



# TEXAS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COALITION

## TPSC Meeting

July 30, 2024

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM



# Welcome and Agenda

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- 10:30 – 10:40: Welcome and Introductions
- 10:40 – 10:50: 2024 Forum Updates and Discussion
- 10:50 – 11:00: NHTSA Bike and Pedestrian Assessment Announcement
- 11:00 – 11:40: Speakers
  - 11:00 – 11:15: VIA San Antonio's New Bus Line and Pedestrian Safety Considerations
    - Art Herrera, Special Projects Manager, VIA - San Antonio
  - 11:15 - 11:30: Economic and Health Impacts on Pedestrian Safety - Investing in Community Well-Being
    - Courtney Edwards, Director of Trauma, Community Outreach, and Biotel EMS, Parkland Health
  - 11:30 - 11:45: Inside Look at Mobilize Waco
    - Suzette May, Board Member, Mobilize Waco
- 11:40 – 12:00: Stakeholder Updates
- 12:00 Adjourn



# 2024 Texas Pedestrian Safety Forum Evaluations



# Reflecting on 2024 Forum & Planning for Next Year's Forum



- Session topics and presenters were excellent, covered wide range of important and relevant subjects.
- Walking tours were very well received, well attended, likely to become a yearly event.
- Event center was good, though rooms were a bit dark. We are looking into other options for this—though cost is a consideration.
- Houston was a great location—excellent energy and a lot happening in the pedestrian safety space. Will rotate major cities and plan on holding in Houston in the next couple years.
- Next year we are likely to propose holding the event in Austin (in Austin every other year).
- We are very open to topic suggestions and feedback



# NHTSA Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Assessment



# Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Assessment



NHTSA's Assessment Program provides technical assistance to State Highway Safety Offices through a team of outside experts who conduct a comprehensive assessment of the highway safety program.

- Goals:
  - Provide a comprehensive review of the pedestrian safety programs.
  - Compare current status to pre-established standards.
  - Identify strengths and weaknesses.
  - Offer recommendations for improvement.
- Outcomes:
  - Open, non-threatening dialogue with stakeholders.
  - Assistance with long-range planning and resource allocation.
  - Generation of administrative and political support.
  - Establishment of benchmarks for future improvements.



# Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Assessment



Program areas that are evaluated include:

- Program Management
- Legislation, Regulation and Policy
- Law Enforcement
- Highway and Traffic Engineering
- Communication Program
- Outreach Program
- Driver Education and Licensing
- Program Evaluation



# Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Assessment



The state compiles a briefing package that documents significant components of the state's pedestrian safety programs.

NHTSA selects an assessment team comprised of national programmatic experts.

The Assessment Team reviews briefing package, conducts interviews with key State individuals, as well as stakeholders from public and private organizations and agencies.

After reviewing the briefing package and conducting interviews, the Assessment Team meets to analyze the information, compare the State's program to standards, and develops improvement recommendations.

The Assessment Team briefs State officials and other invited guests on the findings and recommendations.





# Task Force - Updates

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- Reviewed Forum and the Role of the Task Force
- Reviewed the Role of the Task Force in NHTSA Assessment
- Created Plan of Action for 10 Initiatives
- Discussed Next Years Task Force and Projection



# VIA's New Bus Line and Pedestrian Safety Considerations

Art Herrera

Deputy Project Director, Advanced Rapid Transit, VIA - San Antonio



# Healthcare Perspective on Pedestrian Safety

Courtney Edwards

Director of Trauma, Community Outreach, and Biotel EMS, Parkland Health





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*Economic and Health  
Impacts on Pedestrian  
Safety - Investing in  
Community Well-Being*

A Dallas Area Healthcare  
Perspective on Pedestrians  
and Injury

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REES-JONES TRAUMA CENTER AT  
PARKLAND



A large, modern hospital building with a glass facade and a white section. The word "Parkland" is visible on the white section. The building is surrounded by greenery and a blue sky with clouds.

