

# Digital Services Strategy

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# Today's Presentation on Digital Services Strategy

Why this matters  
to our  
residents

What digital  
transformation  
means

How we're  
doing this in  
San Jose

What we  
need to do  
next

# What we mean by “digital services”

Transactional or informational services that are online and used by the general public, especially residents and businesses.

## **Examples:**

- Transactional: applying for a building permit
- Informational: looking up your recycling collection company

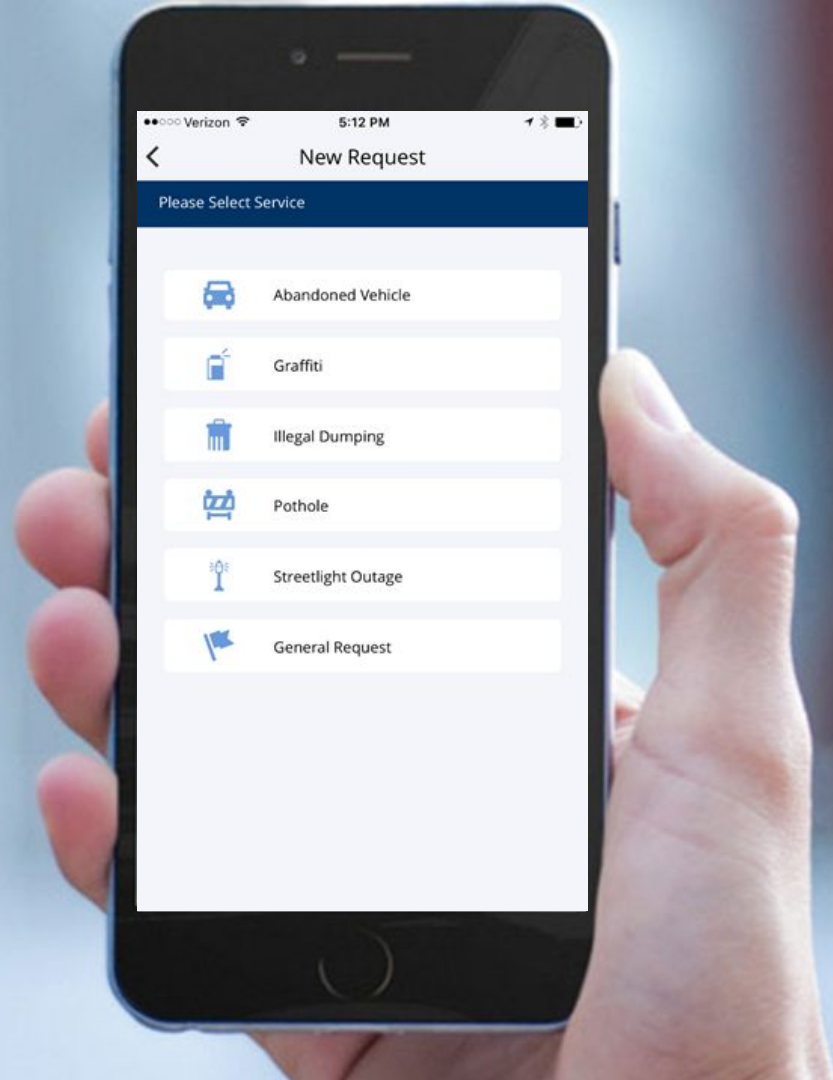
## **Ways in which digital services may be delivered:**

- Websites
- Mobile apps
- Text message
- Chatbot

Our services were not designed  
for the internet

# Digital services matter to our residents

- ❑ Easy to get things done
- ❑ Make services accessible and inclusive
- ❑ Build trust in City's ability to deliver



My San Jose's six  
services are the  
“tip of the iceberg”

