



Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement (AWZSE)

Presentation Outline

- **History and Development**
- **Operation**
- **Status and Effectiveness**
- **Working Towards the Future**

Program Development – Why AWZSE?

PENNSYLVANIA WORK ZONE CRASH STATISTICS 2012-2018

Work Zone Crashes



2% annual
increase since
2012

2018 - 1804

Speeding Concerns



39% of all work
zones crashes
involve speeding

2018 – 47%

Fatal Work Zone Crashes



Remained
stagnant since
2012

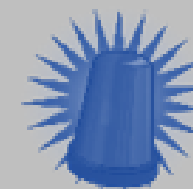
2018 - 23

Work Zone Crash Location



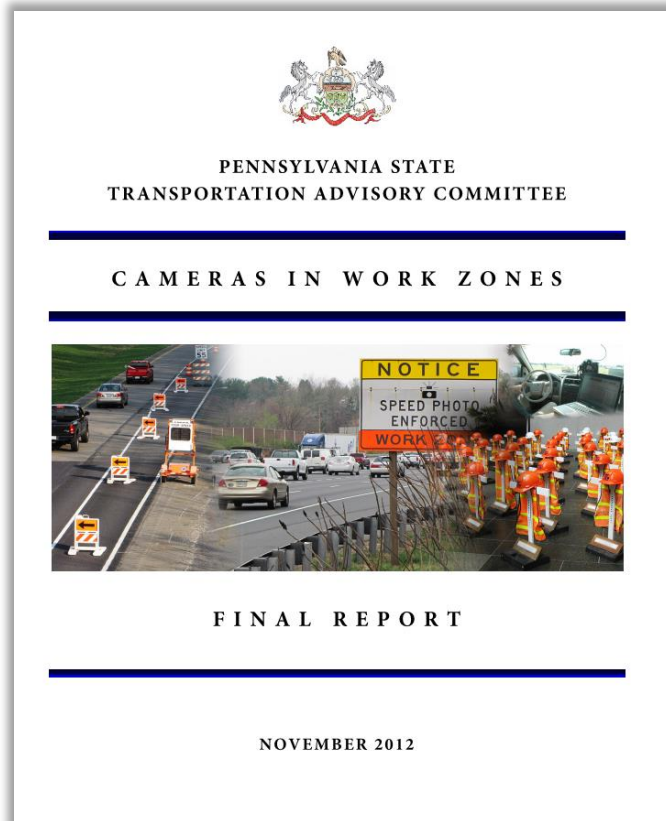
57% occur within
the activity area

Law Enforcement in Work Zones



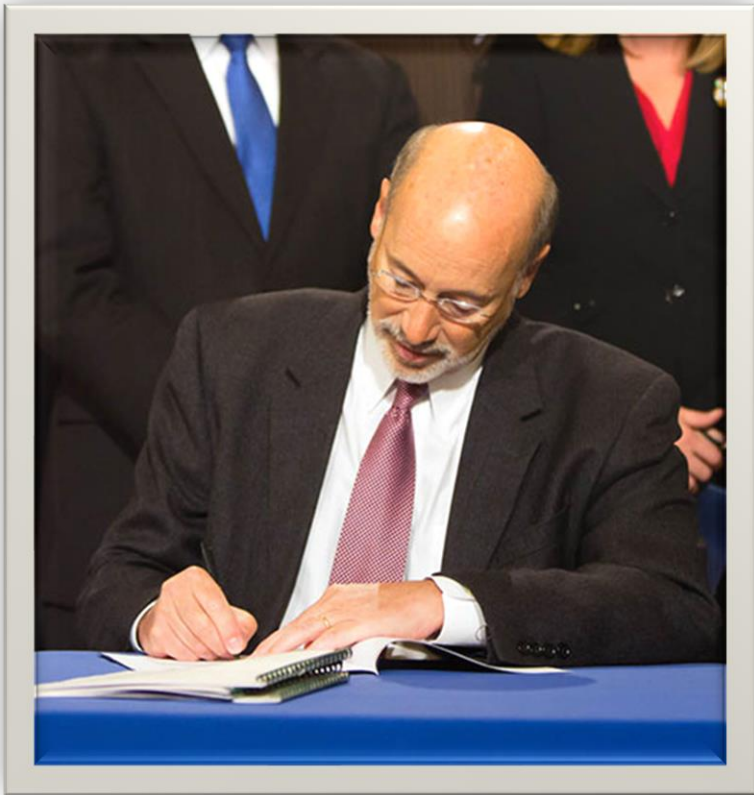
82% of crashes occur
when NOT present

Program Development – History



- **November 2012 – TAC Report**
- **June 2015 – First Bill Introduced (SB 840)**
- **October 2018 – Act 86 Authorizes Five- Year Pilot Program**
- **Strong Advocacy and Support**