Parkland

# Parkland Hospital

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884 bed acute care, safety-net hospital in Dallas, Texas and primary teaching hospital for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; includes 20 community-based clinics

## 2023 Patient Number

- Total Discharges 71,449
- Total Surgeries 21,734
- Total Outpatient Visits 1,091,150
- Total Emergency Visits 226,531

# **Why am I here?**

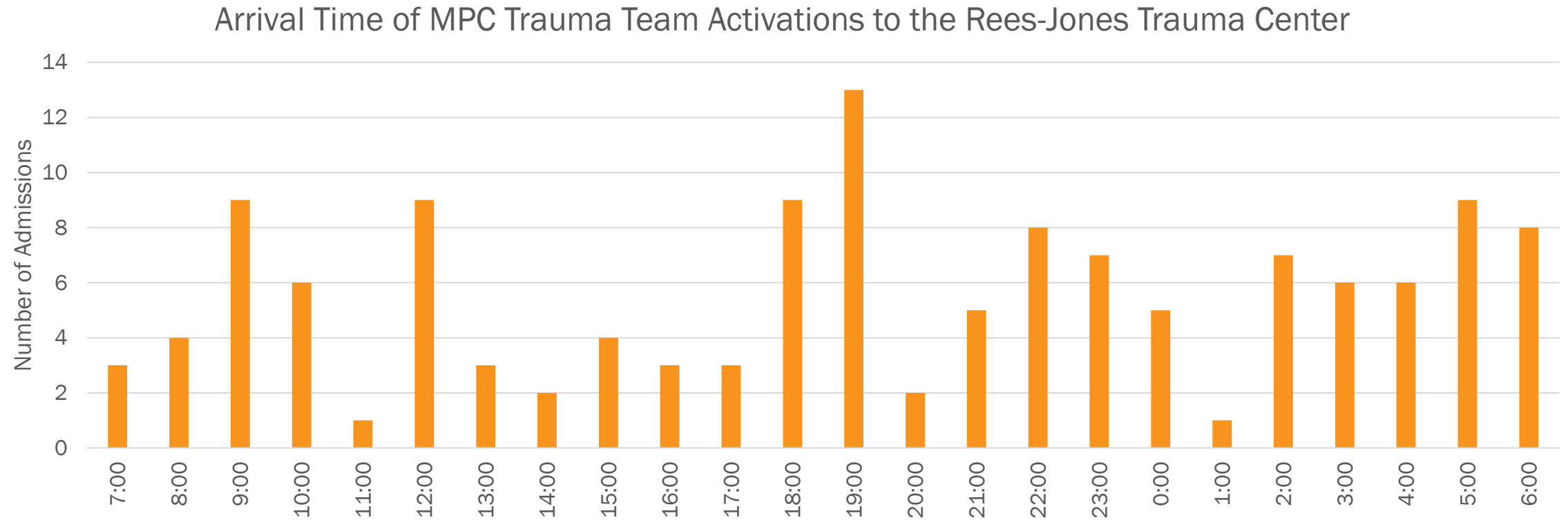
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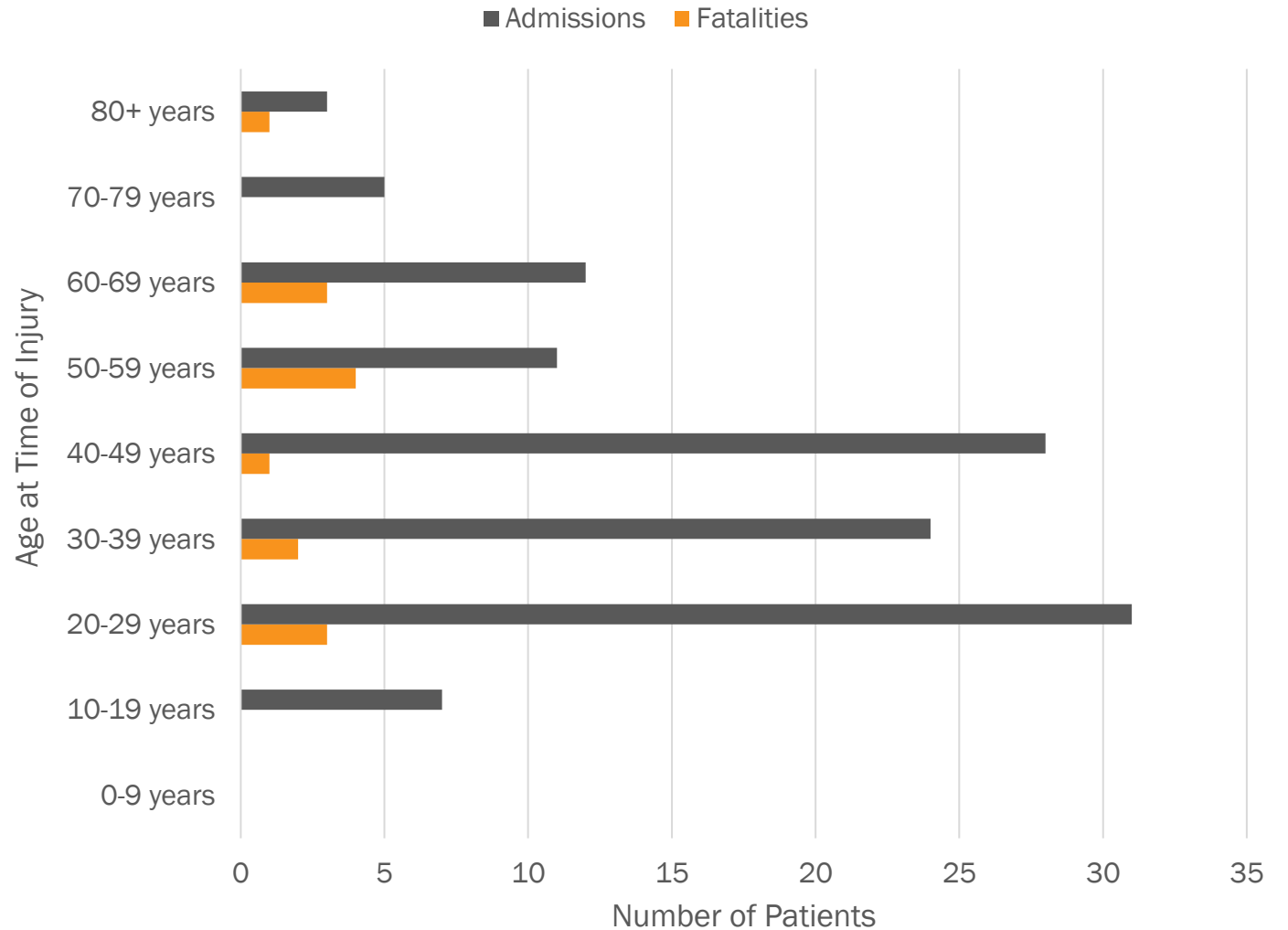


