



# 2016 Sidewalk Master Plan & ADA Transition Plan Update



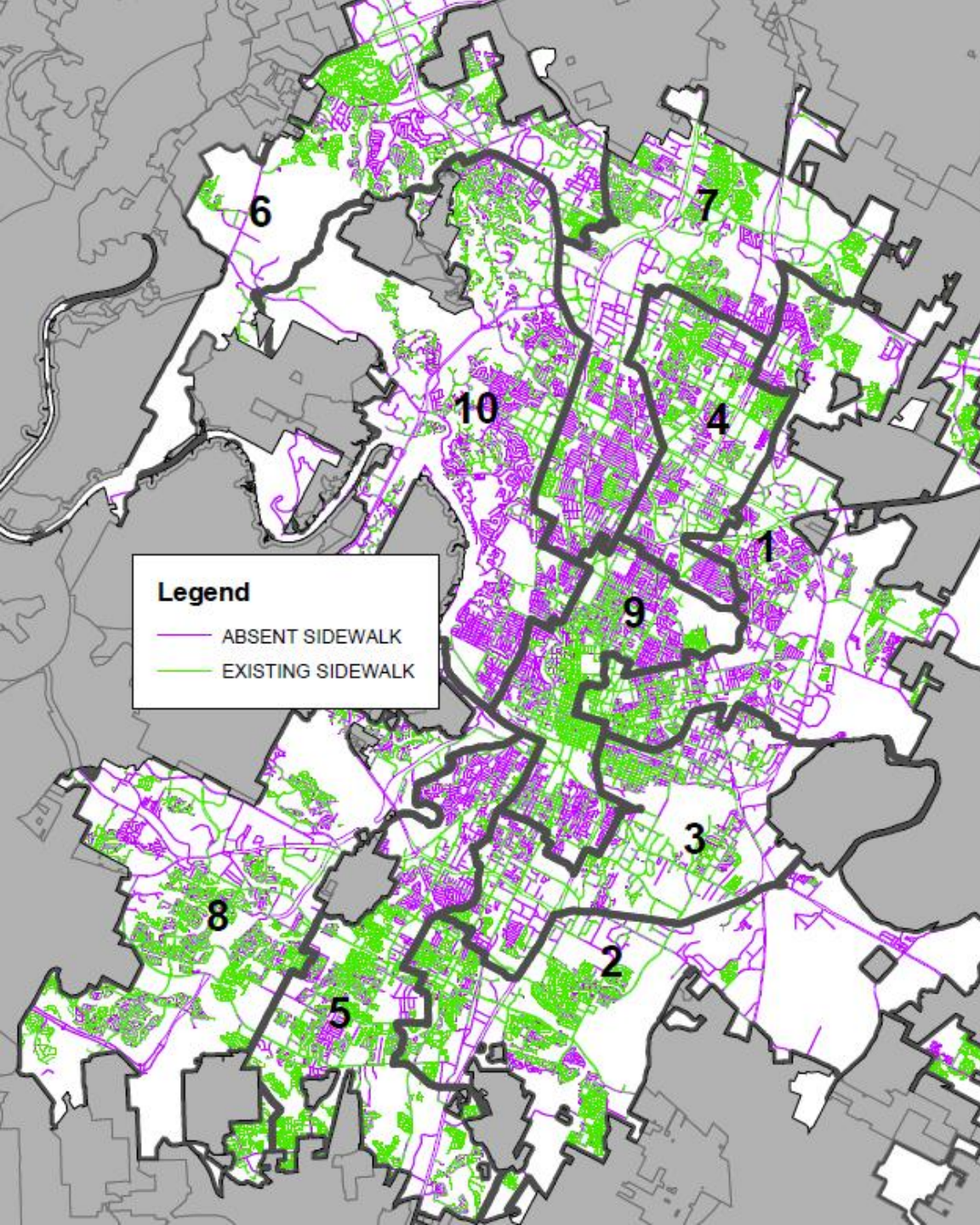
# Purpose



- **Update Background**
- **Key Recommendations**
  - **Vegetative Barrier Removal**
  - **Commercial Driveways**
  - **Connecting new development**
  - **Performance Targets/Funding**

