

Smarter Work Zones Webinar Series

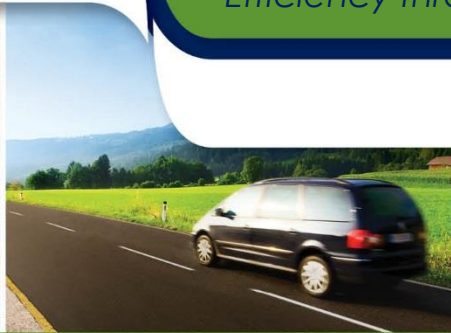
Webinar #7: Work Zone Project Coordination Guide and Examples

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INTRODUCTION AND TODAY'S SPEAKERS



Today's Speakers



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- This is the seventh in a series of bi-weekly SWZ webinars
- Topics based on **what matters most to you!**
- Previous Webinars include:
 - Webinar #1: A Comprehensive Overview of the SWZ Initiative (9/9/2015)
 - Webinar #2: Implementing Technology Application Solutions (9/29/2015)
 - Webinar #3: SWZ Corridor-Based Project Coordination (10/15/15)
 - Webinar #4: SWZ Technology Showcase – Queue Warning Systems (10/26/15)
 - Webinar #5: SWZ Program-Based Project Coordination (11/2/15)
 - Webinar #6: Technology Application Case Studies: Variable Speed Limit and Dynamic Lane Merge (11/12/15)
- Recordings and materials for previous webinars are available on The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse website:
<https://www.workzonesafety.org/swz/webinars>
- Coming Up:

December 2015	12/15	Webinar #8: Integrating Project Coordination and Technology Applications – Iowa DOT
January 2016	1/21	Webinar #9: Technology Application Strategies: Performance Measurement and System Health Monitoring



Purpose of Today's Webinar

Provide a comprehensive overview of the Project Coordination Guide and discuss real-world examples of successful SWZ project coordination strategies.

Topics include:

1. SWZ Project Coordination Initiative

- Show how the SWZ Project Coordination initiative can be used by agencies to enhance their current work zone management practices

2. Project Coordination Guide

- Review key concepts of road project coordination including dimensions and challenges of road project coordination

3. Project Coordination Examples

- Provide real-world examples of successful SWZ project coordination strategies which resulted in:
 - Minimized travel delays
 - Enhanced safety for all road users and workers
 - Maintenance of business and resident access



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PROJECT COORDINATION INITIATIVE



What are Smarter Work Zones (SWZ)?

Innovative strategies designed to optimize work zone safety and mobility

- Policies and practices used to incrementally and continuously improve WZ operations
- Tools to reduce WZ crashes and delays
- Tools to enhance WZ management strategies



Two Identified SWZ Initiatives:

Project Coordination

Coordination within a single project and/or among multiple projects within a corridor, network, or region, and possibly across agency jurisdictions

Today's Focus of Discussion

Technology Application

Deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) for dynamic management of work zone traffic impacts, such as queue and speed management



Project Coordination – What is it?

Coordination within a single project and/or among multiple projects within a corridor, network, or region, and possibly across agency jurisdictions to minimize work zone traffic impacts.

Benefits:

- For transportation agencies include:
 - Ability to reduce and manage traffic disruptions from road work
 - Earlier identification of project impacts
 - Dynamic adjustments to schedule
 - Improved communications within and cross agencies
 - Cost savings
- From the driver's perspective:
 - Fewer numbers of work zones and street cuts
 - Better quality road surfaces
 - Increased customer satisfaction



Source: FHWA



SWZ Project Coordination Goals:

Goal 1

By December 2016, 25 State DOTs have incorporated work zone **project coordination strategies** into **agency documentation and business processes**.

What does this mean?

- Review of:
 - Existing PC-related policies/practices to identify strengths and weaknesses
 - Other agencies' PC-related best practices
- Identify and implement of SWZ PC strategies
- Develop agency documentation and business processes



SWZ Project Coordination Goals:

Goal 2

By December 2016, 5 State DOTs have volunteered to pilot the [Work Zone Implementation Strategies Estimator \(WISE\)](#) software.

What does this mean?

- Use WISE tool to optimize project schedules and analyze mitigation strategies to minimize work zone traffic impacts
- Pilot, evaluate, suggest enhancements, and demonstrate WISE's value for work zone management



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PROJECT COORDINATION GUIDE

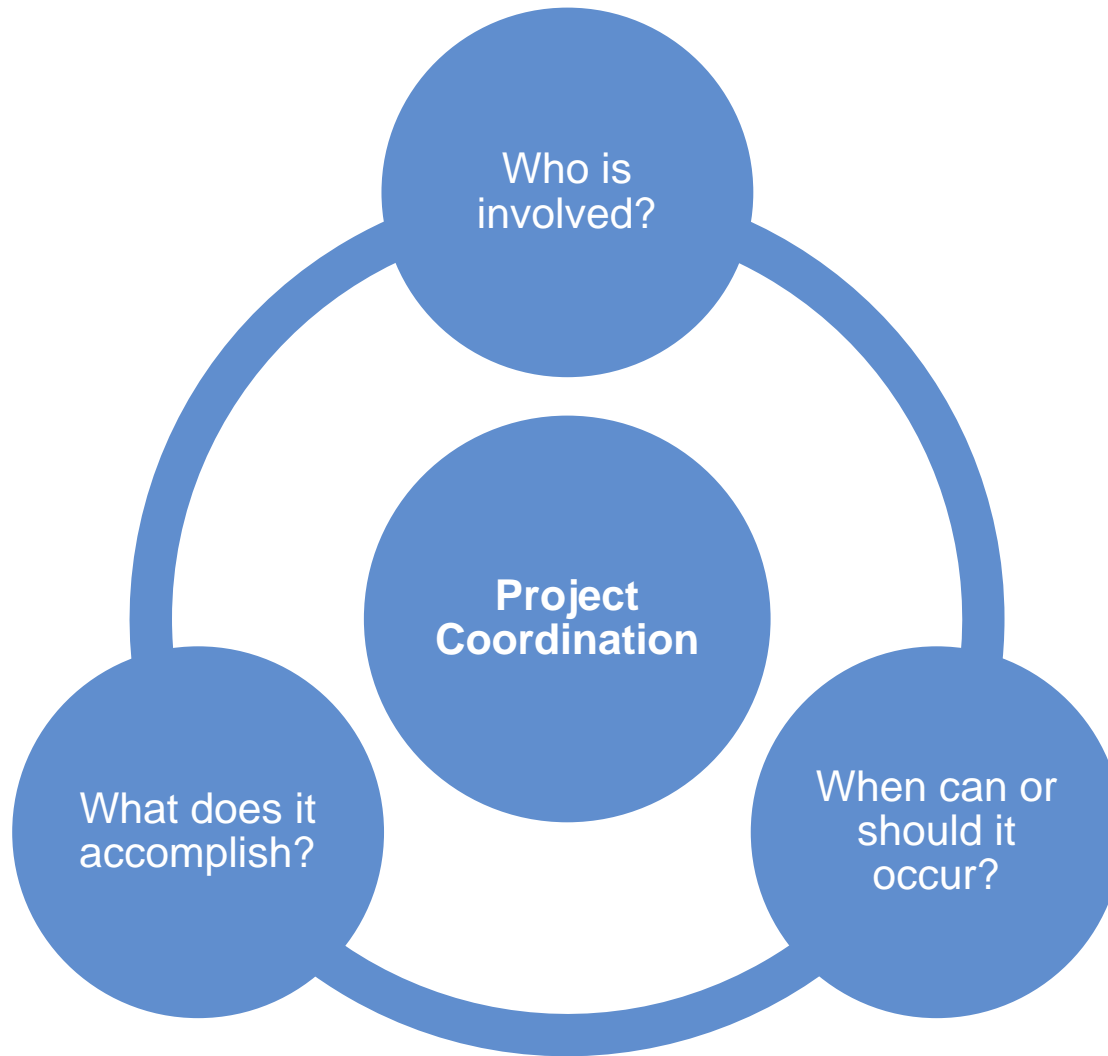


Project Coordination Challenges

- Establishing and maintaining accurate information about project schedules, plans, day-to-day activities
- Effects on individual project schedules
- Quantifying the benefits of coordination, or the negative effects if a lack of coordination
- Institutional constraints regarding the availability of funds and when those funds must be spent
- Agency missions and charters with respect to routes of responsibility, stakeholders, and users



Dimensions of Project Coordination



Examples

		Phase at Which Coordination is Occurring	
		Planning/Design	Operations
Agencies Involved	Single		
	Multiple		



Examples of Possible Activities

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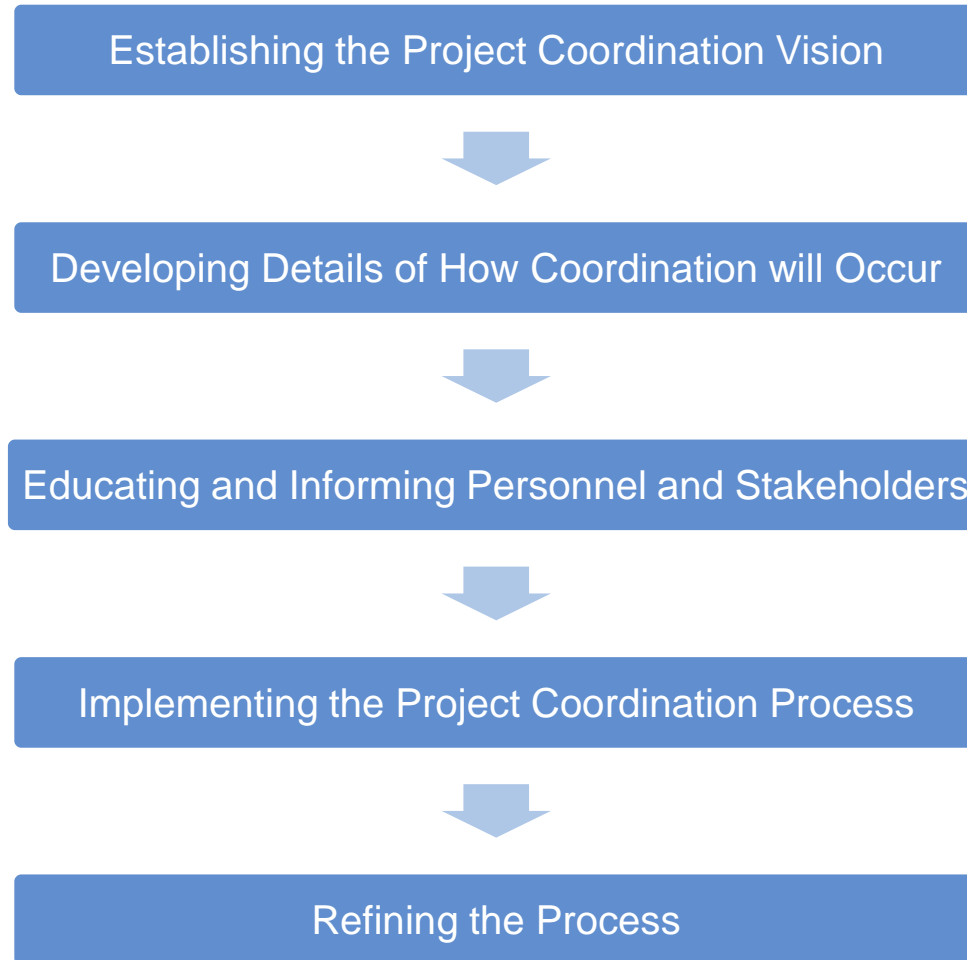