We need a plan for  
the rest of the  
iceberg



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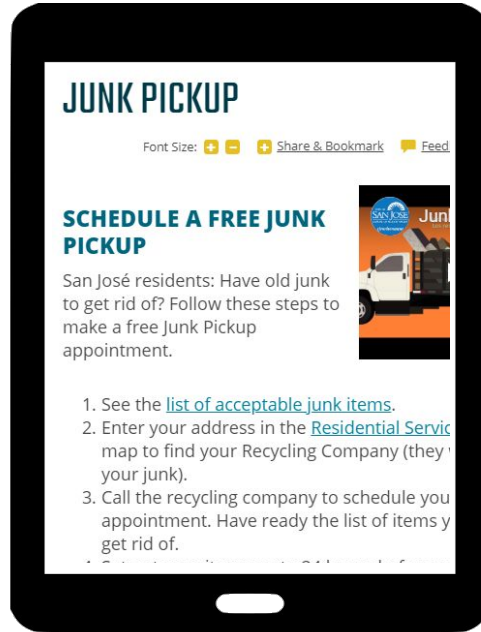
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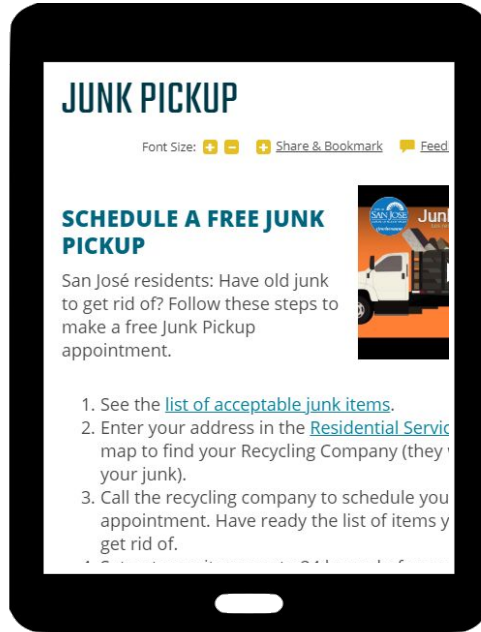


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3 Customers appreciate the service but find that calling the hauler is often a burdensome process

# ESD envisions a single digital appointment booking experience will make it easier for residents

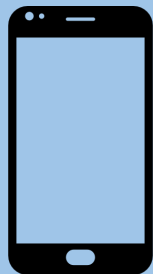
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Go online to schedule appointment



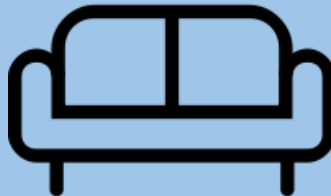
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Get a text reminder the day before



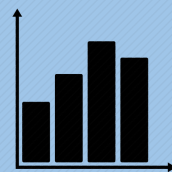
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Set out items and you're done!



4

City easily tracks service data



## How might we make this happen?

1. Design the end-to-end customer journey (including the parts managed by vendors)
2. Sweat the people, process and technology details to deliver that experience

**“The future is already here —  
it’s just not evenly distributed”**

William Gibson, 2003

# The UK's Digital Transformation Journey



2010

## Call to action

Form a central team

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Develop digital strategy

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14<sup>th</sup> October 2010

## REVOLUTION NOT EVOLUTION

**“A focus on vastly increasing the range, usage and quality of online transactions will deliver the greatest impact; less hassle for citizens & businesses, and great efficiency.”**

Yours sincerely,

**Martha Lane Fox**  
UK Digital Champion

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## “The Team is the Unit of Delivery”



Government  
Digital Service

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“Simpler, clearer, faster”

