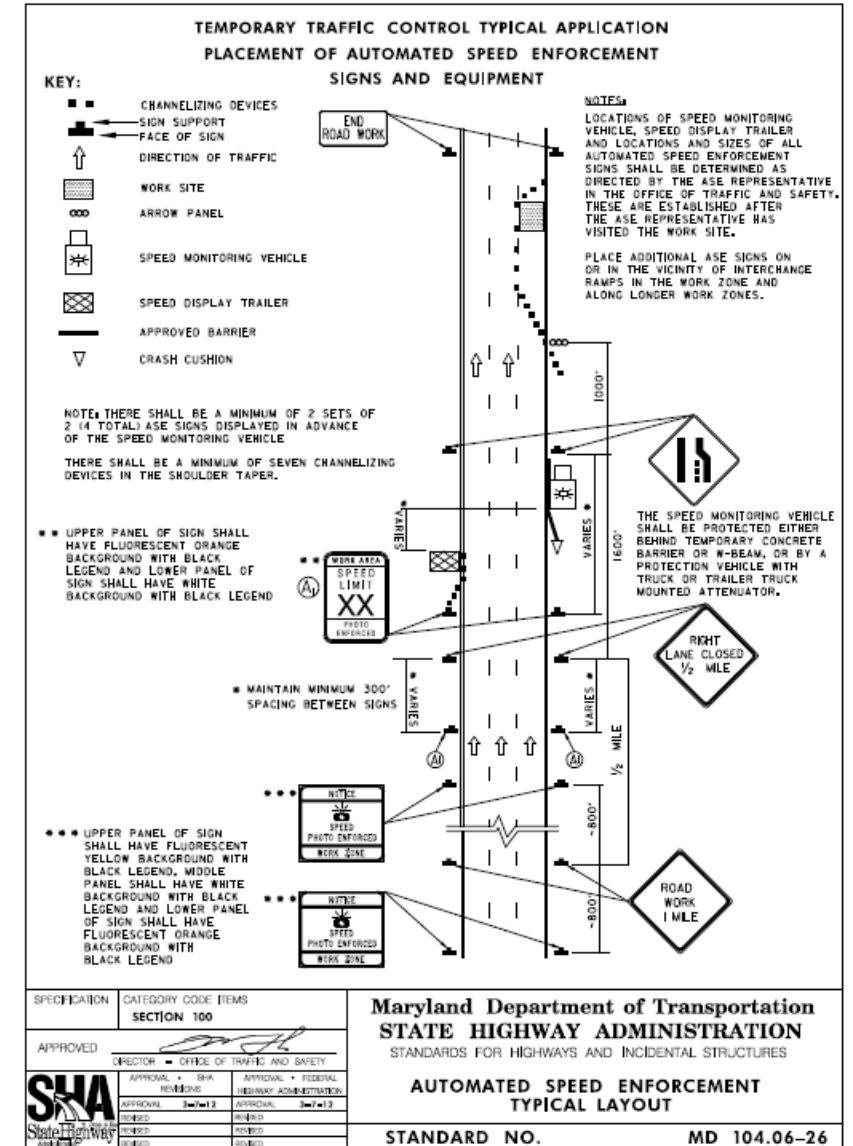
## Project Coordination

- Design Engineer: Signing, vehicle location and protection, contract pay items
- Construction Contractor: Phase changes, construction activities, vehicle location
- ASE Contractor: Deployment schedules, customer service, back-office work, courts



# Current Operation

- **Location:** Expressways & Controlled Access Highways
- **Settings:**
  - Two sets of signs, each set comprised of two signs (minimum requirement by law)
  - Speed Display Trailer
- **Speed threshold:** 12 mph over posted
- **Operator present:** Yes, continuously manned





# Current Operation

## System Operations





- Annual Equipment Calibration
- Daily System Self Test and Logs
- Operator Training
- Sworn Police Officer Verification/Image Review





