# Street Sweeping Overview

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# **Purpose of Street Sweeping**

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) established by 1972 Clean Water Act
- Street sweeping is included as a best practice requirement in the stormwater discharge permit issued to San José
- Prevents pollutants from entering storm drains and waterways
  - Sediment
  - Nutrients (fertilizers and animal waste)
  - Toxic metals
  - Organic material





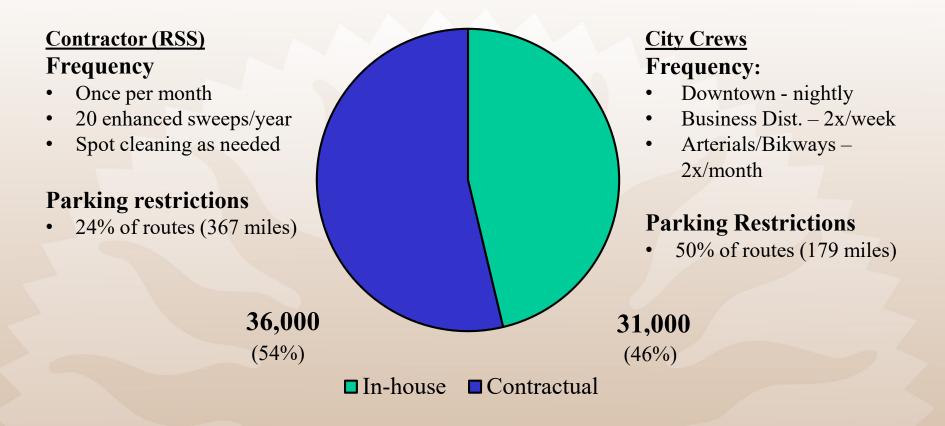


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# **Program Overview**

#### **Annual Curb Miles Swept by Program**

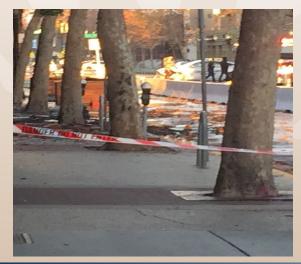




# **City Crews**

- Sweeper Operators employed by DOT
- City owns sweepers for streets and bike lanes
- Routine sweeping and DOT sweepers respond to calls when needed
  - Debris in the street
  - Police & Fire emergency cleanup









# **Residential Street Sweeping (RSS)**





- Sweepers Operators employed by GreenWaste, contractor owns sweepers
- DOT inspection staff assess effectiveness of contractual sweeping, respond to complaints and other sweeping obstruction issues
- Inspection staff coordinate enhanced sweeps and debris removal
- Track parking prohibition signage requests and verify parking impacts



# Sweeping Barriers & Challenges



- Leaves and landscape debris piles
- Parked cars
- Low-hanging tree branches (14' clearance needed)
- Waste Containers



# **Sweeping During Pandemic**

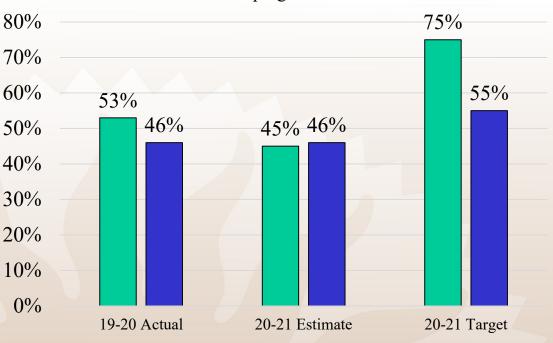
- Parking compliance suspended during pandemic
- Staff redeployments and required leave impacted route completion
- Inspection services with limited remediation tools to compel compliance
  - RSS staff identified barriers, but due to pandemic, did not enforce.
  - Staff mitigated minor sweeping impacts, such as collecting debris piles
  - Performed one time cleanup as needed in areas with large debris build up





### **Core Service Measurement**

- Two effectiveness measures
  - City
  - Customers\*
- Based on 5-point scale
- Good or better rating based upon effectiveness and satisfaction with street appearance (4 or greater on a 1-5 scale)



Street Sweeping Effectiveness

■ % of swept curb miles rated by City as good or better

■ % of customers rating street sweeping services good or better\*

\* The Environmental Services Department conducts a resident survey once every two years (Recycle Plus Survey). The next Survey is scheduled in winter 2022.