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Five Steps for Achieving Project Coordination



Step 1: Establish the Vision

- Get support by upper management
- Develop Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)
- Develop a coordination committee



Source: Microsoft Office



Step 2: Develop Details of How Coordination will Occur

- Identify data needed to allow coordination to occur
- Obtain tools committee needs to plan, monitor, manage coordination
 - Database software
 - Mapping
 - Traffic impact analyses
 - Scheduling
- Establish decision-making process for how PC vision will be achieved amongst stakeholders



Step 3: Educate and Inform Personnel and Stakeholders

- Provide reasons for and benefits to be gained by coordination
- Provide information on the decision-making process that will be followed



Step 4: Implement the Process

- Conduct regular coordination meetings to track progress of projects
- Regularly update the project database and tracking/monitoring/analysis tools



Source: Microsoft Office



Step 5: Refine the Process

- Updates and changes to the process may be fairly frequent initially
- Changes decrease over time as process becomes institutionalized



Example #1: Texas DOT (TxDOT)

- Example of single agency project coordination during operational phase of work
- I-35 Corridor
 - 17 projects
 - 96 miles
- Nighttime lane and/or full freeway closures possible in each project
- Ramp, frontage road, and driveway closures also possible



Source: TxDOT



Steps for Achieving Project Coordination – Texas DOT (TxDOT) (1 of 3)

- Step 1: Establishing the Vision
 - TxDOT upper management directives to manage cumulative impacts to through travelers, as well as local resident and business inconveniences
 - Coordination between projects and with multiple contractors
 - Establishing a 30-minute cumulative delay threshold
- Step 2: Develop How Coordination will Occur
 - Creation of mobility coordinator positions within the corridor
 - Creation of data collection, analysis processes to estimate anticipated cumulative impacts
 - Encouraging cooperative collaboration between contractors



Closure Impact Assessment Report

Construction on I-35

Southbound

Full-Lane Closure

From: At FM 436, Bell (Mile Marker: 293.0)

To: At Tahuaya Rd, Bell (Mile Marker: 289.0)

As of 3/28/2015

Closure ID: 2822

Last Modified: 3/28/2015 5:17:35 PM by d-middleton@tamu.edu

Planned Start Time: 4/1/2015 07:00 PM

Planned End Time: 4/2/2015 07:00 AM

Duration: Nightly

Number of Main Lanes: 2

Lane(s) Closed: Left Lane; Right Lane

Closure Length: 4.0 mi.

Date: Wednesday, 4/1/2015

Maximum Queue Length

- Expected: 1.3 mi.
- Worse Case*: 3.7 mi.

From	To	Expected Queue (mi)	Expected Delay (min/veh)	Worse Case* Queue (mi)	Worse Case* Delay (min/veh)
07:00 PM	08:00 PM	0.9	8.0	1.7	13.7
08:00 PM	09:00 PM	1.0	9.1	2.6	19.7
09:00 PM	10:00 PM	1.3	10.8	3.5	26.8
10:00 PM	11:00 PM	0.9	9.1	3.7	30.5
11:00 PM	12:00 AM	0.0	0.0	3.3	29.3
12:00 AM	01:00 AM	0.0	0.0	2.6	25.5
01:00 AM	02:00 AM	0.0	0.0	1.8	19.4
02:00 AM	03:00 AM	0.0	0.0	0.9	11.2
03:00 AM	04:00 AM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
04:00 AM	05:00 AM	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
05:00 AM	06:00 AM	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.1
06:00 AM	07:00 AM	0.6	6.6	1.5	12.5

* Worse case analyses are based on volumes 10% higher than expected and a work zone capacity 10% lower than expected.



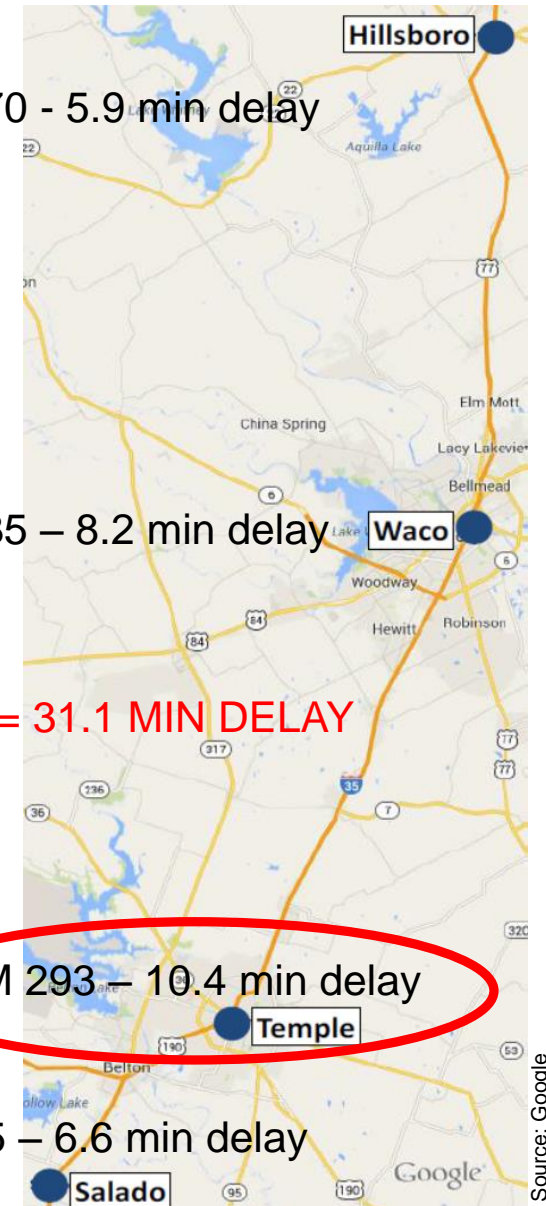
MM 370 - 5.9 min delay

MM 335 - 8.2 min delay

TOTAL = 31.1 MIN DELAY

MM 293 - 10.4 min delay

MM 285 - 6.6 min delay



Source: Google

Steps for Achieving Project Coordination – Texas DOT (TxDOT) (2 of 3)

- Step 3: Educate/Inform Personnel and Stakeholders
 - Mobility coordinators participation in weekly project meetings
 - Outreach to local communities and key stakeholder groups
- Step 4: Implement the Process
 - Regular presentations to city councils, shipping companies, local community meetings, etc.
 - One-on-one contact with businesses prior to major access disruptions
 - Cooperative resolution of multiple lane closure nights when excessive cumulative delays anticipated



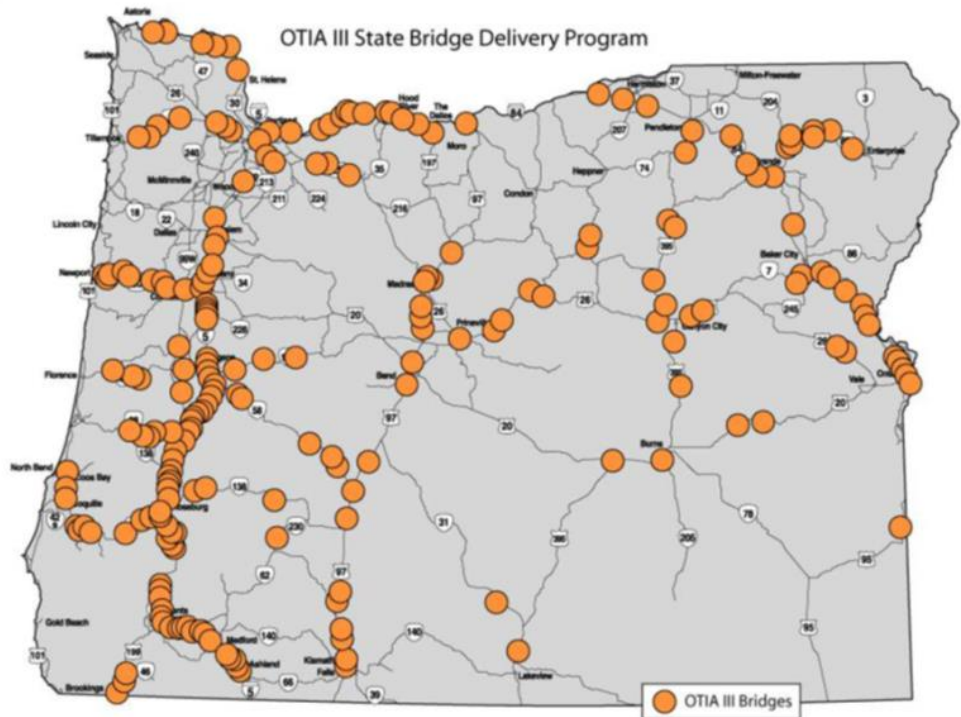
Steps for Achieving Project Coordination – Texas DOT (TxDOT) (3 of 3)

- Step 5: Refine the Process
 - Initial hesitancy to changes in lane closure schedules
 - Cooperation increased as trust between mobility coordinator and contractors increased



Example #2: Oregon (ODOT)

- Single agency project coordination during planning phase of work
- Historic bridge repair and replacement effort
 - Over 300 bridges statewide
 - Five regions
 - Eight years
 - \$1.3 billion



Source: Oregon DOT



Steps for Achieving Project Coordination – Oregon DOT (ODOT) (1 of 5)

- Step 1: Establishing the Vision
 - Top management directive to agency
 - Establish coordinating committee (construction, maintenance, design, operations, traffic, contracting, PI)
 - Key decision makers in each group
 - Authority to speak for their group
 - Develop overall guide and associated memorandums



Steps for Achieving Project Coordination – Oregon DOT (ODOT) (2 of 5)

- Step 2: Develop How Coordination will Occur
 - Identified what needed to be managed in the work zones
 - Travel Times
 - Traffic Volumes/Capacity
 - Load Sizes/Hole in the Air
 - Develop tools to plan, manage and monitor
 - Develop guidance
 - Corridor-level or statewide transportation management plans (TMPs)
 - Project-level TMP guidance document used when developing individual project TMPs
 - Acceptable delay thresholds across various route segments
 - Delay estimation tools, lane closure charts to maintain near free-flow conditions



Steps for Achieving Project Coordination – Oregon DOT (ODOT) (3 of 5)

