

Refuse Rate Board

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Refuse Rate Goal: Enhance the Cleanliness of San Francisco

- **Continue Key City Initiatives**

- Outreach and Enforcement (OnE) Team
- Litter Patrol – neighborhood trash pickup in the public right of way
- Courtesy bulky item pickup (residential)
- Removal of reported illegal dumping on sidewalks and roads
- Abandoned materials collection
- Mechanical street sweeping to remove leaves and litter from the curb lane

- **Public Trash Cans**

- Ensure trash can pickup and service
- Monthly trash can steam cleaning
- Service and maintain existing trash cans in the public right of way
- New trash cans are in testing phase

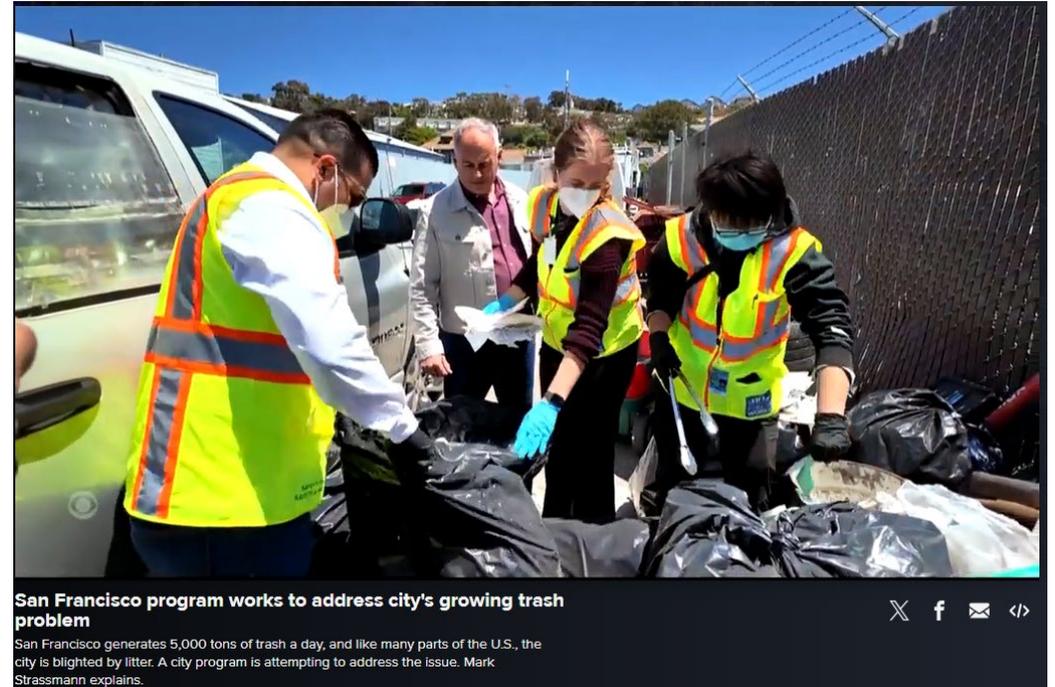


Public Works Impound Account Funding

Program	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28
Litter Patrol	\$ 5,125,205	\$ 5,304,587	\$ 5,461,603
Outreach & Enforcement (OnE) Team	\$ 2,865,289	\$ 2,965,574	\$ 3,053,355
Mechanical Sweeping	\$ 2,528,474	\$ 2,528,474	\$ 2,603,317
Public Trash Can Cleaning	\$ 1,719,837	\$ 1,761,113	\$ 1,813,242
Public Trash Can Administration	\$ 173,831	\$ 179,915	\$ 185,240
Public Trash Can Maintenance	\$ 97,346	\$ 100,753	\$ 103,735
Total	\$ 12,509,982	\$ 12,840,416	\$ 13,220,492