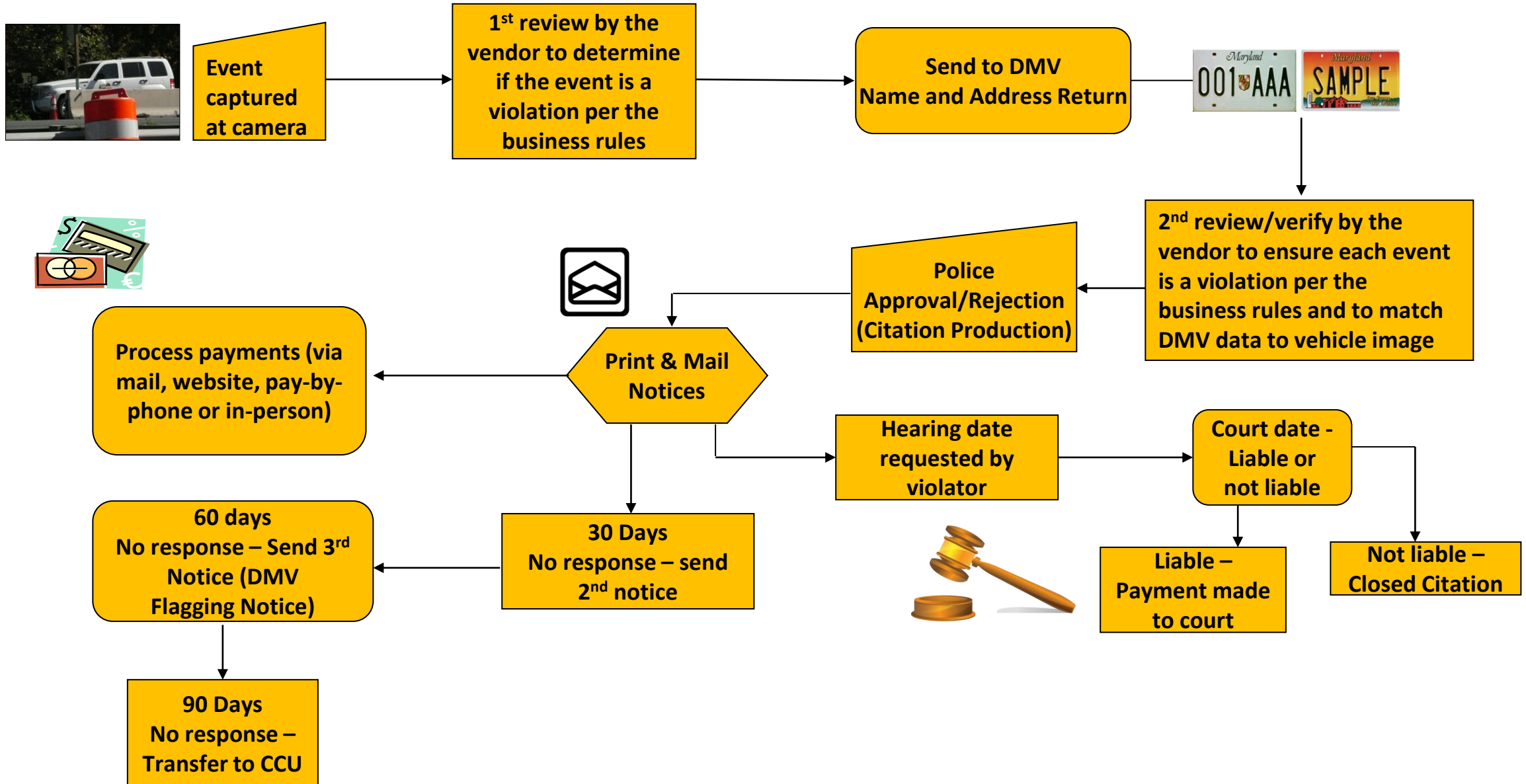
# Penalties

Element	Rule
Warning Period	21 days for each new site
First	\$40
Second	\$40
Third +	\$40
Points?	No, Civil Penalty