- Step 3: Educate and Inform Personnel/Stakeholders
 - Agency staff
 - Know what is expected
 - Know what to do
 - Re-educate for updates and staff turnover
 - Stakeholders participation
 - Understand what to expect
 - Share their perspective
 - Train
 - Importance of and how to use of tools
 - Importance of and how to develop project-Level TMPs



Steps for Achieving Project Coordination – Oregon DOT (ODOT) (4 of 5)

- Step 4: Implement the Process
 - Tools
 - TMPs
 - Coordination Meetings
 - Sharing information on process updates
 - Sharing project information between affected stakeholders (project scope, schedules)
 - Identify conflicts
 - Work to resolve conflicts
 - Escalation Process
 - Tracking Projects through their lives
 - Long term plans: general traffic impacts and schedule as known
 - Nearer term plans: refined traffic impacts/staging and schedule
 - Short term and current construction



Steps for Achieving Project Coordination – Oregon DOT (ODOT) (5 of 5)

- Step 5: Refine the Process
 - Early on: from overall committee and technical subcommittees
 - During training: challenges and issues identified by participants
 - During implementation: as unusual conflicts/challenges arose



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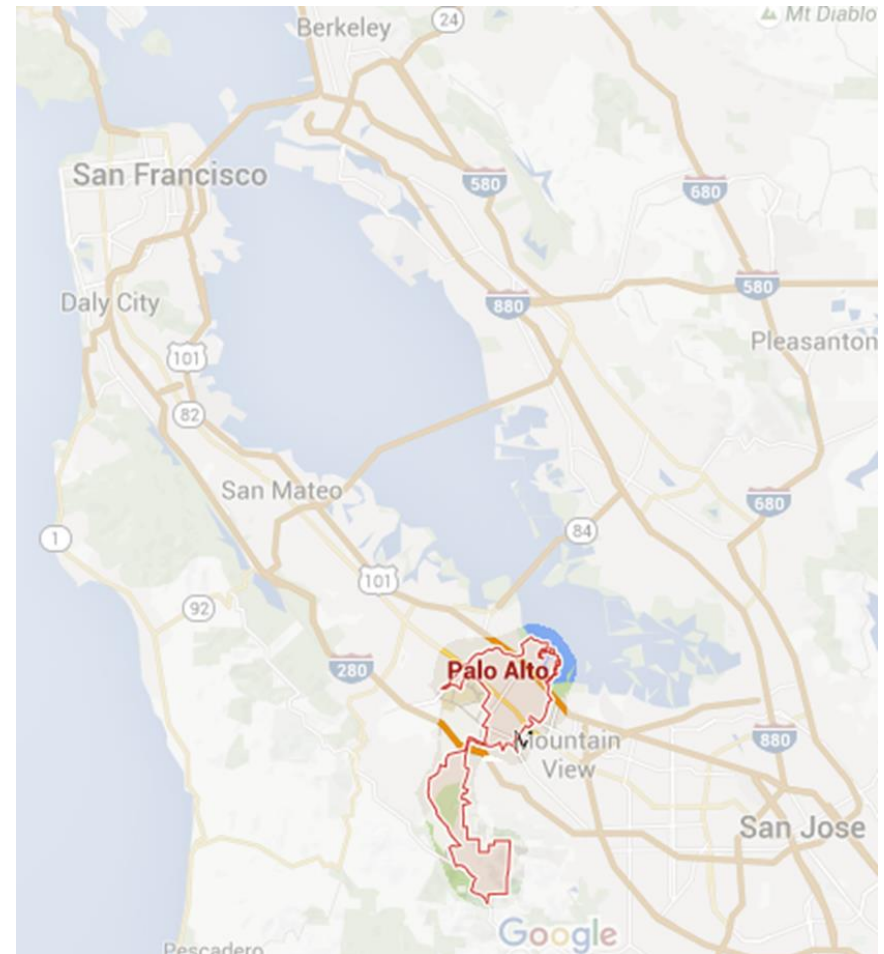
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PROJECT COORDINATION



Example #3: City of Palo Alto – Project Coordination Tool

- Palo Alto Background
 - Located in Silicon Valley south of San Francisco
 - ~66,000 residents with a daytime population of >100,000
 - 198.4 miles of streets in 2,158 pavement sections
 - Geographic Information System (GIS) based project coordination first used in 1996

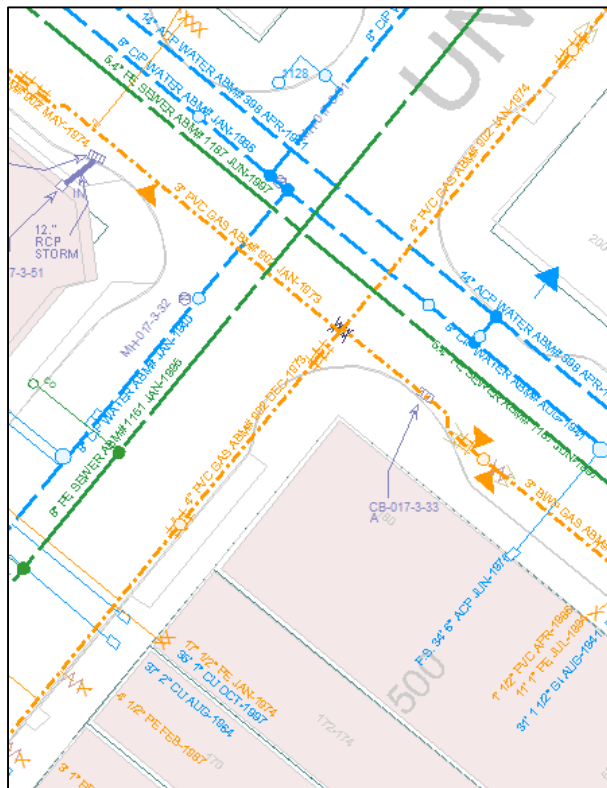


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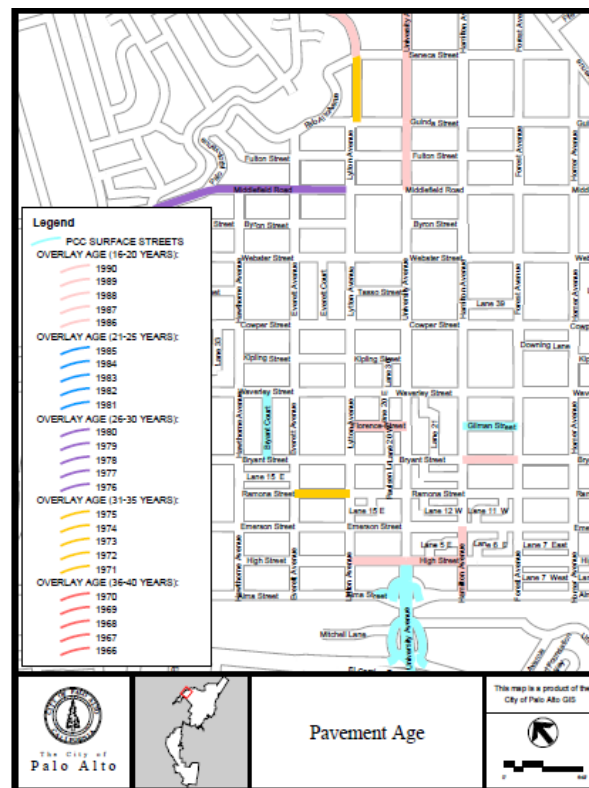


GIS as the Authoritative Database (1 of 2)

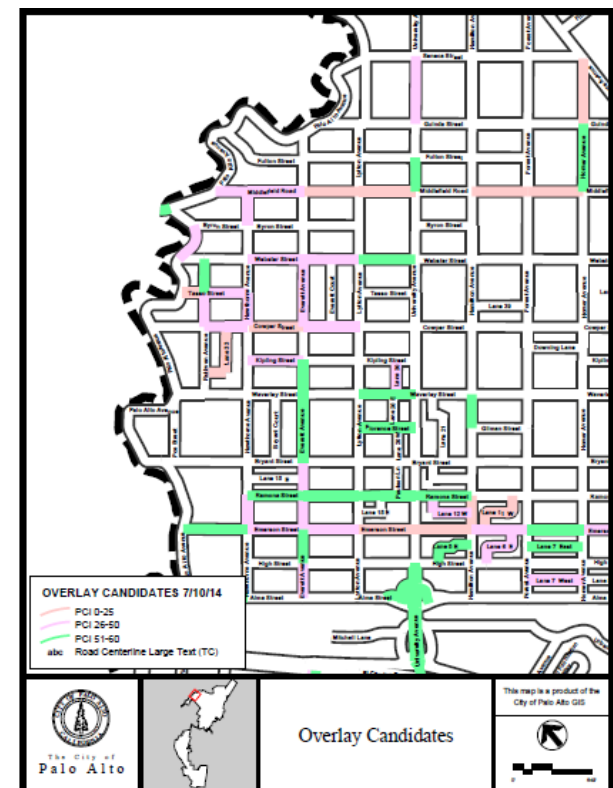
- Started in 1987
- Based on high-resolution orthophotos tied to a survey network
- Parcels entered using Coordinate Geometry (COGO)



Source: City of Palo Alto



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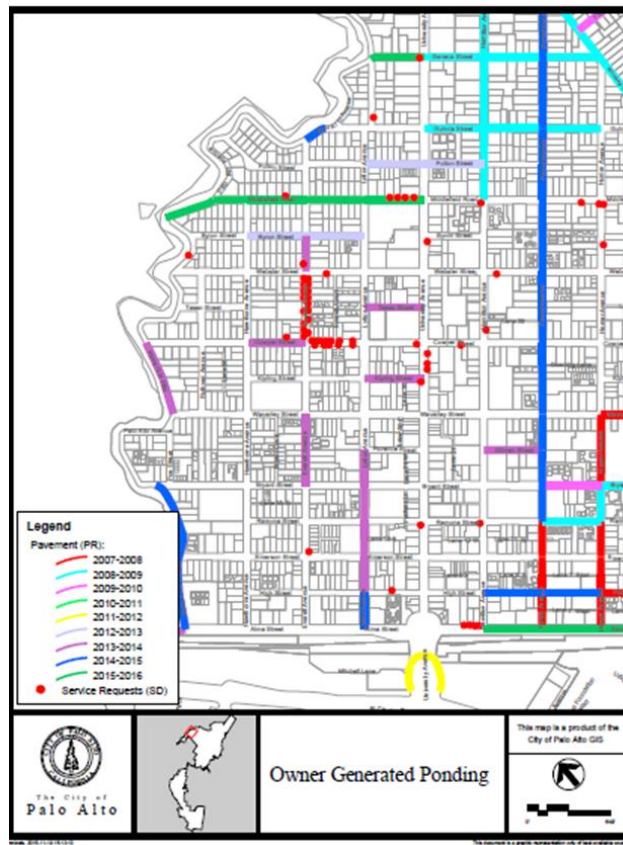