# 133 pedestrians required admission to the Trauma Center after being struck by a motor vehicle

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MPCs represented  
**5.5%** of all trauma  
admissions, but  
**14.4%** of trauma  
related fatalities



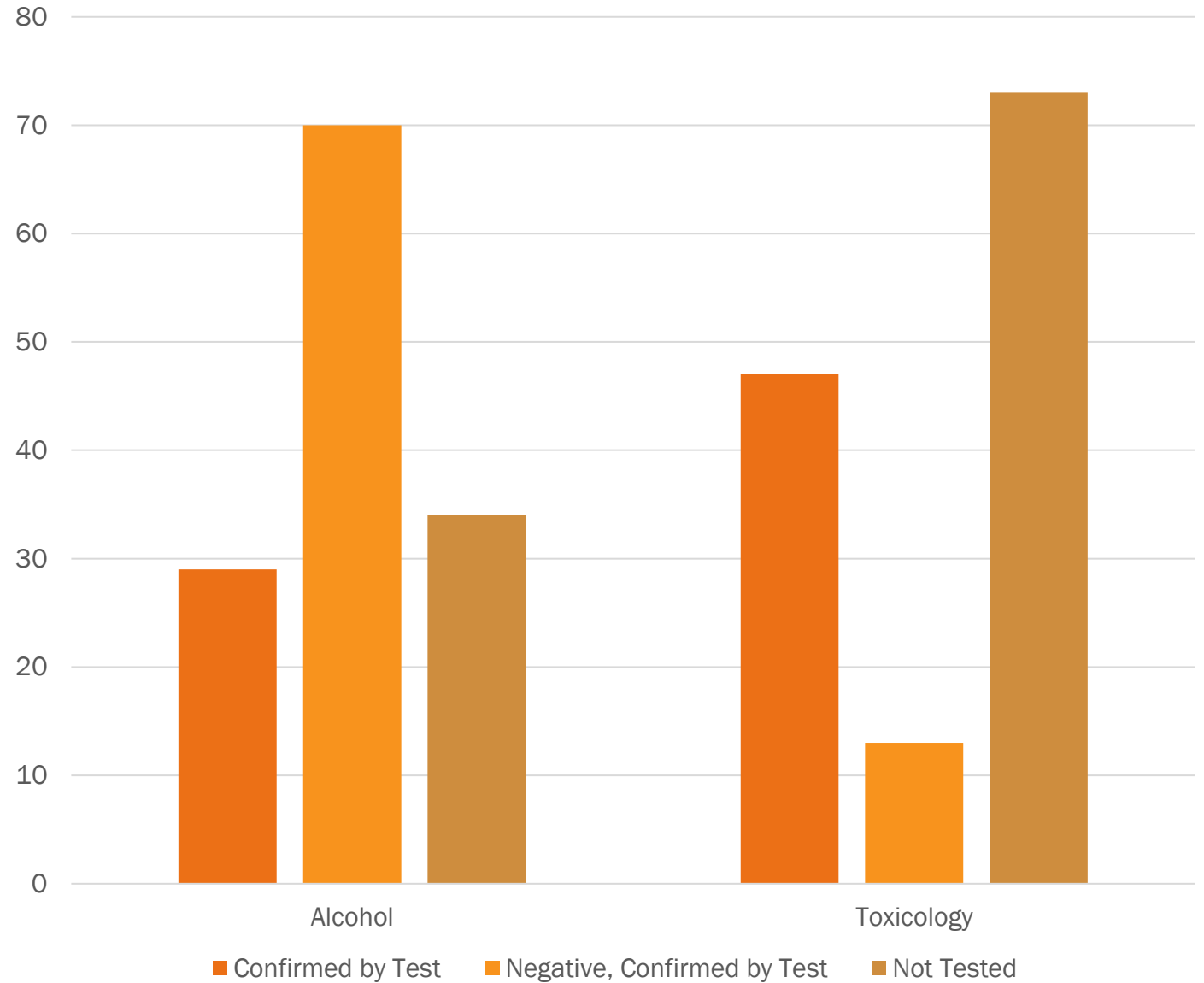


# 3% of pedestrian crashes were work related

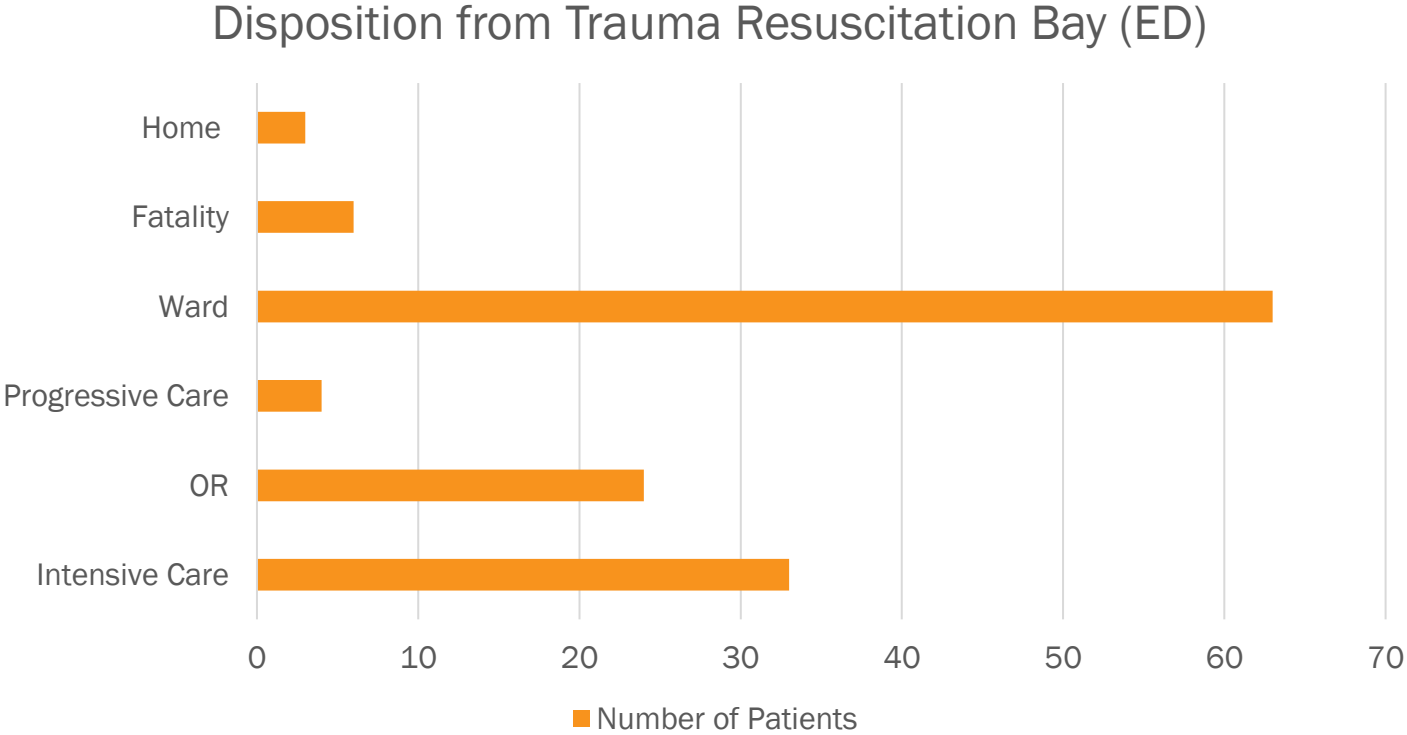
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Location Description for Place of Injury	Number of Patients
Local Residential or Business Street	73
Parking Lot	14
Unspecified street and highway	11
Interstate Highway	9
Other industrial and construction area	4
Private driveway	2
State Road	1
Other paved roadway	1
Other / Unknown	18

**1 in 2** persons  
admitted after  
being stuck by a  
motor vehicle had  
either alcohol  
and/or drug  
substances  
confirmed at the  
time of their  
admission (57%)



# Nearly **half** of patients require immediate operations or intensive care services after being struck by a motor vehicle.



Hospital Discharge Condition	Number of Patients
Good Recovery	97
Moderate Disability	18
Severe Disability	3
Coma	1
Death	14

Injury Severity Score	Number of Patients
Minor (1-8)	48
Moderate (9-15)	37
Serious (16-24)	24
Critical (50-74)	3

## *How severely are these patient injured?*

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The Injury Severity Score (ISS) assesses the combined effects of the multiply-injured patients and is based on an anatomical injury severity classification, the Abbreviated Injury Scale (AIS).

The ISS is an internationally recognized scoring system which correlates with mortality, morbidity and other measures of severity.

Injury Severity Scores range from 1 to 75.