Public Works Impound Account – Labor

- **Outreach and Enforcement (OnE) Team**
 - 10.0 full-time employees (3.0 positions vacant)
 - Started in 2013
 - The team is responsible for:
 - educating merchants, property owners and residents of their rights and responsibilities regarding street and sidewalk cleanliness
 - enforcing City codes to ensure sanitation standards are met
- **Cleaning Staff**
 - 30.0 full-time employees
 - 7514 General Laborers
 - 7355 Truck Drivers
 - Responsible for Litter Patrol and block sweepers
- **Trash Can Manager**
 - 1824 Trash Can Manager joined Public Works in April 2025



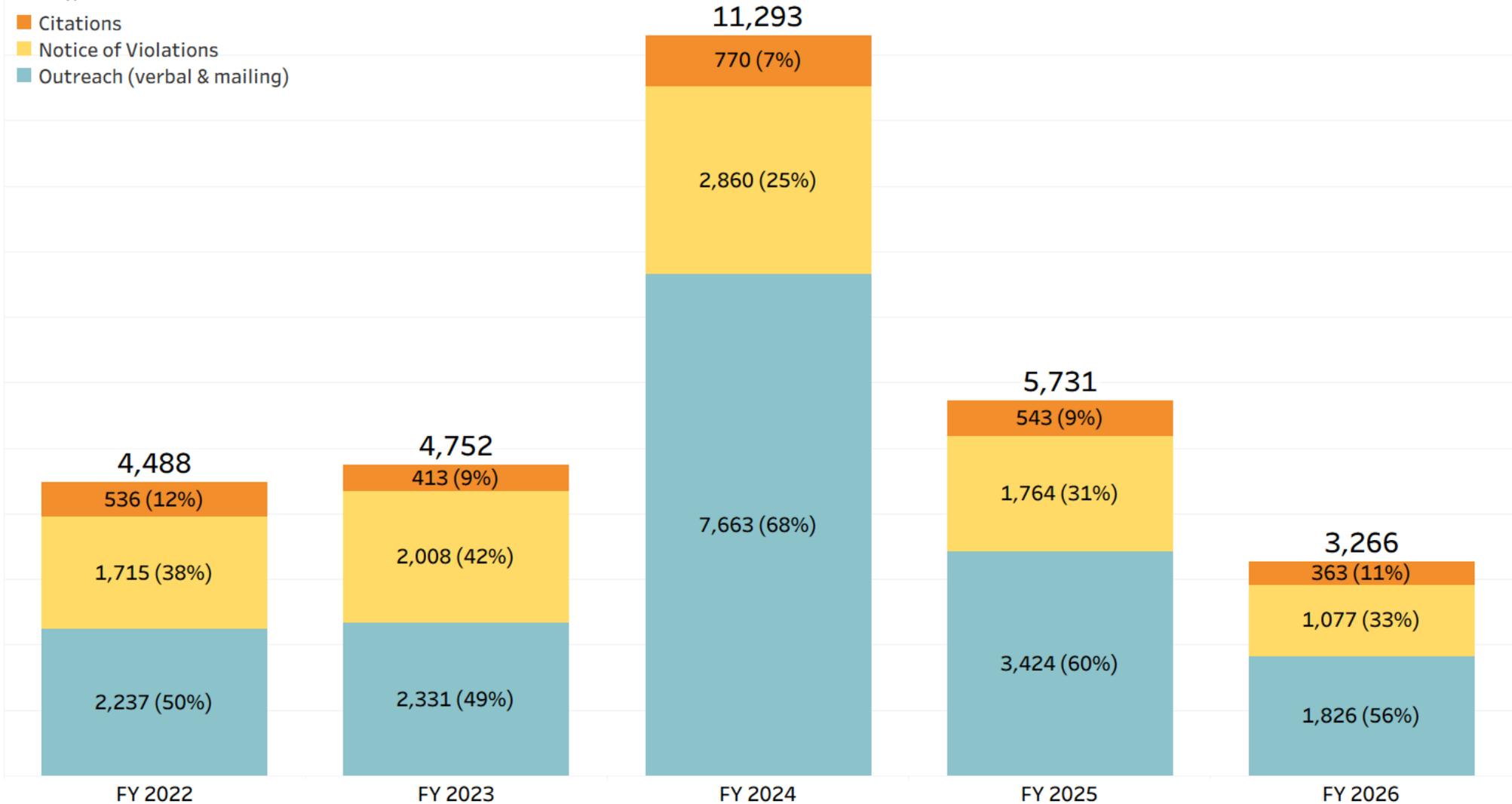
Source: CBS News (<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/san-francisco-program-works-to-address-citys-growing-trash-problem/>)

