# ADOT Dust Mitigation Project Arizona Dust Workshop 2022

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#### What got us here?

#### Dust related crashes

- Aug 2010 to Aug 2015
  - **3** Fatal
  - 5 Incapacitating
  - 27 Non-Incapacitating
  - 6 Possible
  - 42 Property Damage Only
- 83 crashes in 5 years
- 1 crash since Dust Detection System Deployment
  - 6 vehicles in crash with possible injuries





## ADOT's solution using technology

- I-10 MP 209-219 (between Phoenix and Tucson)
- Data used for sensor locations
- X-Band radar
- SPOT DETECTOR (13) Spot Detectors
- Variable Speed Limits (VSL)(16)
- Closed Circuit TV (5)
- Dynamic Message Signs (4)
- Speed Feedback Signs (2)



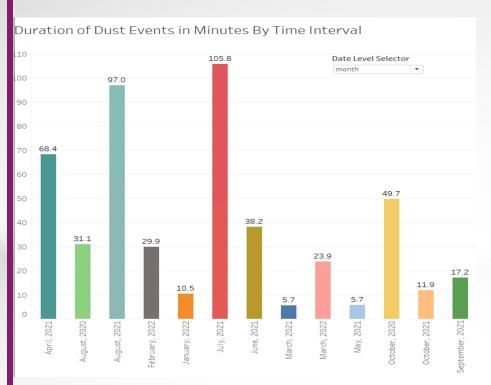
#### **System Activation Thresholds**

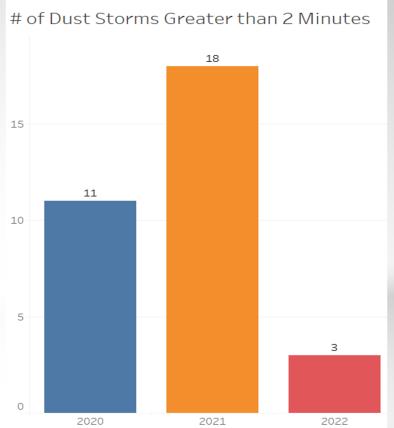
- Visibility thresholds drive system activation
- Thresholds based on stopping sight distance criteria

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<1800' = lower speed limit to 65
<1500' = lower speed limit to 55
<1200' = lower speed limit to 45
<900' = lower speed limit to 35
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### System Data





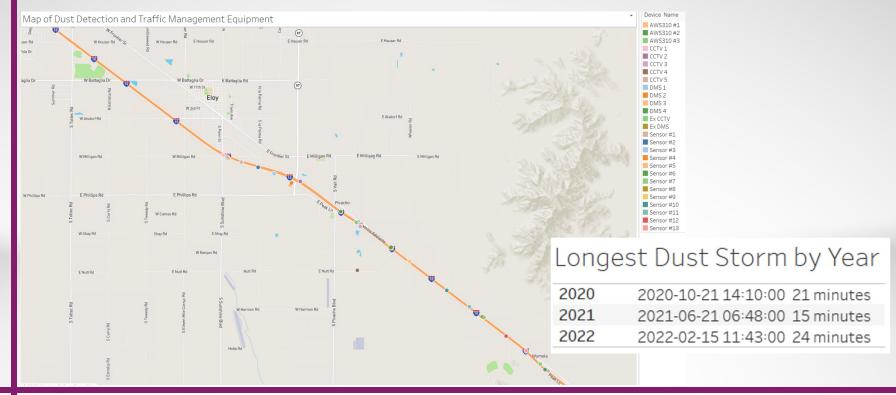


#### System Data

**TSMO Performance Measures** | Driver's Speeds During Dust Event(s) The driver's actual speeds captured from the RADS loop detector data during a dust event. The variable speed limit (VSL) adjusts based off the amount of dust in the air. Drivers' Actual Speeds During Dust Events >= 2 Minutes Location Date and Time of Dust Event 216 WB 210 EB 2022-01-10 15:47:00 VSL 214 WB 215 WB Variable Speed Limit (VSL) -- Posted Speed Limit During Storm 25 3:49:00 PM 3:50:00 PM 3:46:00 PM 3:47:00 PM 3:48:00 PM 3:51:00 PM 3:52:00 PM 3:53:00 PM 3:54:00 PM Date and Time of Dust Event [January 10, 2022]



### **System Data**





#### **Summary**

- We continue to look at the data and make adjustments using our tableau program.
- We continue to work on a platform so we can display the information internally.
- Getting the system data, how it is working from a data perspective takes time.
- We are evaluating if speeds are reducing and system working during dust events.



#### **THANK YOU**

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