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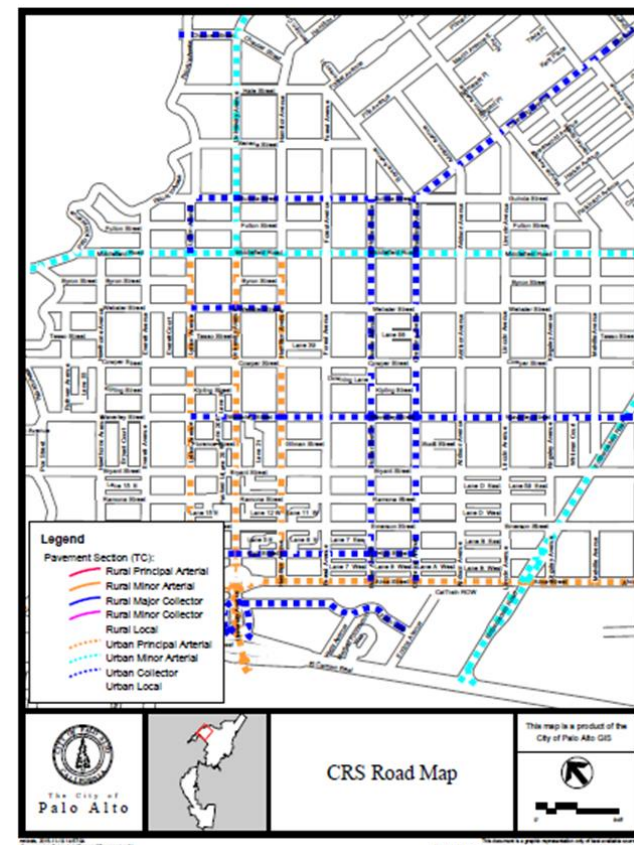


GIS as the Authoritative Database (2 of 2)

- 673 feature classes supporting Utilities and Public Works Engineering and Operations, Planning, etc.



Source: City of Palo Alto



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Goals

- Regional goal: have the best Pavement Condition Index (PCI)
- Local goal: PCI average of 85 with no section under 60 by 2019
- Minimize waste and reduce citizen inconvenience
- Avoid trenches in new pavement

Very Good-Excellent (PCI = 80-100)
Good (PCI = 70-79)
Fair (PCI = 60-69)
At Risk (PCI = 50-59)
Poor (PCI = 25-49)
Failed (PCI = 0-24)

Source: Metropolitan Transportation Commission



Approach

- Survey and inspect city infrastructure, analyze, and prioritize maintenance via pavement management software (GIS and StreetSaver)
- Use Project Coordinator to find potential conflicts and hold monthly meetings to resolve them
- Toughen regulations: no trench fee if project is coordinated. Otherwise, charge higher fees to meet increased restoration standards
- Triple the funding through 2021
- Trench fees are based on existing PCI scores
- Coordinate during construction



Source: City of Palo Alto



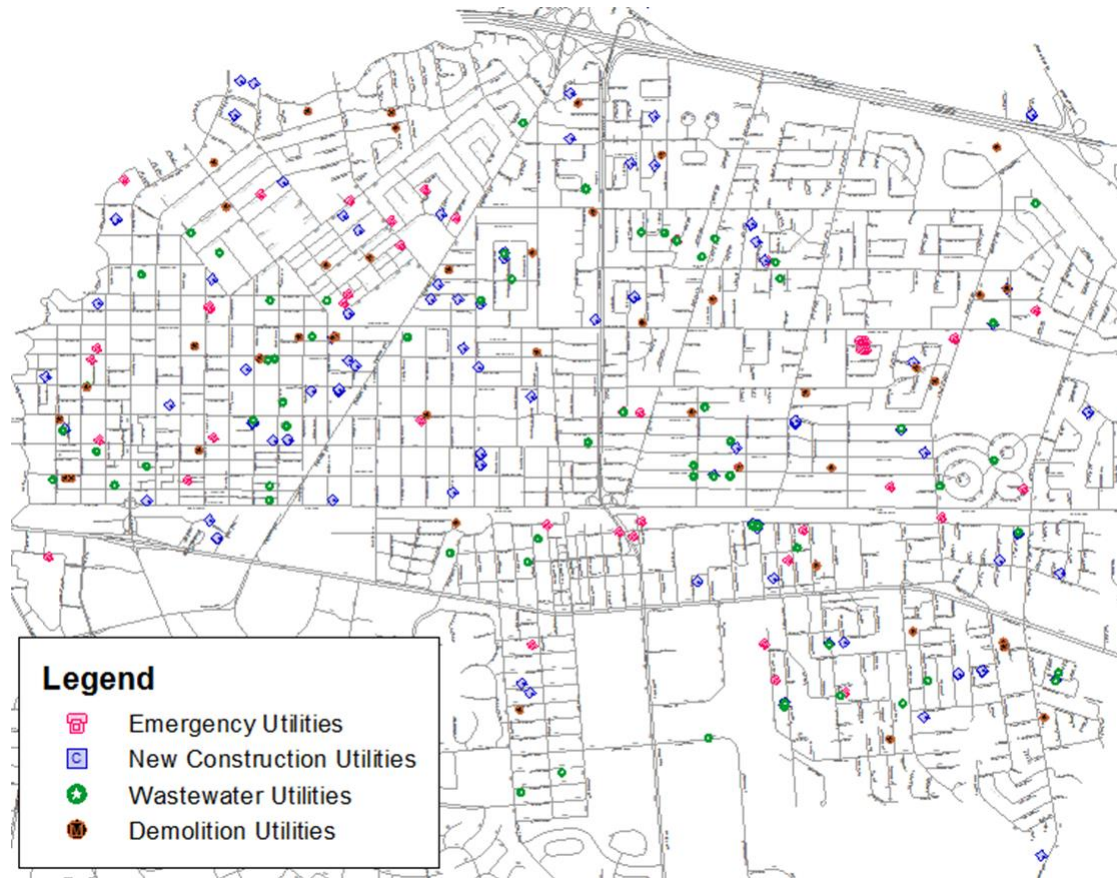
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Pavement Predators



Track Unplanned Incursions

- Main leaks and collapses, valve repair, customer initiated projects, etc.
- Tracking these incursions aid in identifying candidates for enhanced or accelerated maintenance



Source: City of Palo Alto

Stakeholders

- Internal
 - Sidewalks (Public Works Engineering Department)
 - Storm Drain (Public Works Engineering Department)
 - Pavement (Public Works Engineering Department)
 - PW Ops (Public Works Operations Department)
 - Transport (Transportation/Planning Department)
 - Gas (Water, Gas, Wastewater Engineering Department)
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 - Wastewater (Water, Gas, Wastewater Engineering Department)
 - WGW Ops (Water, Gas, Wastewater Operations Department)
 - Electric (Electrical Engineering/Operations Department)
 - Parks/Open Spaces (Associated Services Department)
- External
 - Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)
 - Santa Clara County Roads Division
 - Caltrans (State of California highway, bridge, and rail)
 - Caltrain (commuter rail between San Francisco and San Mateo and Santa Clara counties)
 - Cable companies
 - Contractors
 - Citizens



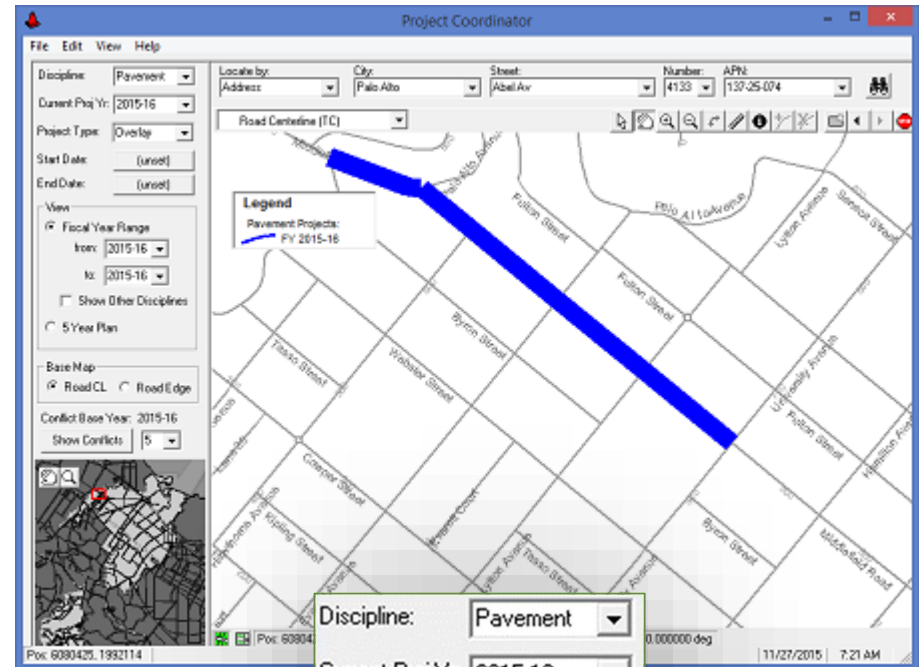
Project Coordinator's Foundational Concepts

- A pavement section is based on a single-block road centerline
- A project represents all the centerline segments acted on for a single discipline in a single year
- Data entry is kept as simple as possible
- A broad conflict definition: any work planned on a road centerline segment (a block) within a given number of years of a paving project is considered a potential conflict
- Data is stored in a Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) and Structured Query Language (SQL) is used for analysis
- Feature class definitions, user authorizations, and app capabilities are all metadata driven