OnE Team Activity – By Type

Annual Total Actions by Type data through 3/3/26

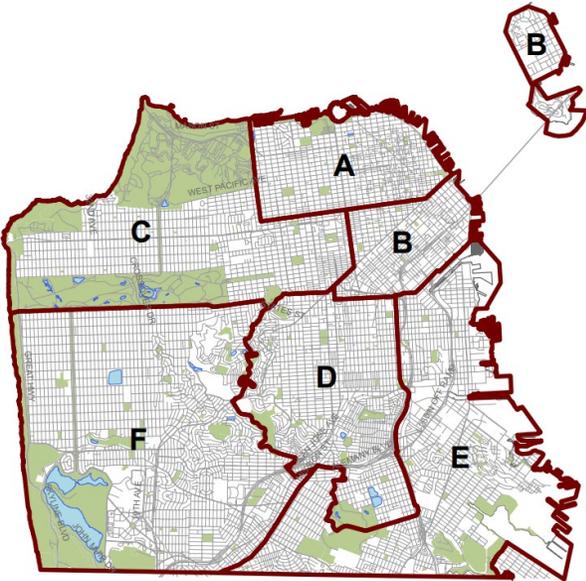
Notice Type

- Citations
- Notice of Violations
- Outreach (verbal & mailing)

