



CIVIC ON/OFF RAMP LITTER CLEANUP PROJECT

PROJECT ANALYSIS REPORT

January 2019 – April 2020



11,502
Bags



10,767
Needles



402,570
Lbs. of
Debris

Executive Summary

Introduction

Various methods has been applied to the centralized issue of a clean city. This report highlights one successful campaign in particular: **San Francisco Public Works On/Off Ramp Litter Pickup Campaign**.

Purpose: To ensure the City maintains clear and safe pathways to the on/Off ramps within the City and County of San Francisco.

Background: The management of the Caltrans right-of-way takes place in very multifaceted localities, which includes different stakeholders. Public Works (PW) took the initiative to address the issue of debris strewn across the City's on/off ramps by launching a cleanup campaign in January 2019

Still in its infancy, the campaign has been successful in removing tons of debris from SF's On/Off ramps. PW Bureau of Street Environmental Services and Caltrans has provided support during this ongoing campaign.

Assessment

The following assessment is an objective external review of the workforce program, and this report is the cumulative result of that assessment.

Methods of Analysis

This detailed report would showcase many important factors, which as a whole did contribute to the success of the workforce-program. *Below are some highlights:*

Staffing - Managers

The key strong suit of this litter reduction and workforce program is **CIVIC**, a non-profit agency managed by dedicated professionals who generally possess broad knowledge and expertise in the areas of employment and Street Cleaning, who also share a goal of ensuring safe, clean and clear path of travel for all San Francisco residents and visitors to the City.

Staffing – Crew Members

The ON/OFF Ramp litter pickup crew are knowledgeable and hardworking individuals who, through training and safety support from Caltrans and PW Environmental Health and Safety office, have exceeded expectations by removing thousands of harmful needles and tons of debris from Caltrans-right-of-way every day of work.

The summary of this analysis has shown that **CIVIC** does the following well:

- Timely response to accounting, program staff and other stakeholders

- Ability to recruit dedicated employees
- Proactively improving and planning for the long-term impact of the program systems
- Foster good teamwork environment as an employer and a grantee

Data Collection

Data collection occurs instantaneously as a centralized tool used to measure both quantitative and qualitative work. This precedent plays a dual role by which crew members document their work and to also broadcast the debris location.

Below, in Figure 1 is a graph showing total pounds of debris from On/Off Ramp locations.

Figure 2 is an example of quantitative data collection.

Figure 1

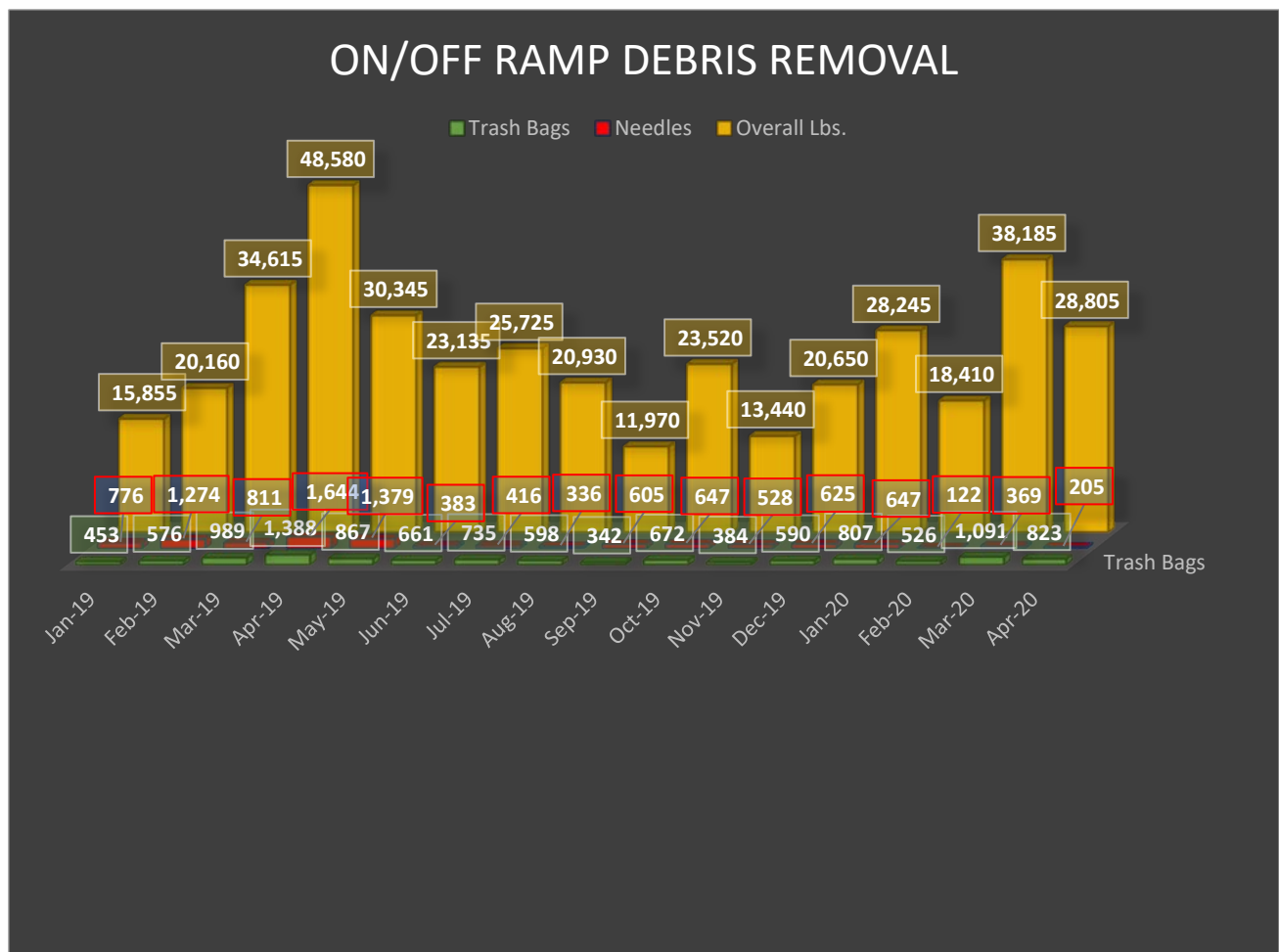


Figure 2



Bayshore Off Ramp



Potrero Ave & Cesar Chavez

April 2020



440 Needles



In-Partnership
Civic and Caltrans Litter Pick-Up

April 2020

Findings & Recommendations

Due to the extensive work locations, adequate staffing is required. Currently, there are (4) crew members and (1) supervisor. The crew size must increase to adequately cover the multiple locations as the work is of a recurring nature.

Crew members' often face some delay in debris pickup. This is an issue that needs to be addressed because it's not uncommon for our Unhoused Neighbors to tear through bags left unattended on the City Street.

Due to the volume of debris being generated at each location, structured removal of trash is a must.

Within a fifteen-months period, the On/Off Ramp crew had removed **402,570** Lbs. of trash from the City's On/Off ramps.

*** Data from January 2019 – April 2020.