 <b>CITATION</b> <b>WORK ZONE SPEED MONITORING SYSTEM</b> <b>TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE §21-810</b>	    										
Mail Date: 11/01/09  <b>John Q. Citizen</b> <b>1234 Main Street</b> <b>Baltimore, MD 21227</b>											
<p>Please take notice that the vehicle described and pictured herein was detected and recorded by a work zone speed monitoring system exceeding the posted speed limit by at least 12 mph in violation of Title 21, Subtitle 8 of the Transportation Article. The pictured vehicle was traveling at the speed listed below at the place, date, and time specified. Therefore, under Maryland State Law TA 21-810, as the registered owner(s) or lessee (six months or more) you are liable for the violation. Unless you elect to go to court, a civil penalty in the amount of \$40.00 must be paid by the date due shown on this notice.</p> <p>PAYMENT OF THE PENALTY AMOUNT FOR THE VIOLATION IS AN ADMISION OF LIABILITY; HOWEVER, IT WILL NOT RESULT IN POINTS ON YOUR DRIVING RECORD AND CANNOT BE USED TO INCREASE YOUR INSURANCE RATES.</p> <p><b>WARNING: FAILURE TO PAY THE PENALTY SHOWN OR TO CONTEST LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPH IS AN ADMISION OF LIABILITY AND MAY RESULT IN THE REFUSAL OR SUSPENSION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION.</b></p> <p>If you wish to contest this citation, your request for a court date must be received at least five days prior to the payment due date shown below. If you appear in court, the maximum amount you can be charged is a \$40.00 fine and court costs. Instructions for payment and contesting the citation are on the reverse of this notice. Recorded images are evidence of a violation of the Maryland Law prohibiting exceeding the maximum posted speed limit.</p>											
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# Office Processing





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## Violation Processing

Element	Rule
Citation Format	Uniform; prescribed by District Court
Mailing In-State	Max.14 days after violation
Mailing Out-of-State	Max. 30 days after violation
Payment of fine	Within 90 days of mailing date
Collections	After 90 Days, must use state collection agency