# Patients stay **1 week** when hospitalized after being struck by a motor vehicle

Average  
Hospital Length  
of Stay

**7.3 days**

Median  
Hospital Length  
of Stay

**5 days**

Range of  
Hospital Length  
of Stay

**1 - 134 days**

Average  
Hospital ICU  
Length of Stay

**5.7 days**

Median ICU  
Length of Stay

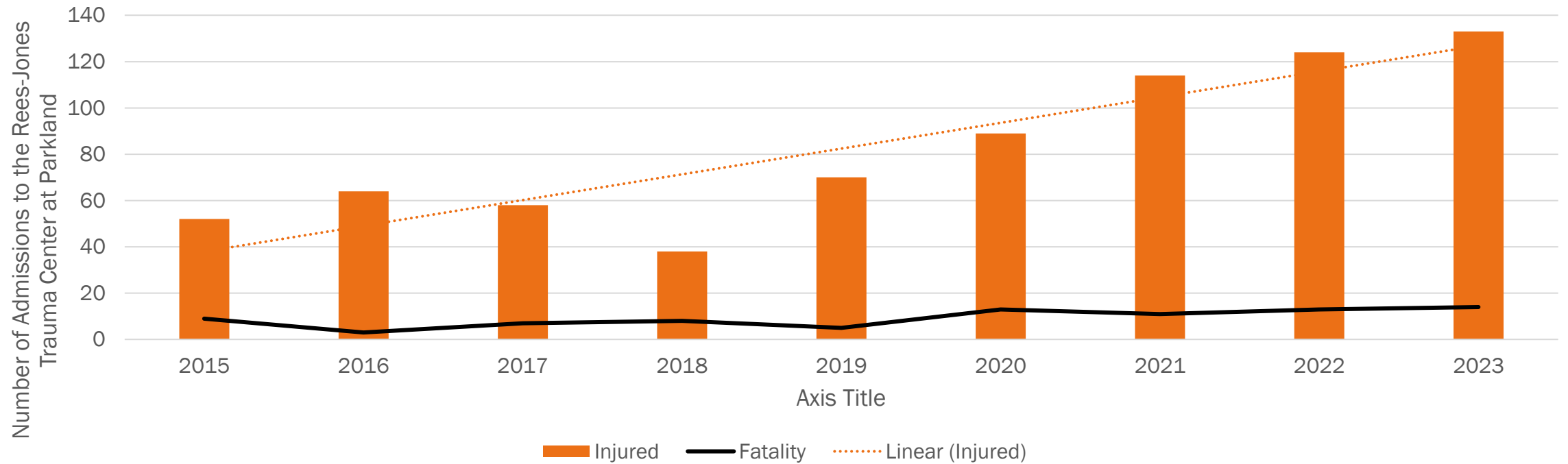
**0 days**

Range of ICU  
Length of Stay

**0 - 26 days**

# City of Dallas – Vision Zero

Incidence of Pedestrians Injuries within the City of Dallas



# What is the uncompensated cost to be a trauma center?

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	FY 2021 Trauma Uncompensated Care Application	FY 2020 Trauma Uncompensated Care Application	FY 2019 Trauma Uncompensated Care Application
Sum of Uncompensated Trauma Care classified as charity or bad debt according to the Hospital's policy	101,872,974	78,491,153	73,072,720
Number of patient accounts used to calculated the hospital's uncompensated trauma care charges	1,206	1,003	1,015

## Contact Information

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Rees-Jones Trauma Center at Parkland Health & Hospital System



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# Waco Mobility Update

Suzette May

Board Member & Vice President, Mobilize Waco





Working toward full accessibility,  
participation, and leadership by people with  
disabilities in the Waco area.



# Challenges We Face

For a lot of people with disabilities, the problems we face with accessibility and transportation are some of the biggest challenges we have. Things like:

- Traveling in places without accessible sidewalks and safe street crossings.
- Finding an accessible way to get to a destination or into a building.
- Having access to a wheelchair-accessible vehicle.

F Mobilize Waco seeks to work with organizations in and around Waco to solve these hurdles so that everyone can access, work, and participate in our communities easily.