Program Development – Legislative Highlights



- **Five-Year Pilot Program on PennDOT (Federal-Aid) and PTC Highways**
- **11 MPH over Posted Speed Limit Threshold**
- **Civil Penalties – Fine-Carrying and Appealed Violations Reviewed by PSP**
- **Tiered Penalty Structure**
- **Defined Contest and Appeals Processes**

Program Development – Public Perception

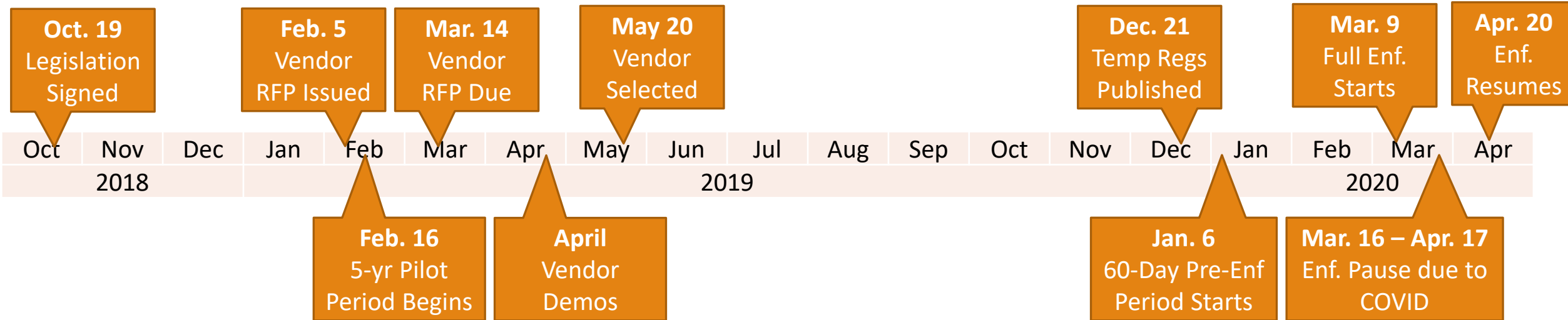
Typical Arguments Against ASE

- **Revenue Generating Program**
- **Speed Limits Artificially Reduced To Encourage Speeding**
- **Insufficient Warning Of Entering An ASE Zone**
- **Speed Measuring Devices Inaccurate/Not Properly Tested**
- **ASE Vendors Operate With Little Oversight**
- **Violators Have No Opportunity To Appeal**
- **Violation Of Privacy; “Big Brother”**

Why PA’s Program is Different

- **System Administrator Paid Flat Fee Per Deployment**
- **Statewide Work Zone Speed Limit Policy**
- **Two Advance Warning Signs and Locations Posted On Website**
- **Daily Equipment Testing/Annual Calibration**
- **PennDOT/PTC Oversee Program, PSP Reviews Fine Carrying Violations**
- **Two-step Appeal Process (Informal Hearing And Magisterial)**
- **Image Destruction Requirements**