Street Project Data Entry

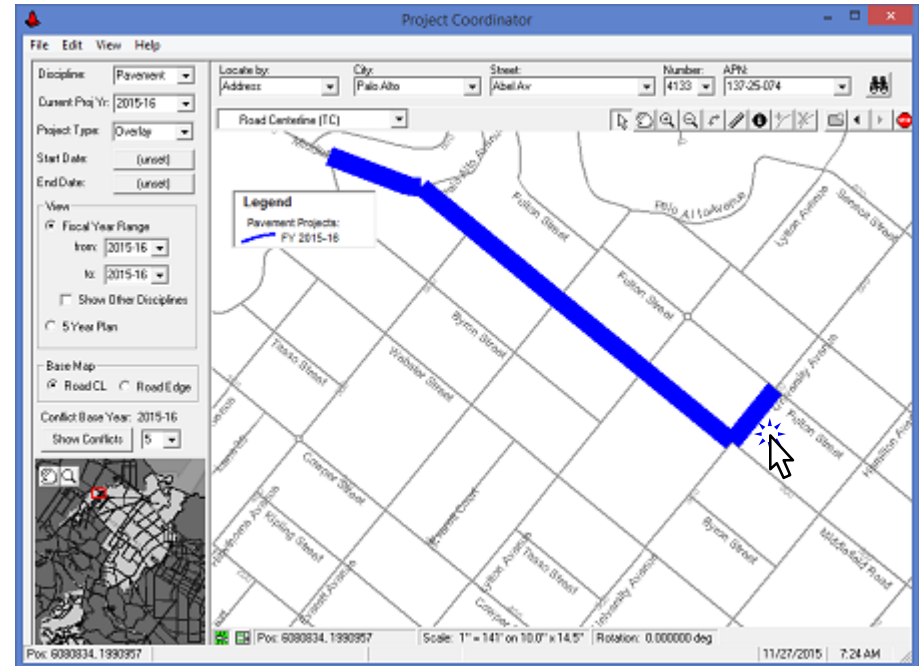
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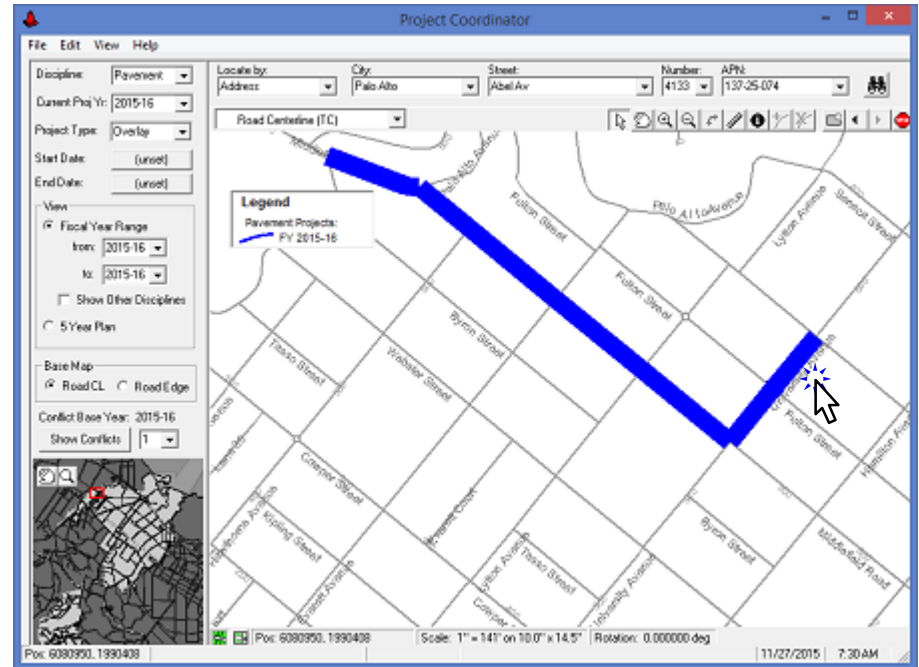
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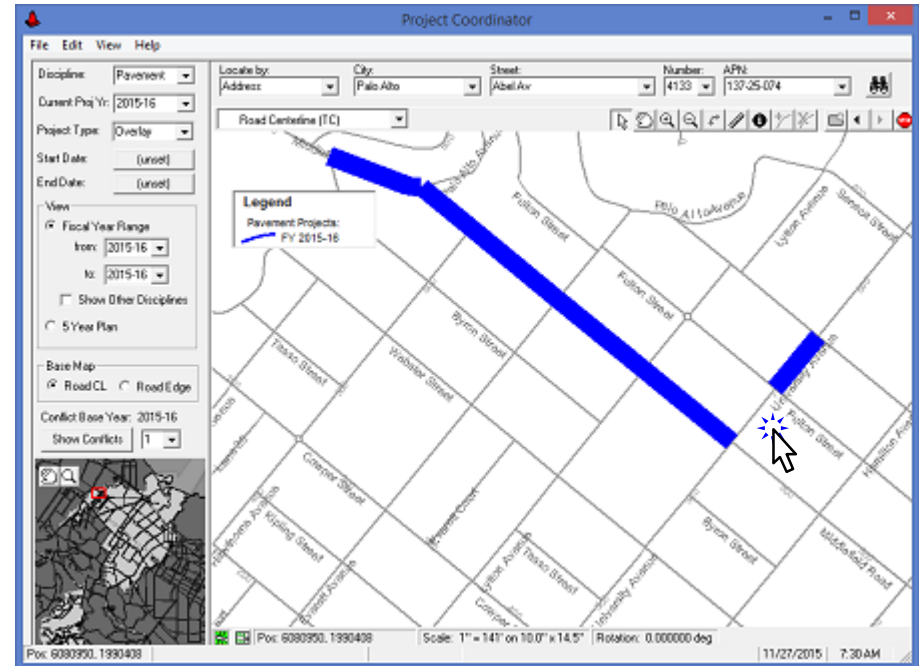
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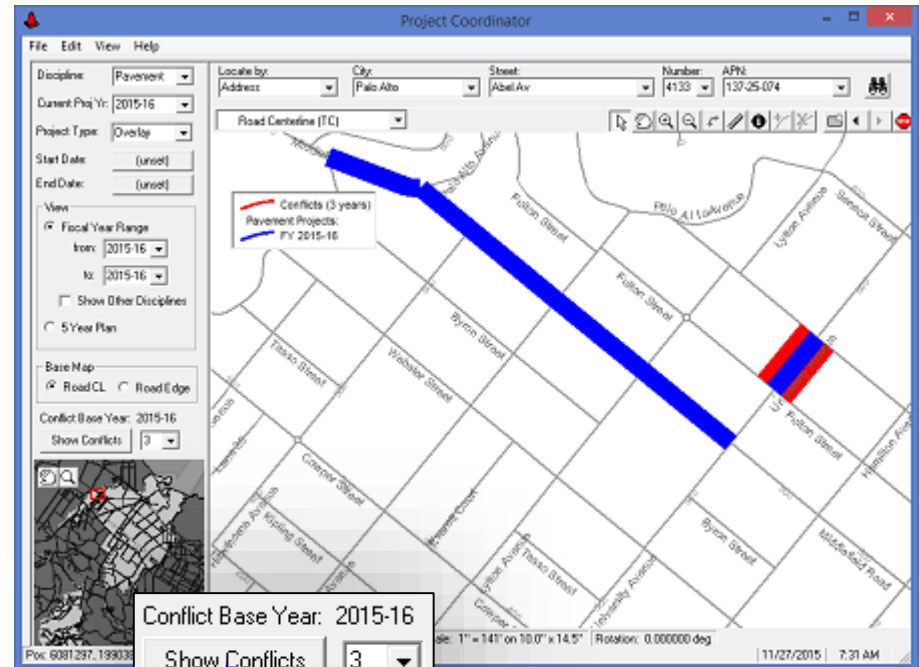
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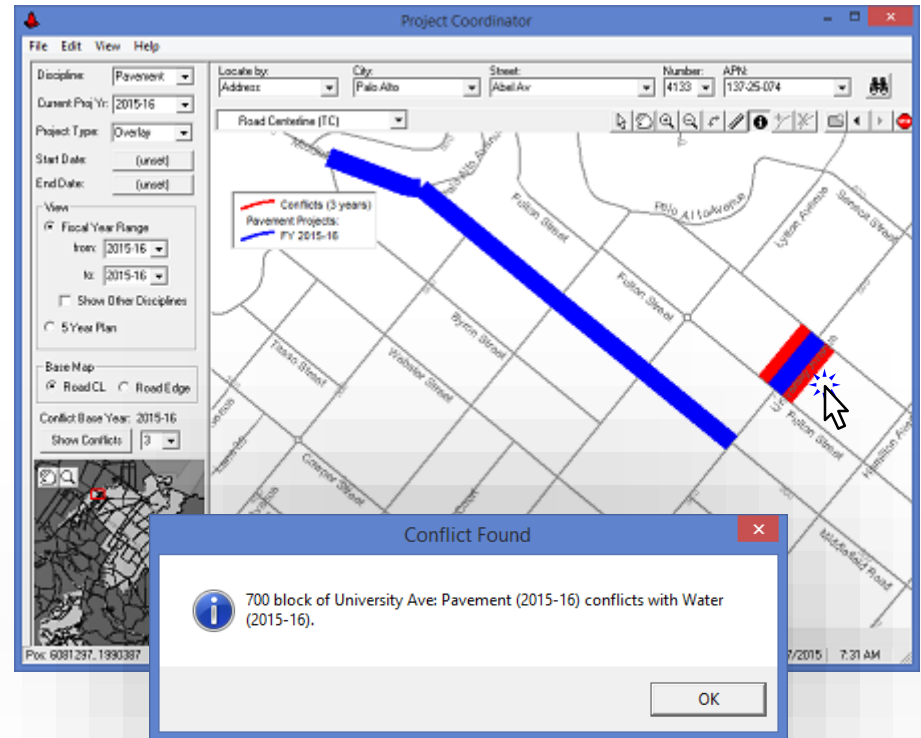
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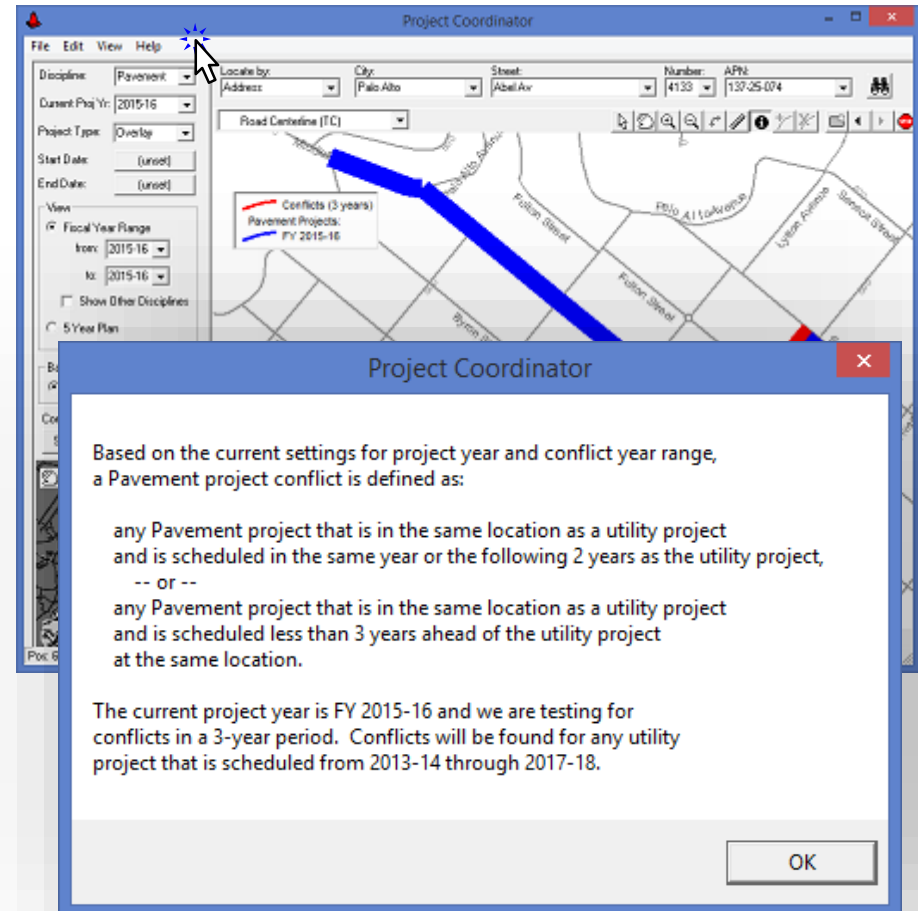
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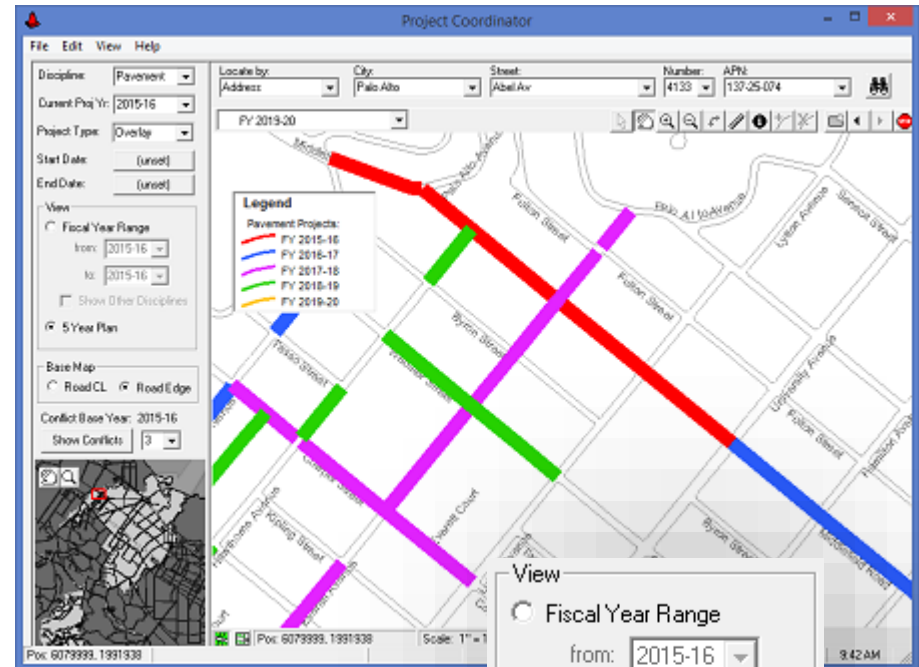
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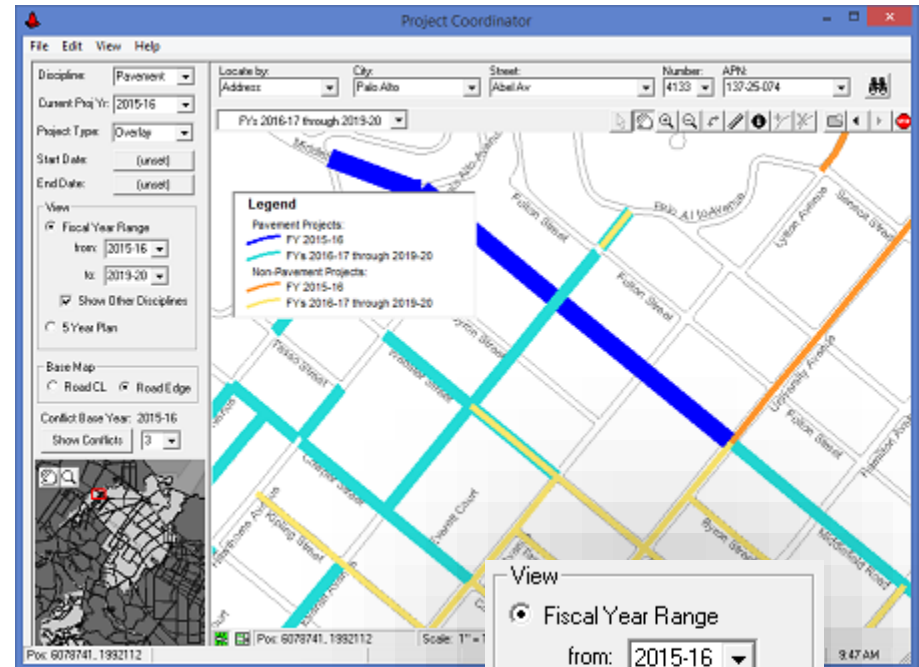
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Street Project Data Model