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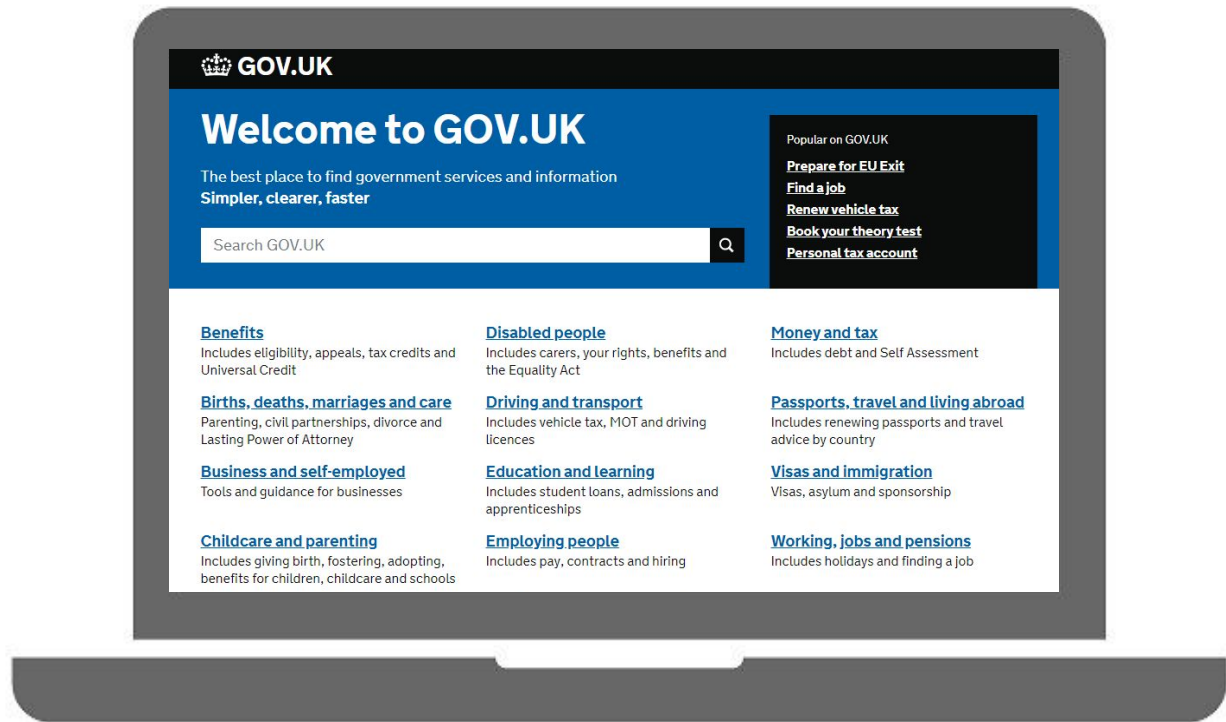
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**780** services

[Download cost per transaction and volume data \(CSV\)](#)

**1.03bn** completed transactions per year

total for [384 services out of 780](#)

Department	Service name	Completed transactions per year ▾
Department for Transport	<a href="#">Vehicle tax: checks by individuals</a>	659,734,690
Home Office	<a href="#">Passenger arrivals at the UK border</a>	136,200,000
Department for Transport	<a href="#">Vehicle tax renewals</a>	47,055,169
Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs	<a href="#">Cattle Tracing System</a>	20,028,090
Department for Transport	<a href="#">Check driving information</a>	17,606,215
Department for Work and Pensions	<a href="#">State Pension: existing claims</a>	12,896,460
Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy	<a href="#">Requests to Land Registry for official copies of records</a>	10,904,848
Department for Transport	<a href="#">Vehicle registration certificate changes</a>	10,382,205
Department for Transport	<a href="#">Change of registered keeper: notifications</a>	9,464,222
Department for Transport	<a href="#">Vehicle tax: checks by third parties</a>	6,985,406
Home Office	<a href="#">Domestic applications for UK passports</a>	6,483,713

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## Government Digital Strategy

November 2012

- 01 Executive summary
- 02 Introduction
- 03 What the strategy is about
- 04 The potential for more people to use government digital services
- 05 What we have already done
- 06 Developing digital transactions
- 07 Assisted digital