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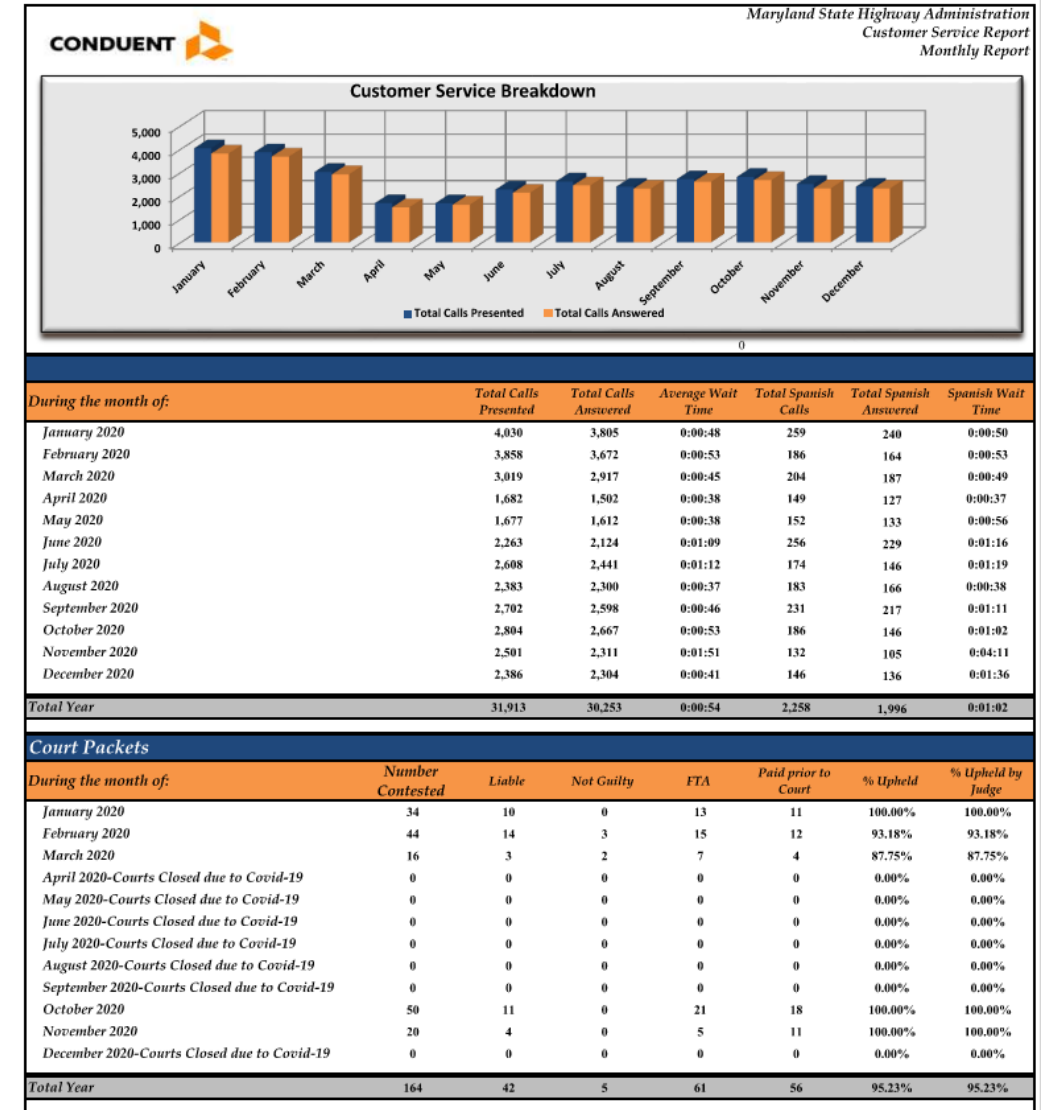
## Customer Service

- Customer Service Center (Back-Office Support)
  - Resolve citation issues and answer questions
- Walk-in Payment Centers
- Website and IVR
  - View citations
  - Credit Card Payments
  - Program Information
- Lock-box
- Escalation procedures to raise issues to MDOT SHA



# Reporting

- Vendor Monthly Reports
  - Violations (Events)
  - Citations/Warnings
  - Traffic Volumes and Speeds
  - Reject Reasons
  - Multiple Offender Stats
  - Customer Service Stats
  - Financial Summaries
  - Court Stats
- Ad-Hoc Reports through Vendor's System

