



TRANSPORTATION

# SIDEWALK AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE ENHANCEMENTS

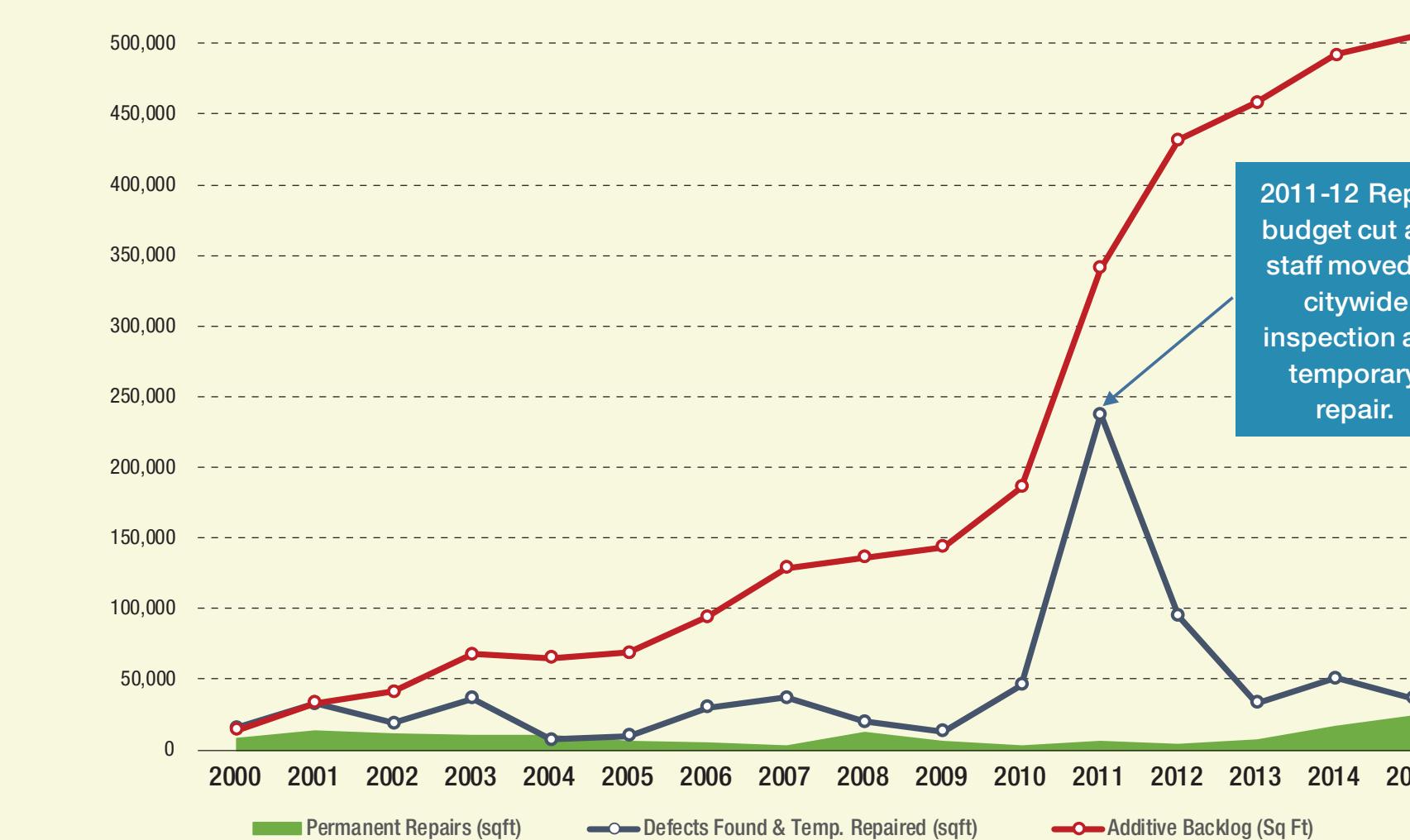
Bellevue's aging infrastructure requires an increasing level of repair. Our rapidly growing population and evolving travel needs are adding to the number of roadway facilities needing maintenance and are placing more wear on our existing transportation infrastructure. Street maintenance focuses on public safety, repairing damaged sidewalks and trails, as well as improving safety for bicyclists and motorcyclists by sweeping bike lanes and streets clear of debris. Supplementing maintenance programs with resources to reduce the backlog of routine repairs and maintenance needs today will save us money tomorrow and move the city towards a safer transportation system.