- A single authoritative database is used to store all data
- Projects are stored in a single table and related to road centerlines in another table
- Every edit is logged and the changed records are stored in a history table
- User authorities are managed through subclassed views

GID	PROJECT_TITLE	PROJECT_TYPE	MANAGER	ACTIVITY_YEAR
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24465	2013 Pavement Street Work	Pavement	Elizabeth Ames	2013
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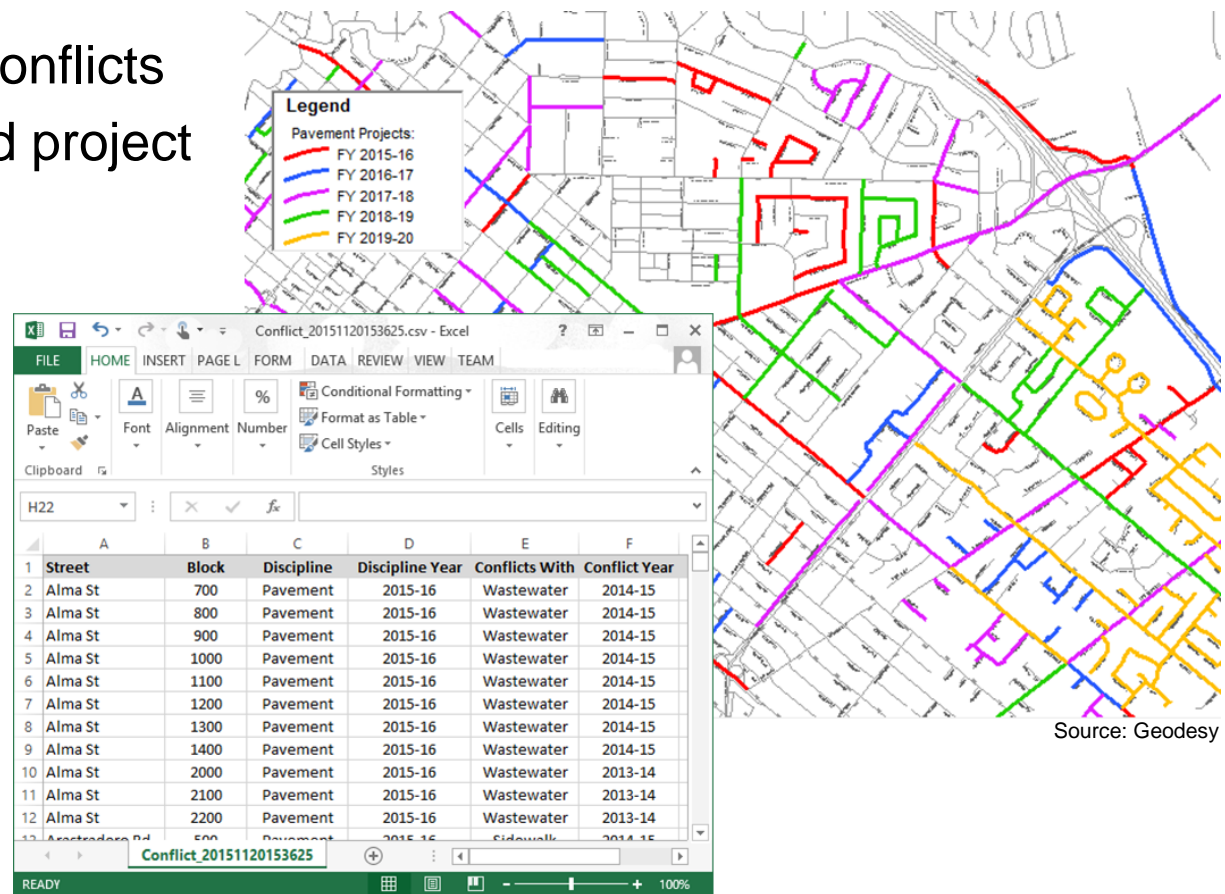
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Source: City of Palo Alto



Output – Maps and Reports

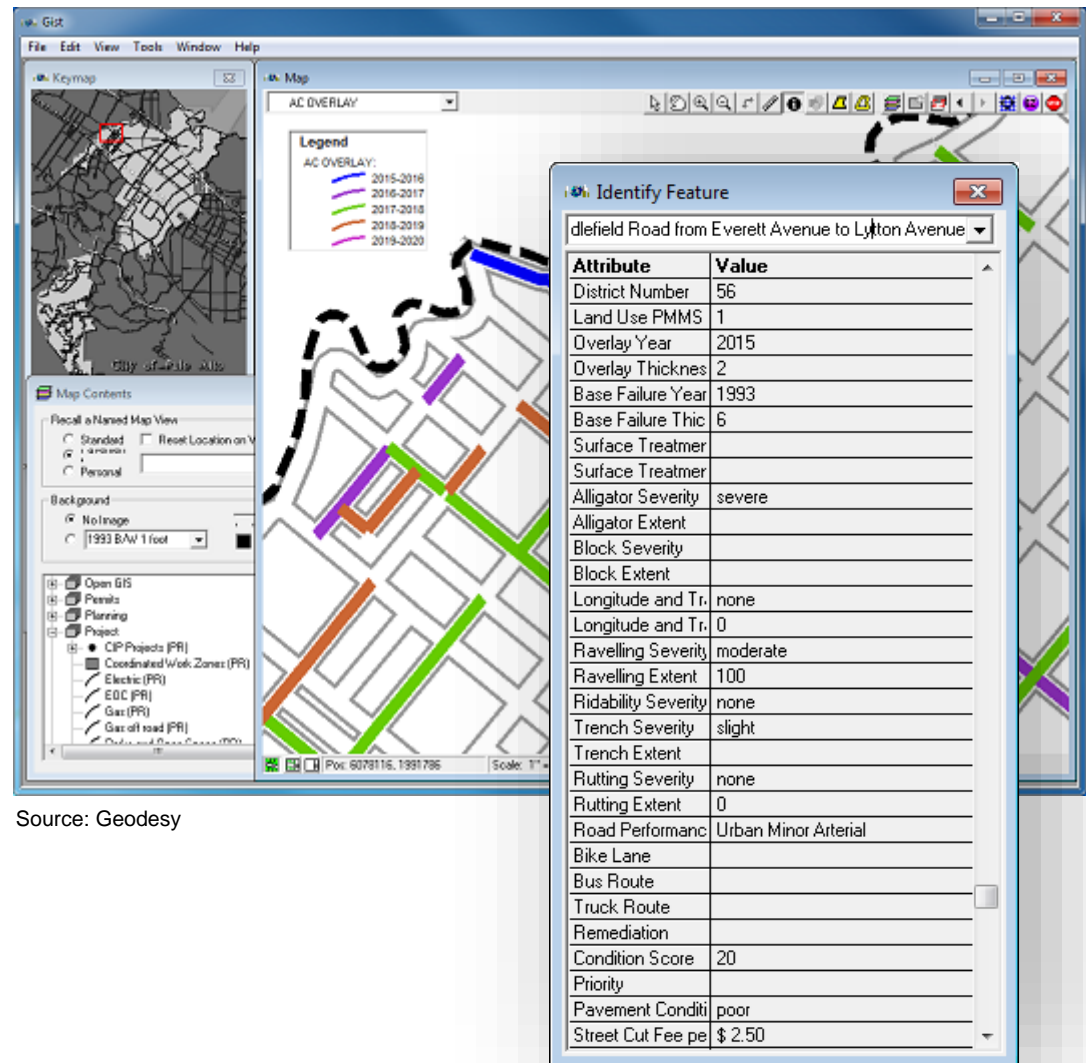
- Single line (centerline) and double line (road edge) maps displaying a single year's project or a 5-year CIP suitable for submission to City Council
- A map of potential conflicts
- Tabular conflicts and project reports (Excel)