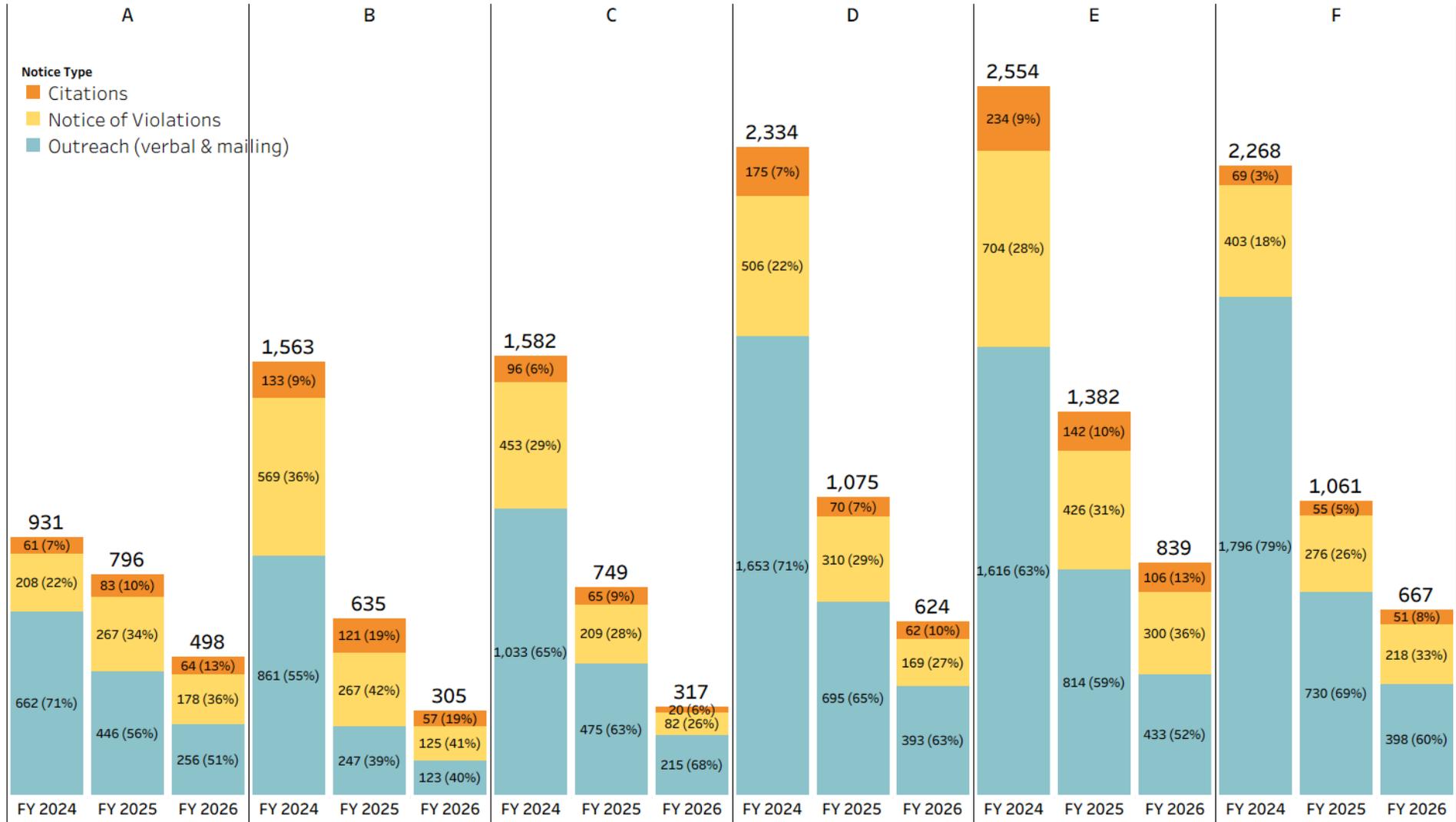


OnE Team Outreach Efforts – Activity by Type / Zone

Total Actions by Type and Zone (FY 2024, FY2025, FY2026) data through 3/3/26

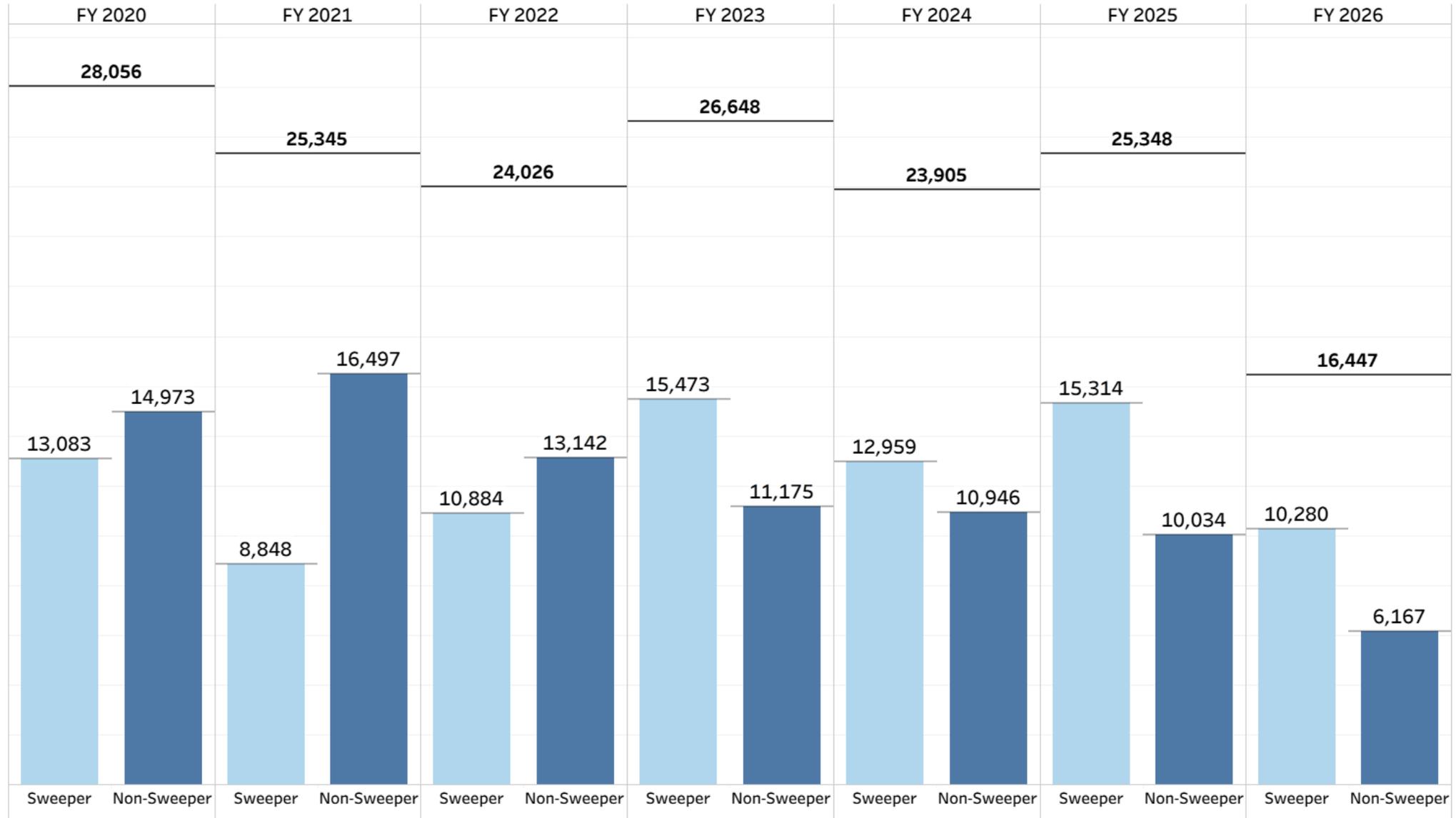


Zone map



Total Tons of Debris Collected by Fiscal Year

Annual Debris Tonnage Collected Public Works only, data through 2/21/26



Public Works Impound Account – Non-Labor

- **Enhanced Trash Can Steam Cleaning**
 - Started with 2017 rate process
 - \$1.7M in funding for nonprofit to do routine steam cleaning of trash cans citywide
 - Services provided by Community Youth Center of San Francisco (CYC) include:
 - Pressure washing of trash cans and surrounding area
 - Litter removal in areas surrounding trash cans
 - Notifying Public Works of graffiti and malfunctioning or damaged trash cans



Public Works Impound Account – Trash Cans

- **Public Trash Can Replacement (\$15.0M)**
 - One-time allocation of fund balance of approximately \$15.0M for trash can procurement
 - No additional impound account funding required in this rate process
 - No impact on rates
- **Need for new trash cans**
 - Durability issues – Persistent problem with Renaissance cans, locks and hinges
 - Renaissance cans' material is degraded and at end of useful life