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT – KEY DATES



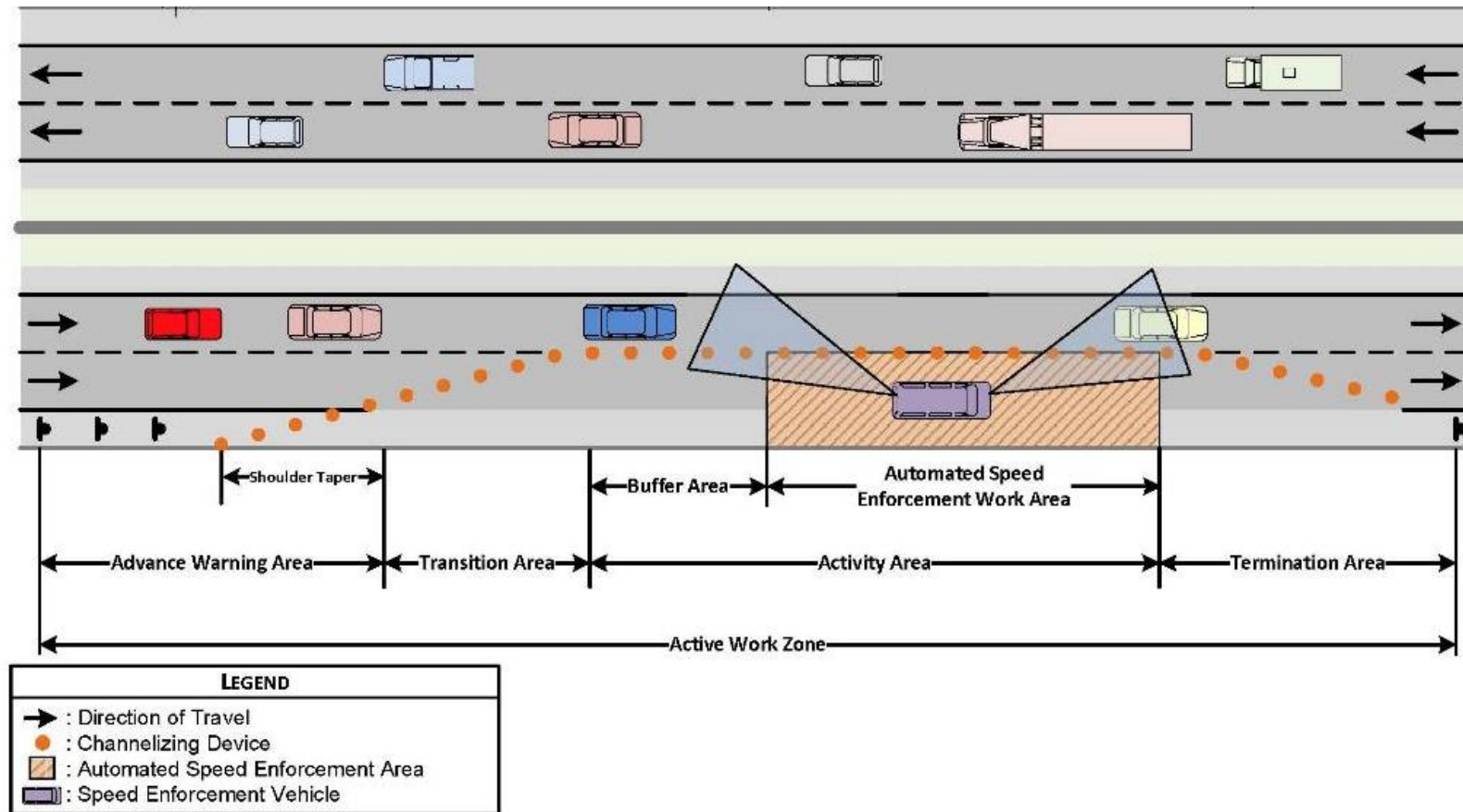
- **FEBRUARY 16, 2024 – FIVE YEAR PILOT PERIOD ENDS**

Operation – Program Goals

- Reduce Speeds in Work Zones
- Improve Driver Behavior
- Save Worker and Traveler Lives
- Complement Existing Enforcement by PA State Police
- Promote Work Zone Safety



Operation – AWZSE Deployment Location



Operation – General Information

- 17 Units per Day
 - 10 for PennDOT Roadways
 - 7 for Turnpike Roadways
- Eight-Hour Deployment Shift
- Up to Two Shifts Daily
 - Day Shift
 - Night Shift
- Support Weekday and Weekend Work Activity

- Workers MUST be Present
- Two Advance Warning Signs
- Notice at Location and on Website
- Speed Limit Signs Appropriately Placed
- End Road Work/Work Zone Signs



