

Oakland's Infrastructure includes...

- ✓ 2,300 lane miles of **streets**
- ✓ 1,120 miles of **sidewalk**
- ✓ 45,000+ **trees**
- ✓ 1,350+ acres of **parks, grounds and open space**
- ✓ 1,000 miles of **sewers**
- ✓ 370 miles and 16,000 structures in the **storm water drainage system**
- ✓ Over 300 **buildings**
- ✓ 1,700 **vehicles and equipment**
- ✓ 36,000 **street lights**
- ✓ 670 **traffic signal intersections**

Public Works also manages...

- ✓ *illegal dumping removal*
- ✓ *graffiti abatement*
- ✓ *residential garbage and recycling*
- ✓ *volunteer programs for beautification and clean-up projects*
- ✓ *environmental programs*

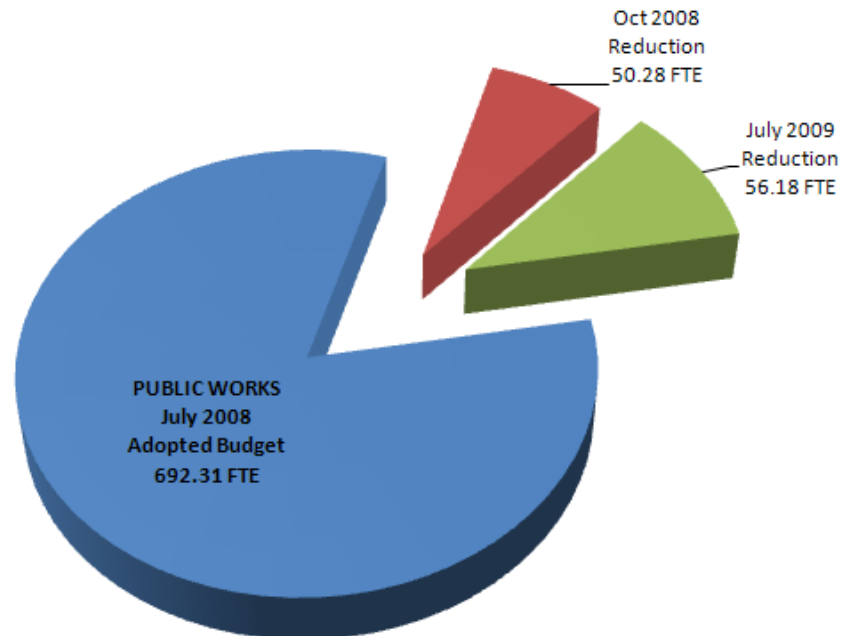


Figure 1. Loss of over 100 positions since last year.

Park Maintenance

Parks and open space are living assets and as such require on-going care. With the downsizing of staff (24% since July 2008) that maintains these assets, Oakland's landscaped assets will be critically compromised, resulting in increased blight, weeds, litter and a generally unkempt appearance. Service reductions will have an immediate visual impact.

Effective July 1, 2009, about 380 acres at 104 locations will continue to receive some routine maintenance. These "priority" locations include grounds at city buildings, athletic fields, community parks and recently completed capital improvement projects.

About 140 acres at 212 "no routine maintenance" locations will not receive regular maintenance but will be serviced by complaint crews. Services at these locations will be prioritized with health and safety issues being of the highest priority. These locations include active and passive mini-parks, neighborhood parks, special use parks, parking lots, plazas, and medians and streetscapes.

The remaining 830 acres at 16 resource conservation areas currently receive no routine maintenance.

Tree Services

Tree services will be strictly limited to the removal of hazardous tree conditions. Staffing reductions since July 2008 total 39% of staff.

Other tree services such as pruning, planting, watering and other routine maintenance activities will be limited to emergency situations only.

Litter Enforcement Program

Litter Enforcement Program will be impacted by 50%. Instead of one officer for each of six Service Delivery System (SDS) districts, each officer will be assigned to two SDS districts. Litter Enforcement activities will all continue but to a lesser extent. Illegal dumping removal will also continue.

Service Impacts to Parks and Grounds*Some Routine Maintenance at...*

- *Facilities*
- *Athletic Fields*
- *Community Parks*
- *Newly Renovated Parks*

No Routine Maintenance at...

- *Mini Parks*
- *Linear Parks*
- *Neighborhood Parks*
- *Parking Lots*
- *Plazas*
- *Street Medians and Streetscapes*

Street Maintenance

The Heavy Paving program will be eliminated. Major road repairs not included in the Capital Rehabilitation program will be postponed until funding is available. Street maintenance activities will continue to include pothole repair, crack sealing, guard rail repair and sidewalk repair.