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## Digital Service Standard

- 1 Understand user needs. Research to develop a deep knowledge of who the service users are and what that means for the design of the service.
- 2 Put a plan in place for ongoing user research and usability testing to continuously seek feedback from users to improve the service.
- 3 Put in place a sustainable multidisciplinary team that can design, build and operate the service, led by a suitably skilled and senior service manager with decision-making responsibility.
- 4 Build the service using the agile, iterative and user-centred methods set out in the manual.
- 5 Build a service that can be iterated and improved on a frequent basis and make sure that you have the capacity, resources and technical flexibility to do so.
- 6 Evaluate what tools and systems will be used to build, host, operate and measure the service, and how to procure them.
- 7 Evaluate what user data and information the digital service will be providing or storing, and address the security level, legal responsibilities, privacy issues and risks associated with the service (consulting with experts where appropriate).
- 8 Make all new source code open and reusable, and publish it under appropriate licences (or provide a convincing explanation as to why this cannot be done for specific subsets of the source code).
- 9 Use open standards and common government platforms where available.
- 10 Be able to test the end-to-end service in an environment identical to that of the live version, including on all common browsers and devices, and using dummy accounts and a representative sample of users.
- 11 Make a plan for the event of the digital service being taken temporarily offline.
- 12 Create a service that is simple and intuitive enough that users succeed first time.
- 13 Build a service consistent with the user experience of the rest of GOV.UK including using the design patterns and style guide.
- 14 Encourage all users to use the digital service (with assisted digital support if required), alongside an appropriate plan to phase out non-digital channels/services.
- 15 Use tools for analysis that collect performance data. Use this data to analyse the success of the service and to translate this into features and tasks for the next phase of development.
- 16 Identify performance indicators for the service, including the 4 mandatory key performance indicators (KPIs) defined in the manual. Establish a benchmark for each metric and make a plan to enable improvements.
- 17 Report performance data on the Performance Platform.
- 18 Test the service from beginning to end with the minister responsible for it.

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## £3.5 billion saved

### Spend controls: check if you need approval to spend money on a service

Published by: [Standards and assurance community](#)  
Last updated: over 2 years ago

#### Page contents:

- Why some services must get spend approval
- How GDS decides which services need approval
- When your service is considered a digital service
- When you need approval for digital services
- When your service is considered a technology service
- When you need approval for technology
- Technology spending that counts as part of your total spend
- Projects that usually won't be approved
- Apply for approval

If you want to spend money on a digital or technology service, you may have to get approval from the Government Digital Service (GDS).

This process is known as 'spend controls'.

You'll need to follow different guidance if your department has signed up to the new [pipeline process](#). Check with your digital or technology lead to find out.

#### Why some services must get spend approval

GDS requires services to get spending approval to make sure they're built in line with the [Technology Code of Practice](#).

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25 departments  
10,000 people trained every year



Source: Lou Downe, Code for America 2018 keynote,  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FoWUeQAG-BYmPBCPtQZefqtjCGqvYIRCsrwwiPF3CIA/edit#slide=id.g20fc5d3bc7\\_0\\_432](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FoWUeQAG-BYmPBCPtQZefqtjCGqvYIRCsrwwiPF3CIA/edit#slide=id.g20fc5d3bc7_0_432)  
Photo credit: GDS team, <https://www.flickr.com/photos/gdsteam/42843133360/in/photostream/>

# Other governments have followed in their footsteps...

## CITIES



**CITY of BOSTON**



## STATES



**Digital Services  
GEORGIA**



## NATIONS



U.S. Digital Service



Argentina



Singapore



Italy



Mexico



Australian Government  
Digital Transformation Agency

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## The Smart City Vision challenges us to be a “User-Friendly City”

- Create digital platforms to improve transparency
- Empower residents to actively engage in the governance of their city
- Make the City more responsive to the complex and growing demands of our community.

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**Subject: My San Jose Alpha Launch**

Date: June 16, 2017

Hi all Alpha Users:

In our 6 weeks we have been able to:

- Roll out **2 Versions**
- Fixed **52 Bugs**
- Added **31 features**
- Submitted **9165 requests**



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**We're piloting a central digital services team...**