# Goals

- *Encourage walking as a viable mode of transportation, improve pedestrian safety, and enable people to walk to and from transit stops*
- *Update the sidewalk portion of the City's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan and set forth policies that will improve mobility for people with disabilities*
- *Help control air pollution and traffic congestion, and improve the quality of life in Austin, by **including sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities as necessary and integral components of the transportation system***
- *Provide an objective mechanism for the City's use in prioritizing new sidewalk construction and existing sidewalk repair and rehabilitation projects*
- *Incorporate goals and policies from the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and updated Complete Streets policy*



# Sidewalks by Council District

District	Existing		Absent	
	Miles	%	Miles	%
1	253	11%	345	13%
2	264	11%	196	8%
3	178	7%	154	6%
4	160	7%	146	6%
5	278	12%	222	9%
6	301	12%	271	11%
7	262	11%	292	11%
8	315	13%	279	11%
9	198	8%	197	8%
10	200	8%	476	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,408</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,578</b>	<b>100%</b>

# ADA Transition Plan for Sidewalks

**1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**  
**Title II, Subpart A**  
requires Public Entities to establish and maintain a Transition Plan to achieve full accessibility of existing public infrastructure, including existing sidewalk within public right-of-way.

## Transition Plan Requirements

- **Inventory of physical barriers** and proposed methods to remove them
- **Schedule for barrier removal**
- **Public official responsible** for plan implementation
- **Proposed funding source** for improvements
- **Opportunity for disabled community input**



