

How to Develop an ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan

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Self-Evaluation

- Required of all entities
 - Rehabilitation Act of 1973
 - USDOT Implementing Regulations (49 CFR 27)
 - Americans w/Disabilities Act of 1990
 - DOJ Implementing Regulations (28 CFR 35)





Self-Evaluation

- Purpose & Scope
 - Identify barriers in programs & activities that prevents persons with disabilities from access (includes evaluation of policies/practices)
 - Key – provide equivalent access to the maximum extent feasible

Self-Evaluation-Barriers

- Curbs/Slopes



Self-Evaluation-Barriers

- Communication Devices



Self-Evaluation-Barriers

- Construction Work Zones





Self-Evaluation

- Identifying Barriers within public right-of-way
 - Curbs
 - Sidewalks
 - Pedestrian Crossings
 - Pedestrian Signals
 - Shared Use Trails
 - Parking Lots
 - Bus Stops



Self-Evaluation

- Developing the Evaluation
 - Agency commitment
 - Funding
 - Staff resources (i.e., survey/maintenance staff, interns) or contract with knowledgeable consultants

Self-Evaluation

- Methods
 - Field inspections/surveys (form/checklist)
 - GIS (recording locations/measurements)
 - Segway (profiler for reading slopes)



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Self-Evaluation

- Critical Areas to Evaluate
 - Public right-of-way accessing government offices, medical facilities, downtown core areas, school zones, residential areas, et al
 - Rest Areas, parks, shared use trails
 - Access to public buildings (permit/licensing offices, public meeting rooms, etc.)



Self-Evaluation

- End Result

- Inventory (and details) of facilities where structural modifications are needed to make facilities accessible to persons with disabilities
- Foundation for Transition Plan
- Maintain in file/available for public inspection for 3 yrs from date of completion



Transition Plan



- Required by Rehabilitation Act and the ADA
 - 50 plus employees (entire agency)
 - Public input



Transition Plan

- Purpose & Scope
 - Set forth steps necessary to complete modifications identified through self-evaluation (those areas not covered in a previously developed plan)
 - Provide a schedule for completing modifications
 - DOJ reference to Program Access Plan



Transition Plan

- Content (at a minimum)
 - Identify physical obstacles
 - Describe the methods to make facilities accessible
 - Specify the schedule for achieving completion (if longer than 1 year, identify steps to be taken each year but as expeditiously as possible)



Transition Plan

- Content (cont.)
 - Identify official responsible for implementation of plan
 - Estimated Cost of each modification
 - Record completion date