Source: City of Palo Alto

Other Internal Uses of Project Data

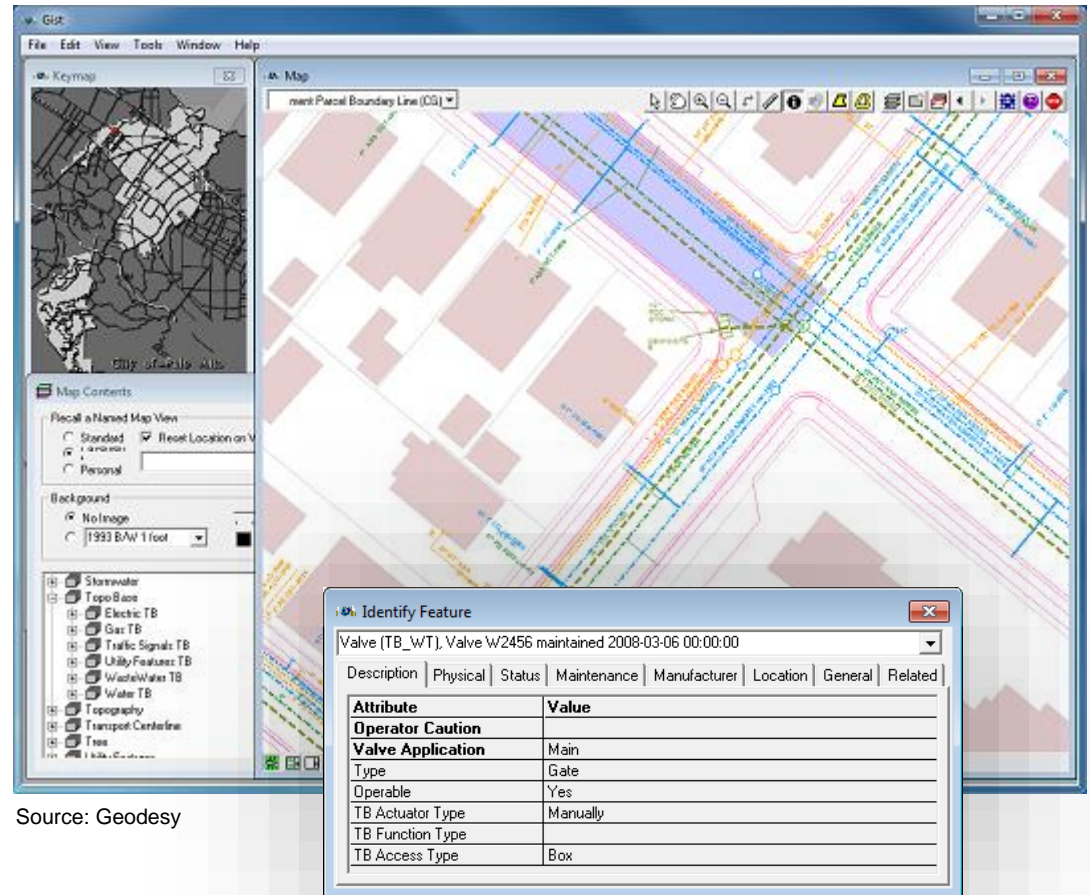
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- Traffic signal loops vs 2015 overlay



Source: Geodesy

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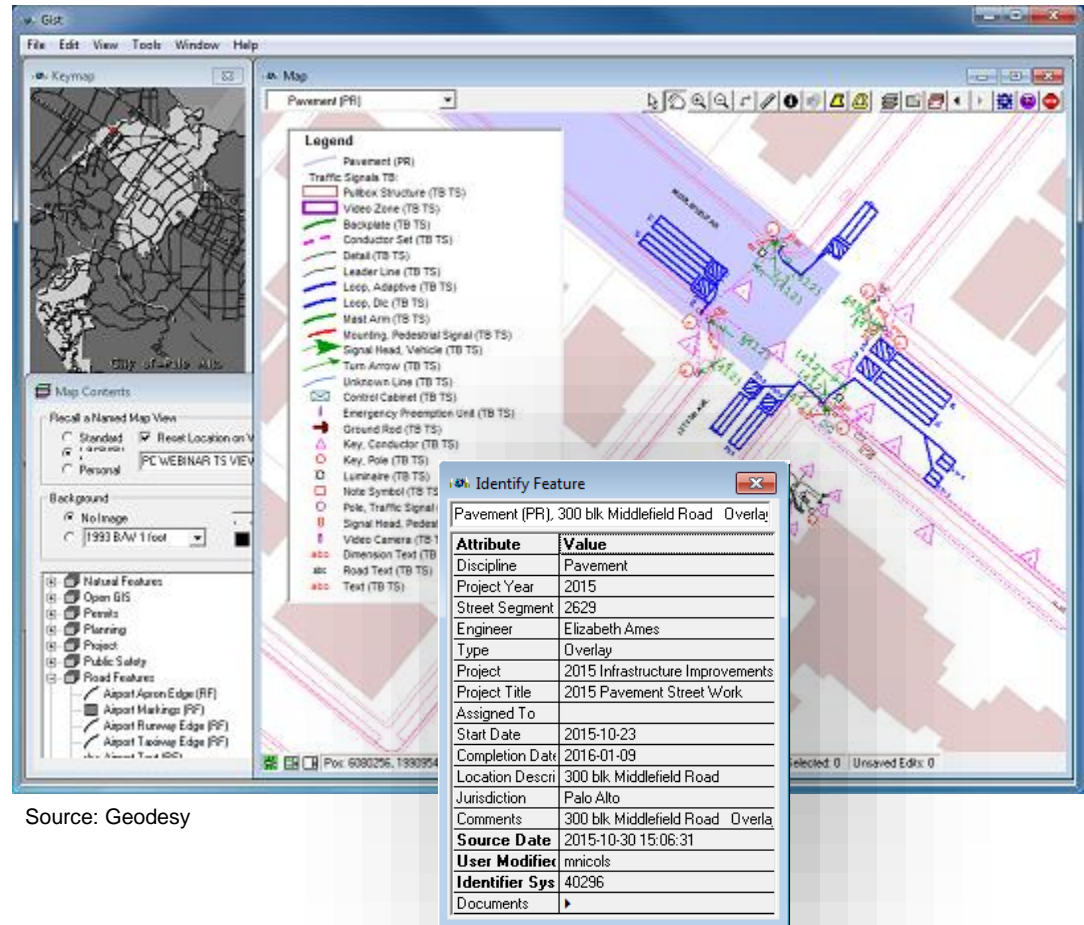
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Coordination During Construction

Contract Special Provisions:

- Contractor shall coordinate his activities with the WGW Engineer, prior to beginning pavement work
- Contractor shall provide a weekly rolling 3-week look ahead schedules that are tied to the baseline schedule
 - I. These dates are entered into Project Coordinator for the web based map, and
 - II. For Contractors to coordinate their construction activities via the Engineers involved such that the pavement restoration appears to be seamless even though more than one CIP project is under way...i.e., paving immediately after trenching is complete on Utility projects



Citizen Involvement

- Web map of active street projects
- Open Data data.cityofpaloalto.org/home
- PaloAlto311

City Home > Departments > Public Works > Street Projects Map

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This is a "live" map of current street work and storm drain projects in Palo Alto (if map does not display in your browser, [click here](#) to visit the map page).

■ Actual Construction in Progress, or within 14 days.

These projects will cause minor traffic delays, and in limited cases, detours.

If no projects appear on the map it is because projects have recently been completed or will begin soon.

► FY 2015 (July 2014-June 2015): [Planned street maintenance work](#)

► FY 2011-2014 (July 2011-June 2014): [Completed street maintenance work](#)

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Street Projects Map

FY 2015

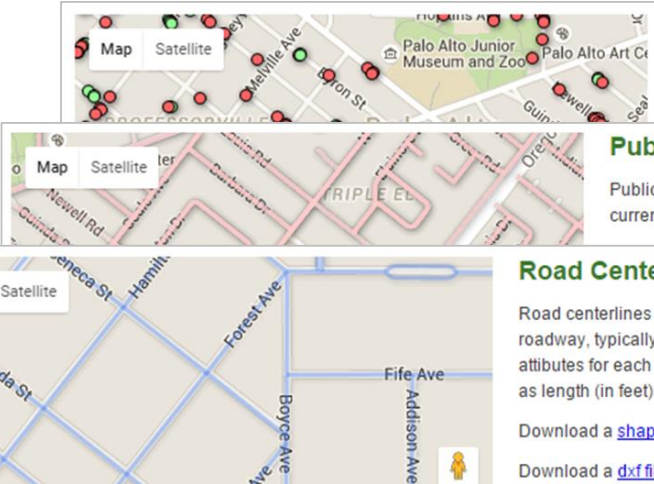
Street	From Street	To Street	PCI
Alexis Drive	Laurel Glen Drive	Bandera Drive	18
Alexis Drive	Bandera Drive	Country Club	28
Alexis Drive	Country Club	City Limit	57
Alma Street	Rinconada Avenue	Santa Rita Avenue	65
Alma Street	Santa Rita Avenue	Washington Avenue	61
Alma Street	Washington Avenue	N California Avenue	49
Alma Street	N. California Avenue	Colorado Avenue	36
Arastradero Road	Deer Creek Road	Hillview Avenue	40
Arastradero Road	Hillview Avenue	Old Adobe Road	34
Arastradero Road	Old Adobe Road	Old Trace Road	25
Arastradero Road	Old Trace Road	Foothill Expressway	74
Bandera Drive	Alexis Drive	End	30

Source: City of Palo Alto



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Trench Plate Data
Trench plates are point features, each representing a covered hole in a Palo Alto street. Click on a trench plate feature to get detailed information.

Public Project Data
Public projects are point and line features. Each one is a past, current, or future paving or utility project.