 - Cannot repair Renaissance can parts
 - Increased use of cement cans
 - Recology requests 32-gallon rolling plastic liners for efficiency
 - Rummaging is a persistent problem



Source: <https://www.core77.com/posts/75587/urban-design-observations-san-francisco-edition-bizarre-public-trash-can>

Public Works Impound Account – Trash Cans

- **Trashcan Replacement Performance Criteria**
 - Rummage-resistant
 - Tamper-proof
 - Easy to service
 - Durable and easy to maintain
 - Rodent-resistant
 - Sensor-ready
 - Accommodate 32-gallon rolling plastic liners
 - Accommodate recycling exchange
 - Cost-efficient



Public Works Impound Account – Trash Cans

- **New City Trash Can**
 - Slim Silhouette
- **Vendor**
 - Tiger Supplies Inc.
- **Cost**
 - \$1,591 per unit (3,000+ quantity)
 - Can: \$1,495
 - Liner: \$96
 - Tariffs: \$158 (subject to change)



Public Works Impound Account – Trash Cans

- **Status**

- The first 10 cans were delivered this month for test phase:
 - Evaluating alignment with manufacturing specs
 - Evaluating durability, maintenance and usability with Operations staff
 - Street deployment of the test cans will follow

- **Rollout Plan**

- The manufacturer can deliver up to 600 per month, for a total of us to 3,500
- Anticipated start date: summer/fall 2026