# **Route Completion Tracking**

#### Route Completion Over Time 120% 91% 94% 98% 96% 100% 90% 94% 91% 92% 86% 85% 82% 80% 60% 40% 20% 0% , 10<sup>11</sup>, 11<sup>12</sup>, 12<sup>11</sup>, 12<sup>11</sup>, 14<sup>11</sup>, 15<sup>11</sup>, 15<sup>11</sup>, 16<sup>11</sup>, 11<sup>11</sup>, 18<sup>11</sup>, 19<sup>12</sup>, 19<sup>22</sup>, 20<sup>22</sup>



### **City Crews**

- Route completion tracked daily via telematics
- Missed areas completed
  on Fridays

### **Contractor (RSS)**

- Spot check with inspector
- Contractually obligated to complete every route

# **Street Sweeping Audit: 2016**

key: 📕 implemented 📕 partly implemented 📕 not implemented

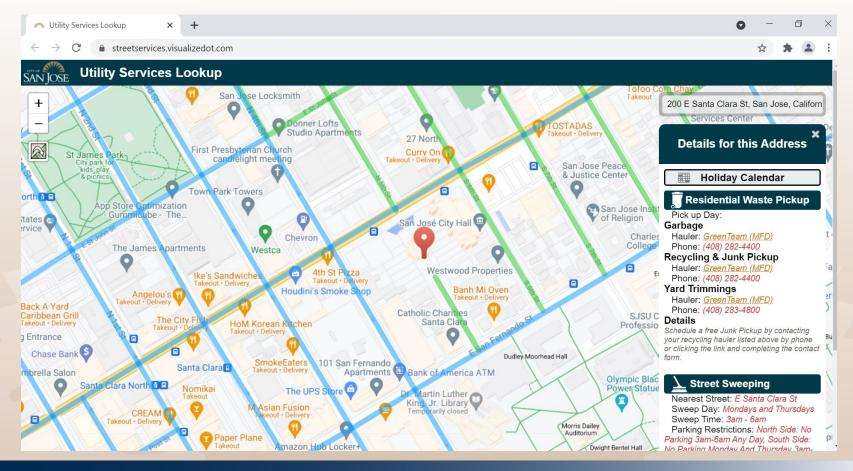
Report	Audit Title	Dept(s)	We made recommendations to:	Current Recommendation Status
Street Sweeping: Significant Investment and Re-		DOT	Improve the effectiveness of sweeping City streets	
			through evaluating program costs, enhancing tools for	
Tooling	Are Needed to Achieve Cleaner Streets	DOT	data monitoring, and improving communication with	14
			the public	<b>K</b>

- 1. DOT's street sweeping operation should stop emptying street sweepings onto street.
  - <u>In Progress</u>, new staff member hired and equipment in procurement pipeline.
- 2. DOT and ESD should deploy electronic inspection system and GPS-tracking devices.
  - <u>Completed</u> for City Crews
  - In Progress for RSS City and GW working to quantify costs for potential contractual add
- 3. Based on staff input, route data, and equipment needs, DOT should:
  - a) Review and revise street sweeping schedules and routes <u>Completed</u> to the extent current funding allows;
  - b) Consider additional enhanced sweeps in particularly dirty areas as funds and resources become available: <u>Completed</u>, enhanced sweep increased from 9 to 20 per year in contract update
  - c) Develop a plan to periodically review street sweeping schedules and routes that consider street conditions: <u>Completed</u>, *routes evaluated in coordination meetings*



# **Sweeping Lookup Tool**

#### **Residents and businesses can look up their sweep day at:** <u>www.sjenvironment.org/lookup</u> (ESD website)





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