**Product  
Owner**

**User Experience  
Designer**

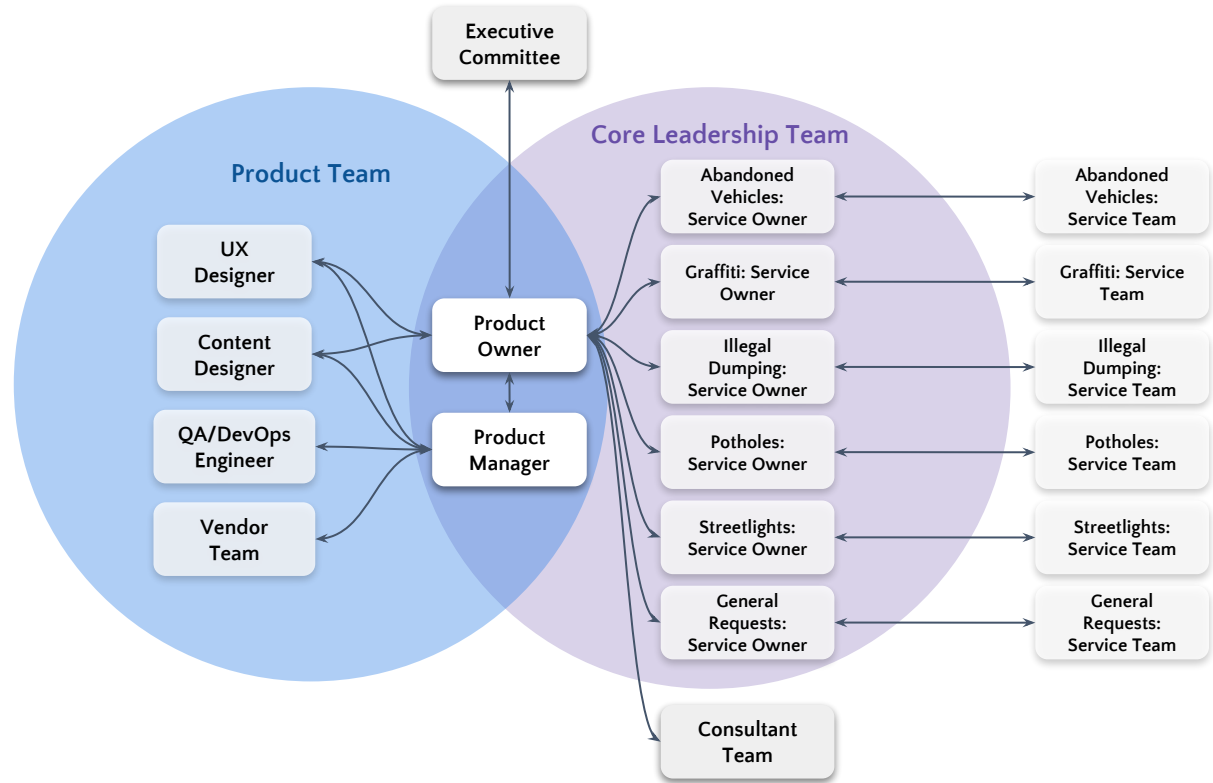
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**Product  
Manager**



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## ...and navigating complex organizational structure



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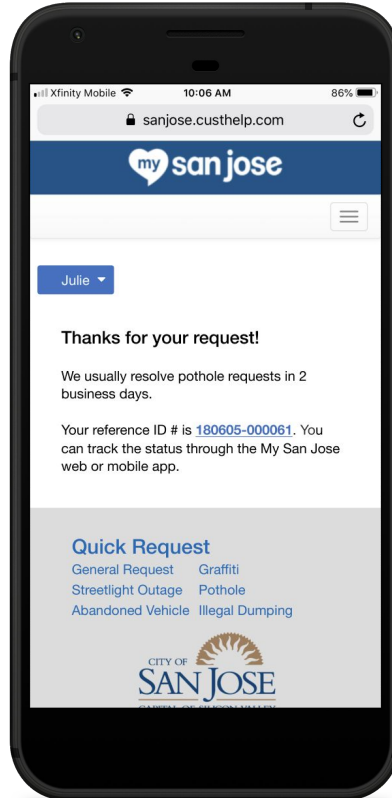
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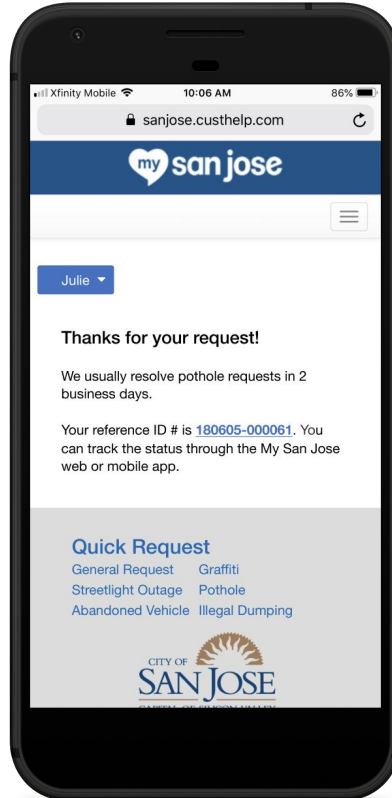
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We're proving that building & delivering can be *fast* — when the right conditions are in place.