From *The Atlantic*

**CITYLAB**

NAVIGATOR

CITYFIXER

MAPS

PHOTOS

COMMUTE

WORK

HOUSING

WEATHER

# Why L.A.'s \$1.4 Billion Sidewalk Repair Case Is Such a Big Deal



A 10%

B 10%



**20%** Functionally Acceptable

C 25%

D 50%

F 5%



**80%** Functionally Deficient

Assessment  
Results



# **Vegetative Barrier Removal**







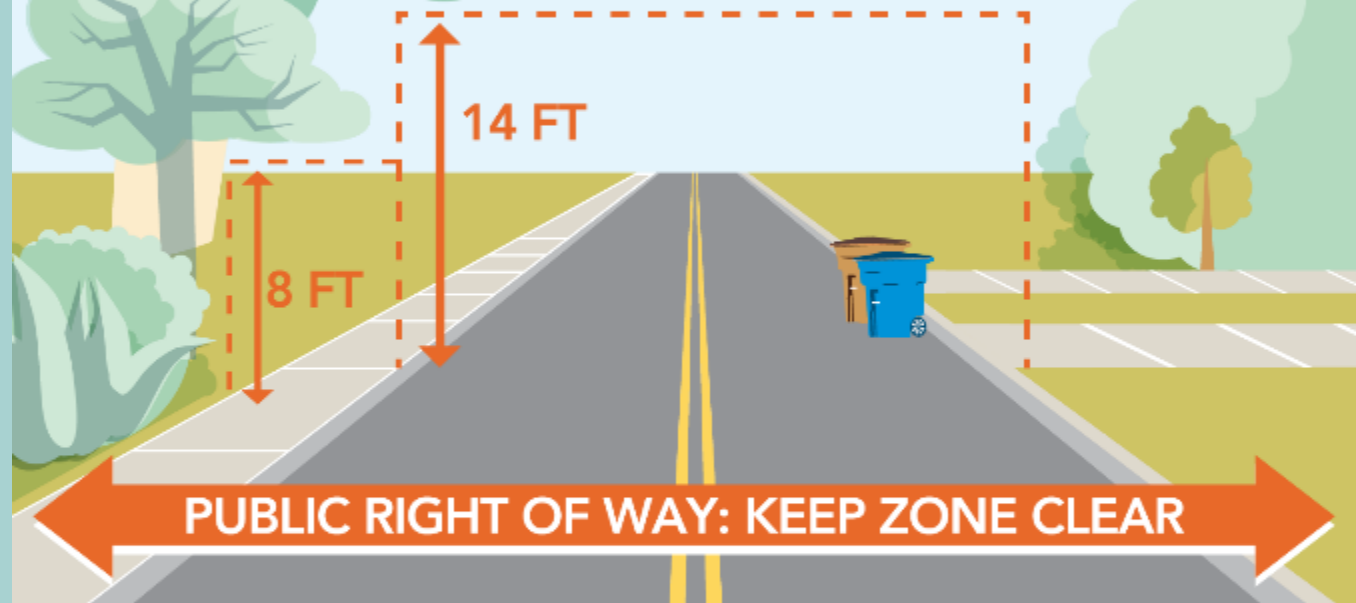


Ongoing  
Public  
Awareness  
Campaign

Active  
Enforcement

Funding for  
Removal  
Programs

# KNOW THE RIGHT OF WAY, CLEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY



It's a jungle out there, but the public right of way shouldn't be. Did you know it is the responsibility of property owners to keep sidewalks clear and private tree limbs, plants, and other vegetation trimmed to 8 feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet above the street?

Do your part to keep Austin's sidewalks and streets safe and accessible. Know the Right of Way, Clear the Right of Way.

Call 3-1-1 or visit us online at [www.austintexas.gov/cleartherow](http://www.austintexas.gov/cleartherow) for more information.