Operation – Agency Roles and Responsibilities



- ✓ **Scheduling and Monitoring (State Highways)**
- ✓ **Fiscal Processes and Auditing**
- ✓ **Regulations and Standards Development**
- ✓ **Hearing Officers**



- ✓ **Scheduling and Monitoring (Commission Highways)**
- ✓ **Auditing and Vendor Contract Compliance**
- ✓ **Standards Development**



- ✓ **Violation Review and Affirmation**
- ✓ **Field Speed and Quality Control Testing**

Operation – Contracted Services

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

- ✓ **Project Selection/ Scheduling**
- ✓ **Field & Back Office QA/QC**
- ✓ **Operational Compliance and Process Updates**
- ✓ **Program Outreach**
- ✓ **Performance Monitoring and Reporting**
- ✓ **Technical /Admin Support**

SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR

- ✓ **Field Unit Deployment**
- ✓ **Violation Review, Collection, Mailing and Disbursement**
- ✓ **Customer Service & Record Keeping**
- ✓ **Informal Hearing Support**
- ✓ **Annual Certifications**

Operation – Penalty Structure

Element	Rule
First Violation	No Monetary Fine
Second Violation	\$75 fine
Third+ Violation	\$150 Fine
Late Fees	Up to \$75 if not paid within 90 days of mailing
Contest	Must be filed within 30 days of Mailing
Violation Type	Civil – no points, no merit rating change

PROGRAM STATUS

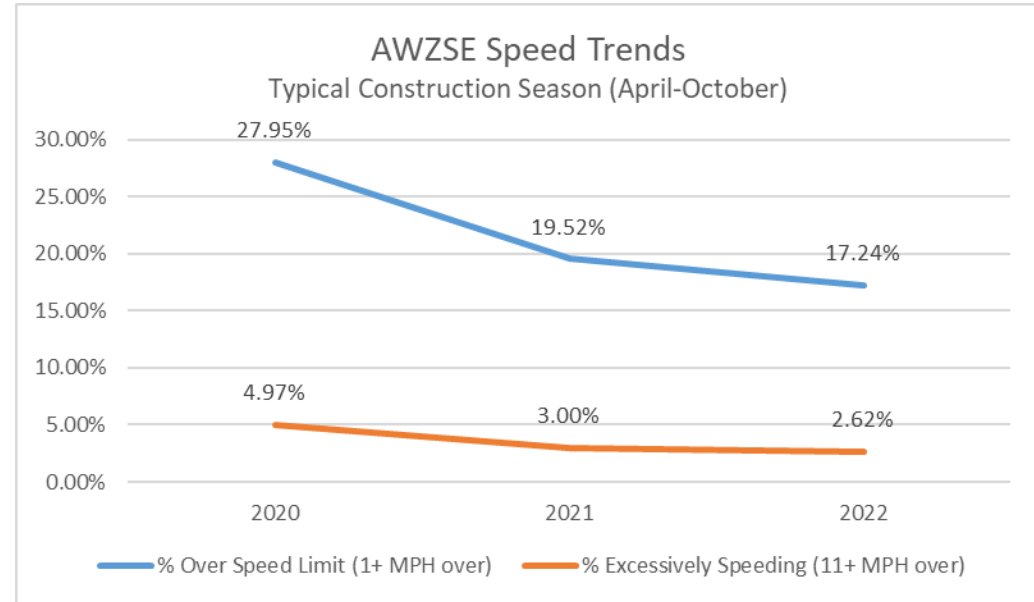
- **PROGRAM STATS**
 - **8,700+ DEPLOYMENTS**
 - **1,000,000+ VIOLATIONS ISSUED**
 - **16.1% REPEAT RATE**

	DEPLOYMENTS	FIRST VIOLATIONS (\$0)	SECOND VIOLATIONS (\$75)	THIRD/SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS (\$150)	TOTAL VIOLATIONS ISSUED	REPEAT RATE
2020 TOTAL	2,084	191,595	19,226	8,409	219,230	12.61%
2021 TOTAL	3,302	359,697	45,967	19,119	424,783	15.32%
2022 TOTAL	3,482	362,195	57,114	25,458	444,767	18.57%
PROGRAM TOTAL	8,868	913,487	122,307	52,986	1,088,780	16.10%

PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

- **THE AWZSE PROGRAM HAS REDUCED SPEEDS WHEN DEPLOYED**

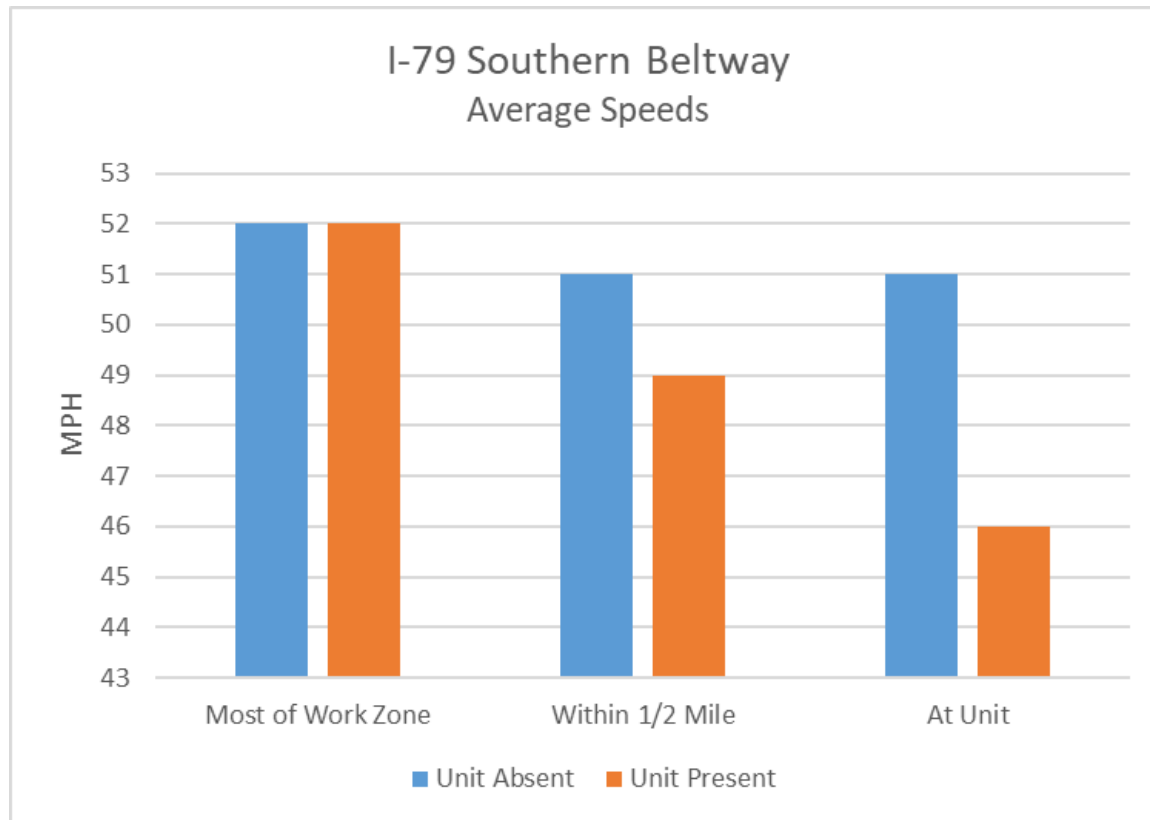
- **PERCENT OVER SPEED LIMIT**
- **PERCENT EXCESSIVELY SPEEDING (11+ MPH OVER SPEED LIMIT)**
- **SPEEDS HAVE BEEN HIGHER IN BARRIER PROTECTED WORK ZONES THAN IN UNPROTECTED WORK ZONES**



- **75% OF ALL DEPLOYMENTS HAVE BEEN TO CHANNELIZED WORK ZONES**
- **% OF TRAFFIC OVER SPEED LIMIT AND % EXCESSIVELY SPEEDING IS TWICE AS HIGH IN BARRIER WORK ZONES**