Road Centerline Data
Road centerlines are line features. Each one is a segment of a roadway, typically spanning from intersection to intersection. The attributes for each feature are specific to that road segment, such as length (in feet) and address range.
Download a [shape file](#) of Road Centerline Data.
Download a [dxf file](#) of Road Centerline Data.

Open GIS Beta
Palo Alto's Geospatial Information System (GIS) contains hundreds of layers and millions of features. The data is stored natively in California State Plane Coordinate System, Zone 3, NAD83, with the Open GIS fusion table data stored in WGS84. Some of those layers are provided for public use via Google Fusion Tables. They are listed below.
[Use of and access to the Open GIS data provided is governed by the City's Open Data Terms and Conditions of Use.](#)
[Fusion Tables](#) is a Google technique for providing open data that can be queried, mapped, charted, and mashed together.
Click the **green titles** below to open each dataset in the Google Fusion Tables web app. The web app provides tools for analyzing the data, along with larger versions of the maps shown here.
Developers can extend the power of Fusion Tables and these datasets using the [Fusion Tables API](#) and by using [FusionTablesLayers](#) in the [Google Maps API](#).

Source: City of Palo Alto



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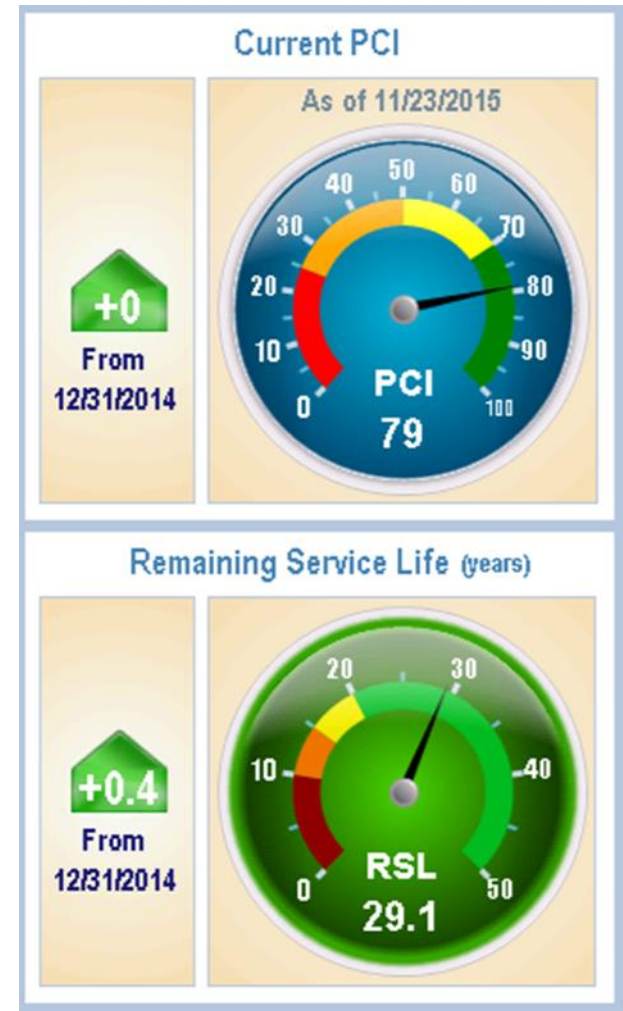


Source: City of Palo Alto



Project Coordination = Success

- Improved citizen's quality of life
- All infrastructure is targeted, not just pavement
- Supports Targeted Work Zones
- Provides routine communications and buy-in between stakeholders
- Provides a working examples to neighboring cities
- Easy to get started: simple approach only needs road centerlines



Source: StreetSaver/City of Palo Alto



Accolades (1 of 2)

Recognized at the state level for increasing the PCI from 72 to 78 in five years

California Local Streets & Roads Needs Assessment 2014 Update
City of Palo Alto: A Case Study

Located 35 miles south of San Francisco and 14 miles north of San Jose, Palo Alto is a community of approximately 61,200 residents. Part of the San Francisco Metropolitan Bay Area and Silicon Valley, Palo Alto is located within Santa Clara County and borders San Mateo County.

The City of Palo Alto Public Works Department maintains 200 miles of streets. The City has used its own Pavement Maintenance Management System (PMMS) since the mid 1970's. In 2009, Palo Alto successfully completed a correlation between PMMS and StreetSaver and calculated the City's first pavement maintenance score at 72. Since then, Palo Alto has been focused on improving pavement conditions across the City's 200 mile network.



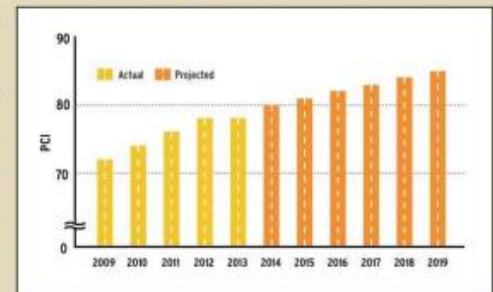
Palo Alto's PCI score has gone from a 72 to a 78 (end of FY 2014) and we expect to reach a citywide average of 85 by 2019.

Annual funding has increased from \$1.7M to \$5.1M for street maintenance since FY 2009. In FY 2011, the City Council approved a \$2 million annual increase in the paving budget an effort to step-up and address aging City streets. This resulted in an annual budget of \$3.7M and in FY 2014, the street resurfacing program budget was increased again to \$5.1M to accelerate the timeline for meeting the goal of a citywide PCI of 85 prior to 2021.

work.

In October 2010, the City Council appointed a 17-member Infrastructure Blue Ribbon Commission (IBRC) to examine the City's infrastructure and determine a plan to keep the existing infrastructure in good condition. By 2010, Palo Alto's average rating for streets was 73, placing it below many neighboring communities. The IBRC determined that nearly 20% of all Palo Alto's streets were rated under 60.

The IBRC recommended that, by 2021, no street should have a PCI rating below 60 and the City Council established a goal of achieving an average citywide PCI of 85 by 2021. Since 2009,



Source: California Local Streets & Roads Needs Assessment 2014 Update
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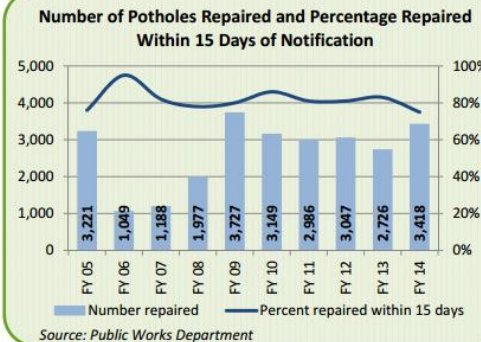
Accolades (2 of 2)

Most improved rating for infrastructure management among city departments as rated by citizens

City of Palo Alto 2014 Performance Report: National Citizen Survey™, and Citizen Centric Report

Stewardship

Chapter 2



Neighborhood Preservation

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) CY 2014 Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Ratings



0-24	Failed	60-69	Fair
25-49	Poor	70-79	Good
50-59	At Risk	80-100	Very Good - Excellent

Source: MTC – Pavement Condition of Bay Area Jurisdictions CY 2014

By the Numbers

8%

Percent of the City's total 471 lane miles resurfaced in FY 2014, similar to FY 2014 and increased by 4% from FY 2005

2,613

Number of signs repaired or replaced, which increased 7% from FY 2013 and increased 61% from FY 2005

55%

Citizen Survey: Street repair rated as "excellent" or "good" in FY 2014, compared to 47% in FY 2013 and benchmarked as comparable to other jurisdictions

78

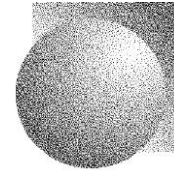
2014 Pavement Condition Index score rated as "good" in maintaining local street and road networks, based on a scale of 0 to 100

Source: City of Palo Alto 2014 Performance Report: National Citizen Survey™, and Citizen Centric Report



About the Software

- The Encompass GIS suite, including Project Coordinator, is provided by Geodesy
www.geodesy.net
- StreetSaver is provided by Metropolitan Transportation Commission
www.streetsaveronline.com
- PaloAlto311 was created by PublicStuff
www.publicstuff.com



Source: Geodesy



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Smarter Work Zones



FHWA RESOURCES



SWZ Interactive Toolkit Available!

<https://www.workzonesafety.org/SWZ/main>

The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse
THE WORLD'S LARGEST INTERNET RESOURCE


 

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Smarter Work Zones



Smarter Work Zones (SWZ) are among a few select initiatives being promoted by the FHWA Every Day Counts Program. SWZ are work zones that utilize innovative strategies to minimize work zone safety and mobility impacts. In EDC3, focus is on coordination of construction projects and use of technology applications to dynamically manage work zone impacts. These strategies include coordination of roadway construction projects to reduce work zone impacts and using technology applications to dynamically manage traffic in the work zone environment.

Project Coordination	Technology Applications
Coordination within a single project and/or among multiple projects within a corridor, network, or region, and possibly across agency jurisdictions to minimize work zone traffic impacts	Deployment of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) for dynamic management of work zone traffic impacts, such as queue and speed management.



FHWA Every Day Counts (EDC-3) Smarter Work Zones **FHWA Work Zone Mobility and Safety Program** **FHWA Work Zone Mobility and Safety Program: Project Coordination** **FHWA Work Zone Mobility and Safety Program: Technology Applications**

[FAQs](#)
[Funding Opportunities](#)

Other Resources

Project Coordination Resources

FHWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FHWA Work Zone Mobility and Safety Program – Project Coordination http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/construction/crp/index.htmFHWA Work Zone Mobility and Safety Program – Peer-to-Peer Program http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/p2p/index.htm
TRB SHRP2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">WISE Software Users Guide http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/shrp2/SHRP2_S2-R11-RW-2.pdf
NCHRP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NCHRP Synthesis 413: Techniques for Effective Highway Construction Projects in Congested Urban Areas http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp_syn_41.pdf
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Highway Construction Coordination to Minimize Traffic Impacts http://planning.transportation.org/Documents/8-36/NCHRP8-36(56)FinalReport.pdf
WSDOT Example Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Data Sharing Agreement between Washington State DOT and Seattle DOT https://www.workzonesafety.org/files/documents/SWZ/WSDOT-SDOT_data_sharing_agreement.pdfWashington State DOT Memorandum of Understanding – Construction Traffic Coordination and Mitigation https://www.workzonesafety.org/files/documents/SWZ/MOU_10-25-09.pdf



Thanks for joining us!

- **Upcoming Events**

- Webinar #8: Integrating Project Coordination and Technology Applications – Iowa DOT
 - Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 1:00-2:30pm EST
 - Registration:
https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com/e1qfd7myore/event/event_info.html
- Webinar #9: Technology Application Strategies: Performance Measurement and System Health Monitoring
 - Thursday, January 21, 2016, 1:00-2:30pm EST
- Check The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse website for updates <https://www.workzonesafety.org/SWZ/main>

- **Questions or Comments?**

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