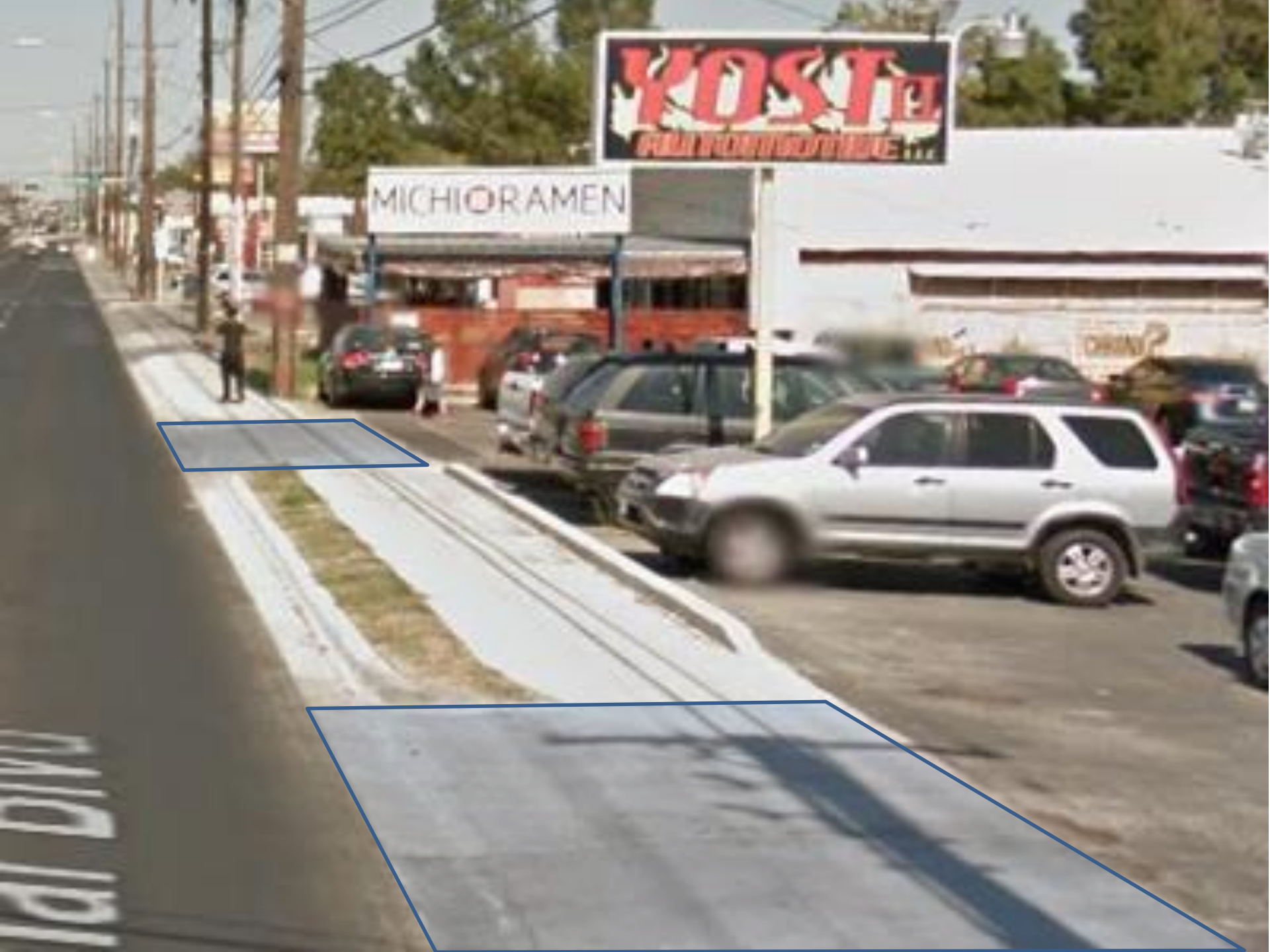
# Commercial Driveway Assessments





A photograph of a street scene. In the foreground, a concrete sidewalk runs along a paved road. To the right of the sidewalk is a parking lot filled with several cars, including a silver SUV, a dark sedan, and a green car. In the background, there is a building with a large sign that reads 'MACHI RAMEN' in white letters on a dark background. Above this sign, there is a smaller sign with the word 'YOST'S' in a stylized, colorful font. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking down the street.

**Assessments  
Incentivize “Drivewalk”  
Reduction**



YOSTIE  
RAMEN

MICHIO RAMEN

1st Div



# Connecting New Developments

# Revisions to City Codes

## **Sidewalks treated as a basic transportation utility**

- 1. Installation concurrent with roads**
- 2. Connected offsite to the sidewalk/transit network;**

**OR**

**Mitigation fees for offsite sidewalk connections**









Thaxton Rd

Nuckols Crossing Rd

Tee Dr

Wesal Dr

Duber Ln

Tripod Dr

Water Ln

Thaxton Rd

Fye Rye Dr

Tee Dr

Twiggy Ln

1,000 feet

Salt Springs Dr

Thaxton Rd

Alpha Centauri Arabians

Blazier Elementary School

Star Market  
Shell Gas Station

Bread Basket



Subdivision entrance, less than ¼ mile to transit and convenience store, no offsite sidewalk connection was required