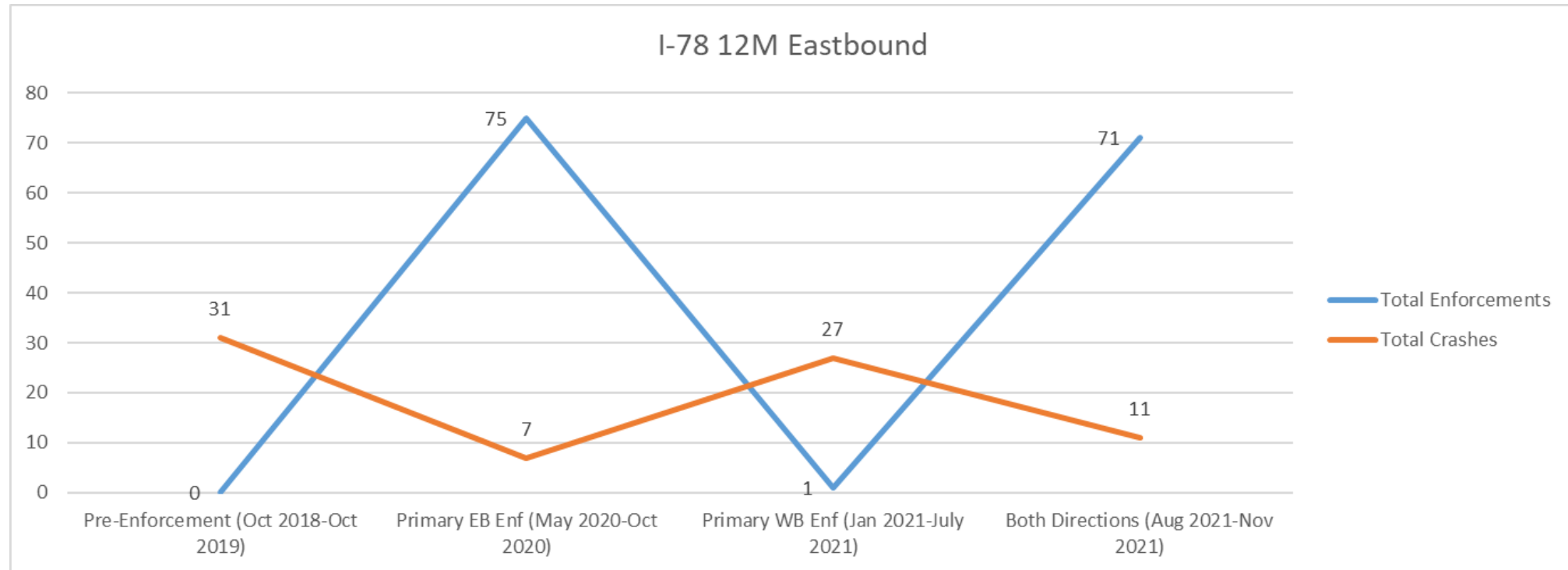
PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

- **THE AWZSE PROGRAM HAS REDUCED SPEEDS WHEN DEPLOYED**
 - **PURDUE UNIVERSITY STUDY**



PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

- **THE AWZSE PROGRAM HAS REDUCED CRASHES WHEN DEPLOYED**
 - **PRIMARILY STUDIED FOR LONG-TERM BARRIER PROTECTED WORK ZONES**
 - **INCREASED FREQUENCY OF ENFORCEMENTS RESULTS IN LOWER CRASHES**



WORKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

- **ELIMINATION OF SUNSET DATE**
- **REMOVAL OF “NOT ACTIVE” REQUIREMENT**
- **WITHHOLD REGISTRATION RENEWALS FOR NON-PAYMENT**
- **ALLOWANCE OF ENFORCEMENT IN SPECIFIC INACTIVE WORK ZONES**

WORKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

- **FINANCIAL PENALTY ON FIRST VIOLATION**
- **CLARIFICATION OF ADVANCE SIGNING REQUIREMENTS**
- **VIRTUAL INFORMAL HEARINGS**
- **RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR LEASED VEHICLES**

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Program Website

<https://workzonecameras.penndot.gov/>

Purdue University Study

<https://www.mdpi.com/1424-8220/22/8/2885/htm>

Legislative Annual Reports

<https://workzonecameras.penndot.gov/about/>

2021 –

<https://workzonecameras.penndot.gov/download/pennsylvania-awzse-2021-annual-report/?wpdmdl=412&masterkey=6086a7a1df992>

2022 –

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