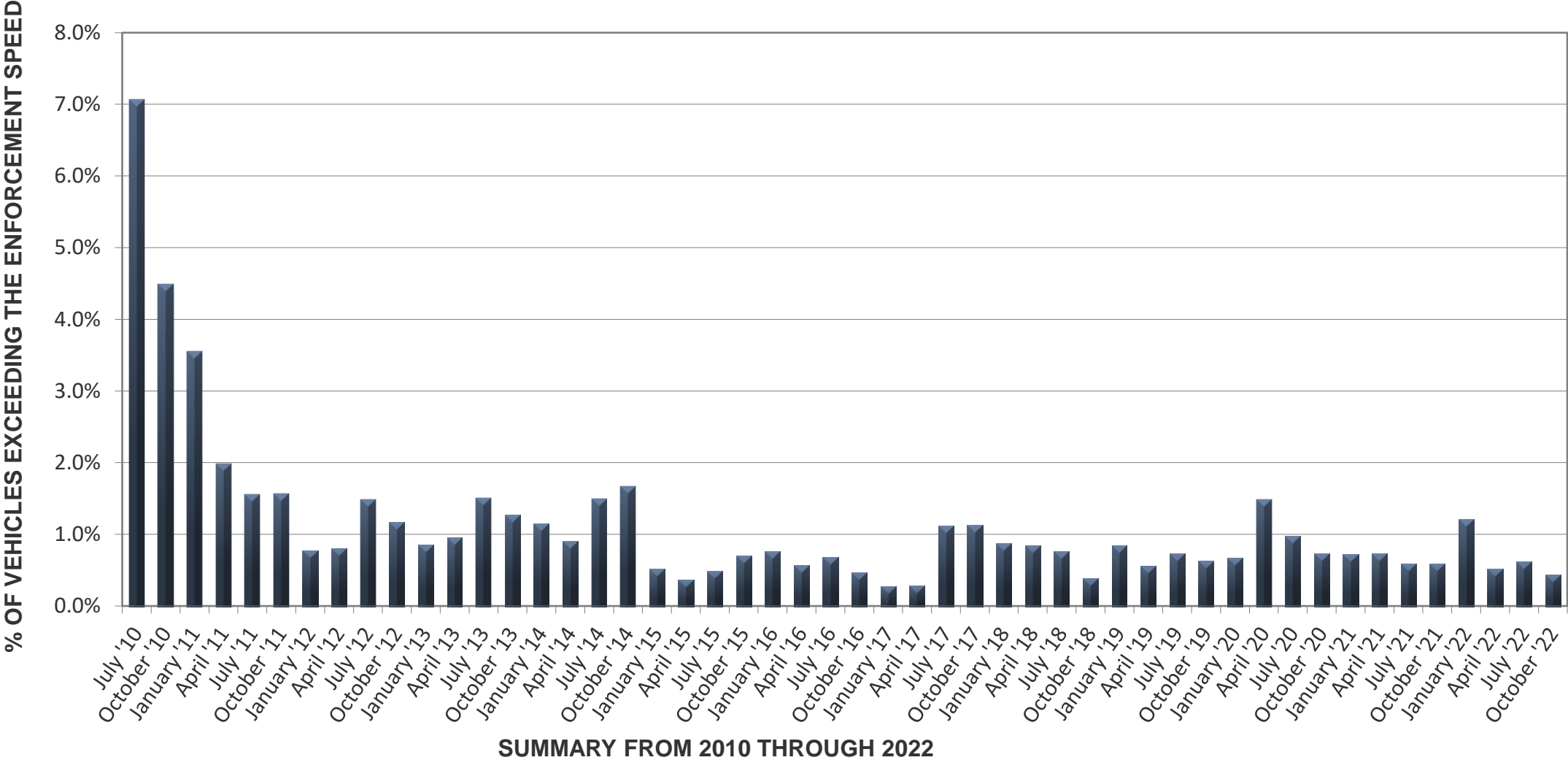




# Results



**Decrease in Violation Percentage**  
(% of vehicles exceeding the enforcement speed)





# Media Coverage

- Mostly fair for the SafeZones Program
- Local Jurisdiction ASE program headlines:
  - County Voids Hundreds Of Speed Camera Citations
  - Baltimore needs a speed camera do-over
  - Charles sheriff's office suspends use of speed cameras over sign placement issue
  - Drivers' videos show Morningside speed-camera problems
  - Conflicting Reports On Status Of City Speed Cameras





# What is Coming Next?

- **Short-term Projects**
  - Workers on 3R projects are more exposed to traffic (by cones and drums vs. concrete barrier for long-term projects)
- **Short-term Projects – Concerns**
  - Protection of ASE vehicles and operations
  - Mobile operation
- **Project Expansion**
  - Continue evaluating program for eligibility and expansion





# End Notes

- **SafeZones – Automated Speed Enforcement**

- *Positive change in driver behavior* – Reduction in percentage of drivers exceeding the enforcement threshold
- *Increased driver awareness in work zones* – Potential reduction in distracted driving errors

- **CAVs in workzone?**

- **ASE with other work zone safety technologies**

- WZ intrusion alarm
- Proactive protection system



Old Logo



New Logo



Thank You!

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Thank You!