## Sidewalk Maintenance Program

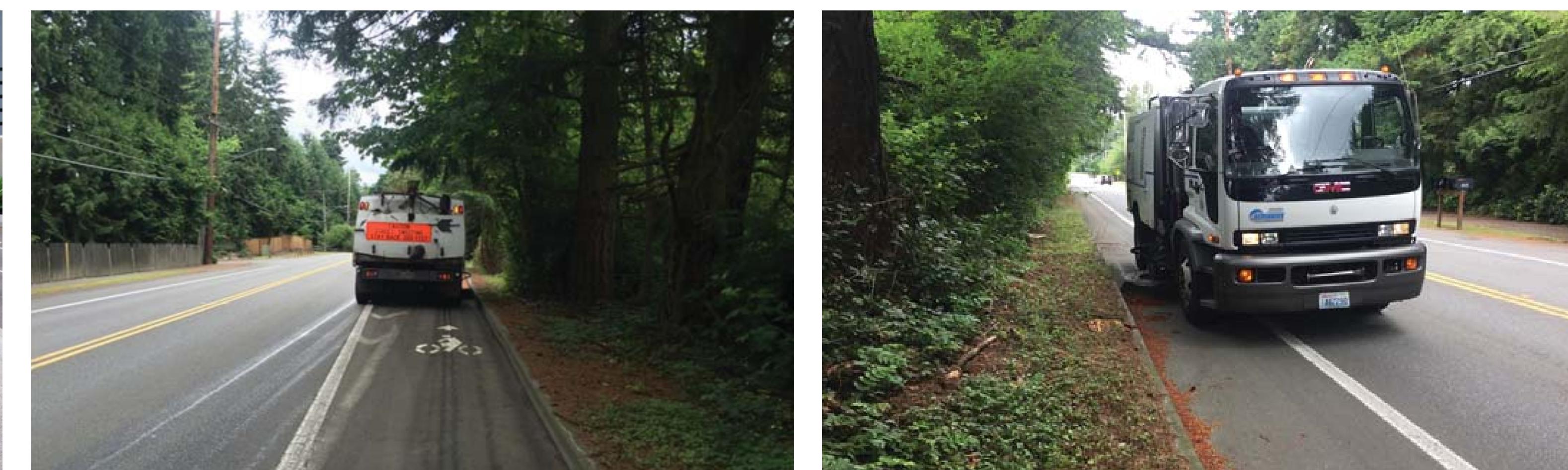


- Deterioration of aging sidewalks and root heave from trees are common causes of sidewalk defects
- An average of 40,000 square feet of sidewalk defects are discovered each year and temporarily repaired
- Only 16,000 square feet of permanent repairs can be made each year
- The backlog will continue to increase

Defective Sidewalk Backlog



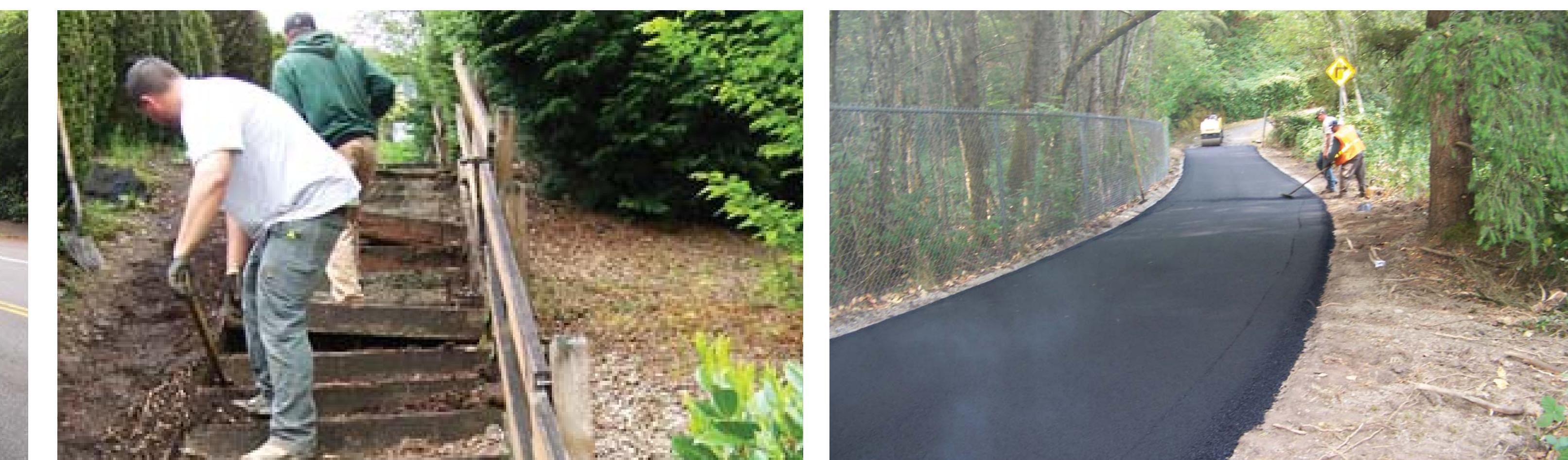
## Sweeping Program



- Helps prevent street and urban flooding
- Improves safety by clearing debris from streets
- Reduces silts and impurities that runoff to streams and lakes

The city has not added equipment or employees to this program for many years. As we add arterial road lanes and bike lanes, the available time for sweeping neighborhood streets is reduced. In 2008, neighborhoods were swept 3 to 4 times per year; currently they are swept 2 to 3 times per year.

## Trail Maintenance Program



- Maintains 88 transportation trails throughout City
- Mitigates or repairs trail surface defects from root heave, age, subsurface failure
- Clears debris and cuts back encroaching vegetation

Many trail surface defects are only temporarily fixed as this program's ability to make permanent repairs is limited due to a lack of resources. As a result, the needed replacement of older trails is often postponed.