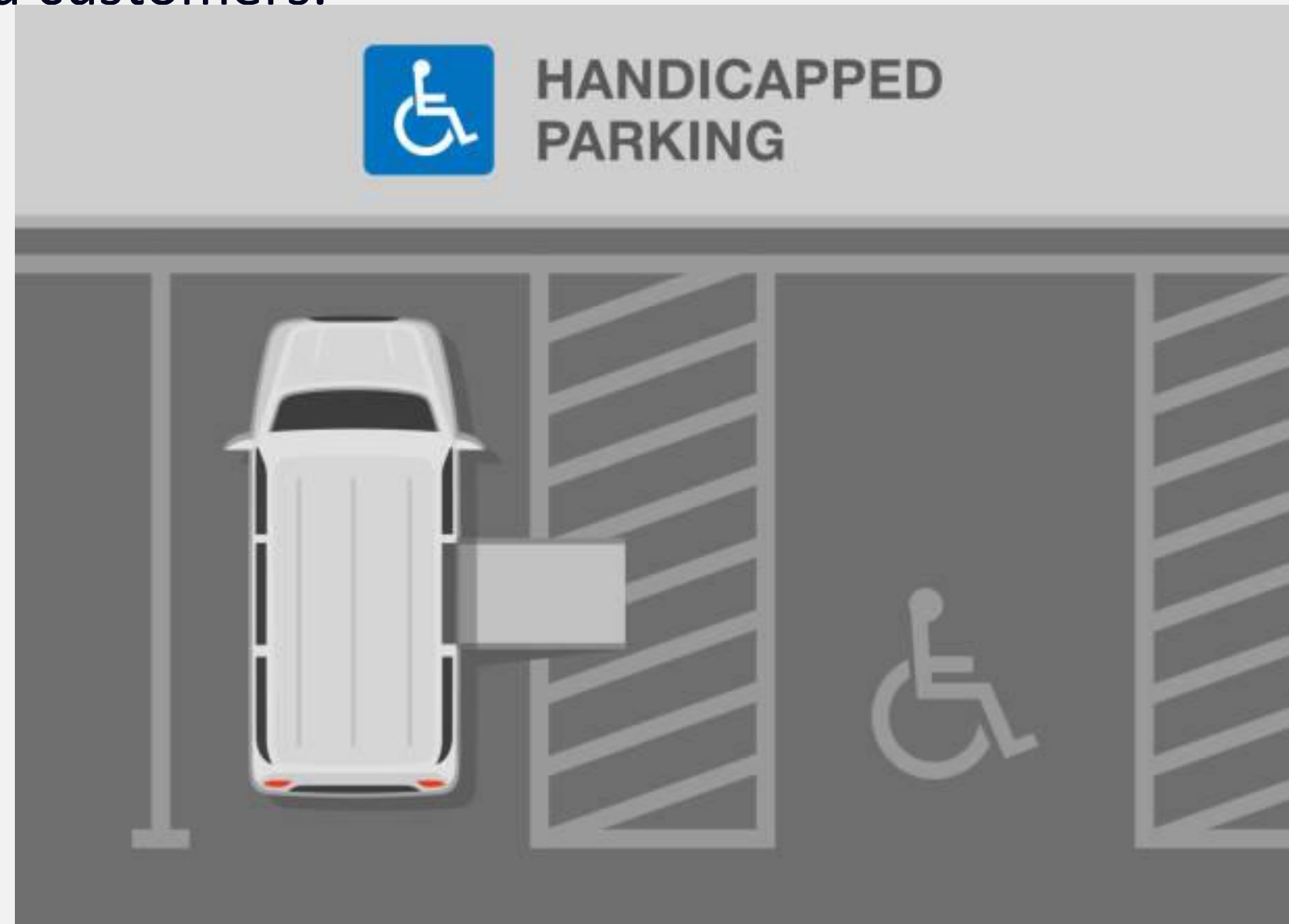


We are grateful for the opportunity to weigh-in on the accessibility features of the new construction along the IH-35 intersections and the recently completed Waco Dr./Hwy 84 intersections.



# A Current Project

We are working with the building owner and the parking lot owner where Bitty & Beau's Coffee is located at 110 Franklin to create a more accessible parking area for employees and customers.





# Volunteer! Network! Work Together!



Several Mobilize Waco board members serve on or attend other community boards and committee meetings so that we can do even more to improve accessibility in our communities. These include the Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization, Waco Public Transit Advisory Board, Waco Walks, and various other organizations related to pedestrian and public transit issues.



# Spreading Accessibility Awareness with Two Apps!



We use two apps that we are encouraging everyone to use to spread accessibility awareness.

**Parking Mobility**- an app that allows you to discretely report accessible parking violations and help eradicate the #1 safety and access issue people with disabilities face daily. **“Enforcement is essential but education changes behavior”**

**iAccess Life**- an app that lets you rate, review, and research places based on your disability. Find out if places are accessible before you get there. **“Know Before You Go”**





# Our Monthly Radio Show!



Mobilize Waco has a monthly radio show,  
**Living It with Mobilize Waco**, on KWBU 103.3 FM on the  
third Friday of every month at 11:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.  
This is a monthly half-hour interview program featuring  
disabled Wacoans. Listen anytime at  
<https://www.kwbu.org/show/living-it>



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THANK YOU!

# Stakeholder Updates



**Thank you!**