For example:

- Internal staff with digital skills
- Contracts for ongoing maintenance and iteration

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## We're implementing best practices for user-centered design...

My San Jose Objective & Key Results for Quarter 1, 2019



### **Build trust with reporters**

by setting expectations and demonstrating responsiveness

As measured by...

- ☐ Each service has a simple definition
- ☐ Tell reporters the target resolution time
- ☐ Meet target resolution time for 80% of all requests
- ☐ Track customer satisfaction for every service request

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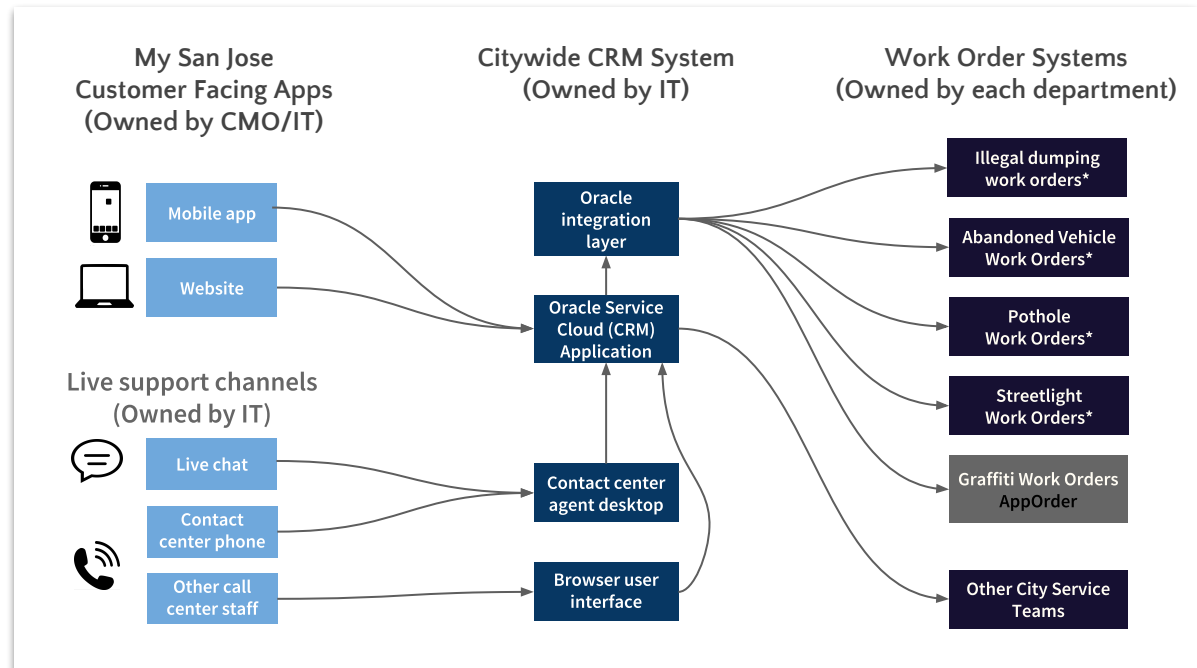
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...and delving into the complexities of governance for our processes and systems



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**We've piloted a training on how to create user-centered website content...**



**Digital Services Academy: 10 services, 20 staff from 12 depts**

# What We Need to Do Next

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## Upcoming Milestones

- ❑ Evaluate and pre-qualify consultants for digital service transformation (Target: March - April 2019)
- ❑ Digital services roadmap (Target: May - June 2019)

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## Questions for Digital Services Strategy

- ☐ Governance structure
- ☐ Centralized vs. decentralized staffing
- ☐ Benchmarks from local governments
- ☐ Developing common platforms
- ☐ When to choose build vs. buy
- ☐ Growing our procurement toolkit
- ☐ Framework for choosing the right channels for each customer segment

Let's make our plan  
for the rest of the  
iceberg