500 feet

Alpha Centauri Arabians

Blazier Elementary School

Bread Basket

Star Market Shell Gas Station





**Subdivision entrance, 500 feet from school, no offsite connection was required**



Burnet Rd  
Austin, Texas



Street View - Jul 2014



Missing even a  
basic sidewalk  
connection  
offsite

Great new  
sidewalks in front  
of building





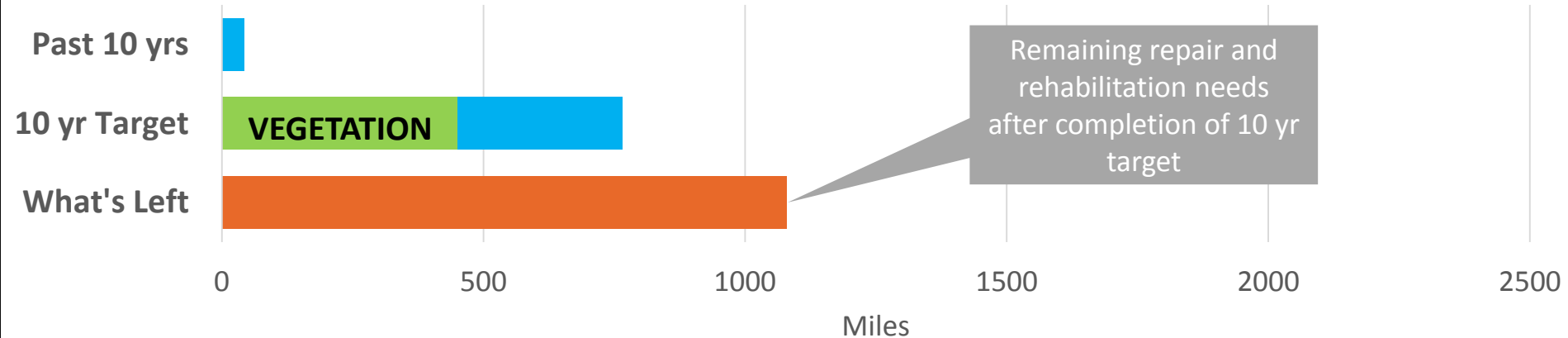


# **Performance Targets & Funding**

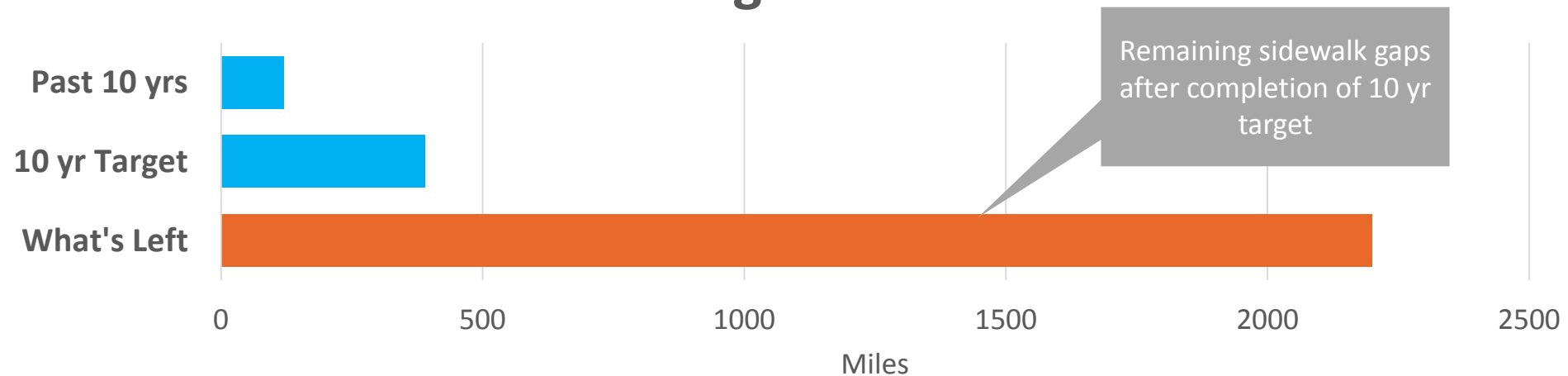


# Past Performance / Future Targets

## Fixing Sidewalks



## Building Sidewalks



# Estimated Budget Summary

## Existing Sidewalks

(75+ miles/year of ADA  
Transition improvements)

**\$15 million/year**

(approximately 30% increase if funded entirely by  
Transportation User Fee)

## New Sidewalks

(39 miles/year)

**\$25 million/year**

(\$252M total if funded by 10-year bond program)

**Total**

**\$40 million/year**

# Outcomes

# IMAGINEAUSTON

Vibrant. Livable. Connected.



Improved  
Air Quality



Reduce Traffic  
Increase Mobility



Healthier



Improved  
Social Capital



Accessible

**SafeRoutes**  
National Center for Safe Routes to School



Happier