At this time, the State of California budget action may further and severely impact the City of Oakland's ability to perform local street maintenance.

Traffic Maintenance

Traffic maintenance activities include manufacturing or purchasing, installing, repairing and replacing damaged traffic signs (STOP, YIELD, ONEWAY, etc.) and poles, replacing worn or faded street striping such as crosswalks, reflectors, center lines, lane lines, ceramic markers, stop stencils, stop bars, and all curb markings.

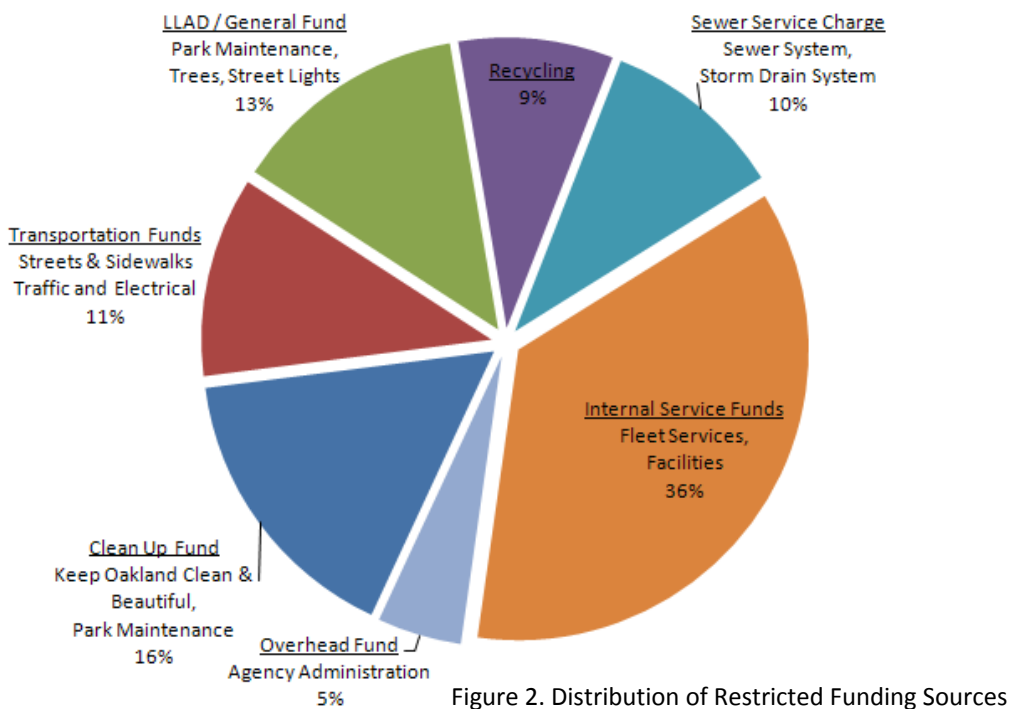
Last year (2007-08), traffic maintenance crews responded to 14,512 sign damage calls and installed 1,940 signs. After July 1, staffing reductions will result in a 12.5% loss in productivity (2,056 fewer signs repaired and installed). Last year, 125,180 linear feet of street lanes and curb area was repainted. Staffing reductions will result in a 10% loss (12,518 ft) in productivity.

Designated Downtown Cleaning Crew

This unique service will be discontinued. The elimination of manual sweeping and hand/power cleaning of sidewalks may result in an increased visibility of litter, dirt and grime on sidewalks. Regular cleaning activities will continue, including street sweeping and scheduled street litter container service. Complaint-driven services for illegal dumping pick-up and graffiti abatement will also continue.

Other Service Impacts

- Painting of city facilities (City Hall, City Center Complex, Hall of Justice, libraries, recreation centers, senior centers, Head Start, fire stations, parks, medians and service centers) will be scheduled on a limited basis. Deferred painting could result in higher maintenance costs to repair dry rot and mold conditions caused by moisture penetration.
- Design services will be centralized with CEDA/Department of Construction and Engineering.
- Less administrative and office support will be available for most operations and may impact customer service and response times.



DIFFERENT WAYS OF DOING BUSINESS...

To help mitigate the dramatic service impacts, work schedules may change. Shift start and end times and work days are under review to match peak demand for services (e.g., weekends versus weekdays). Overlapping shifts may be established to optimize work time performing services.

In addition, the Oakland Parks Coalition is working with the city to recruit additional park stewards and volunteers.

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