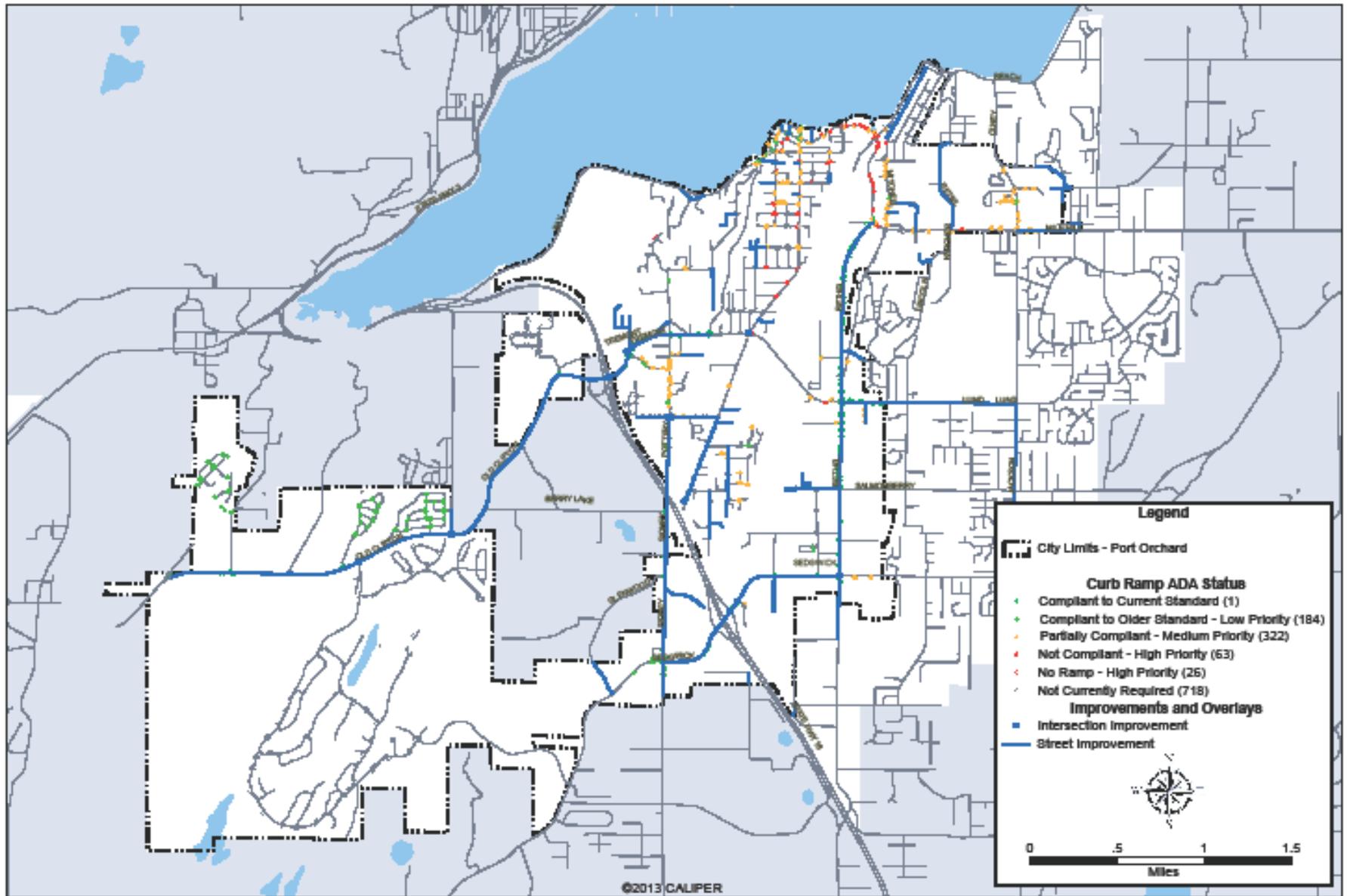
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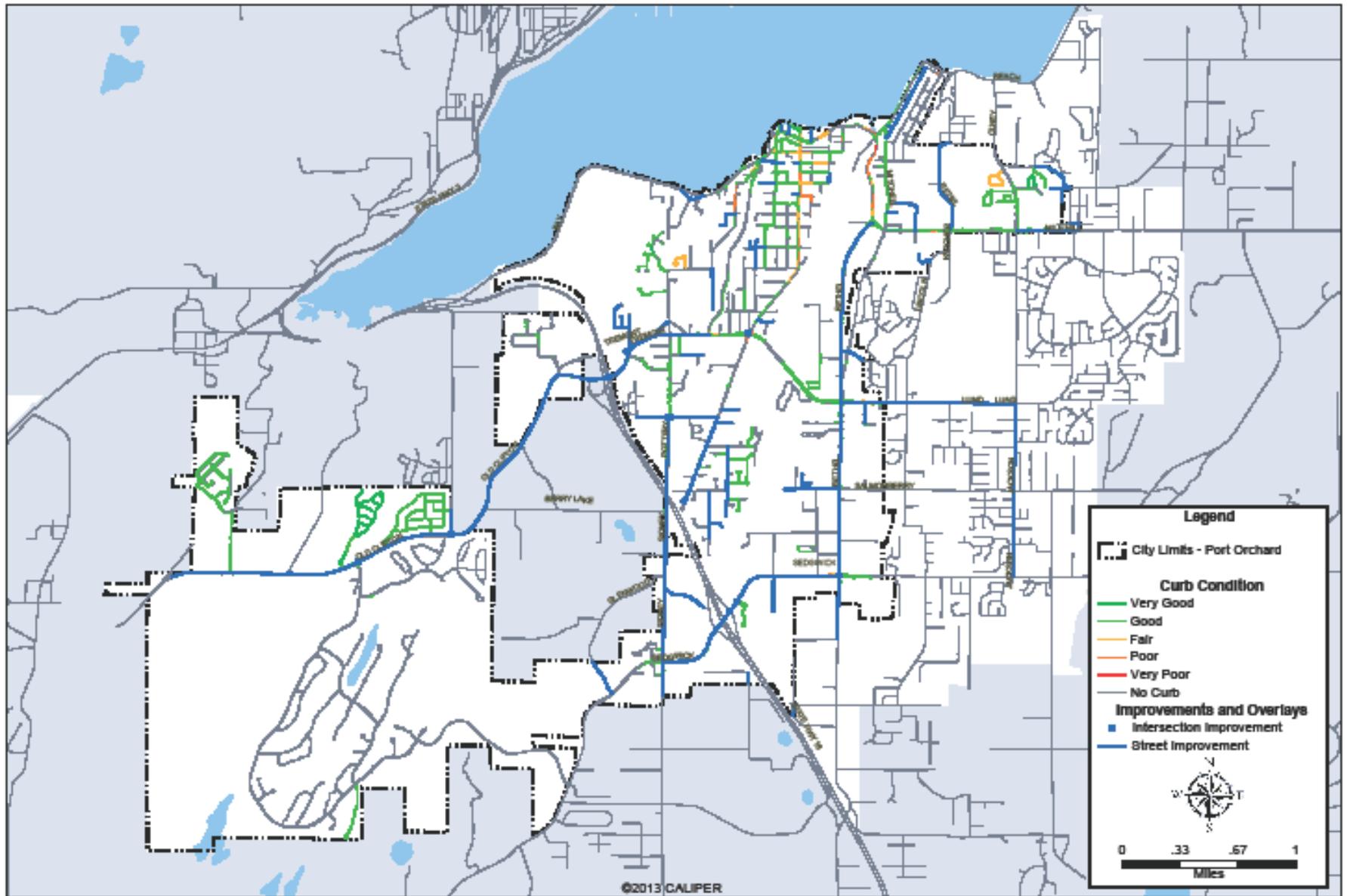
- Right-of-way survey completed during pavement condition survey
- Facilities survey completed early November
- Public involvement survey going live now
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/portorchardada>
- Public Event in early December
- Transition Plan for council review complete by year end

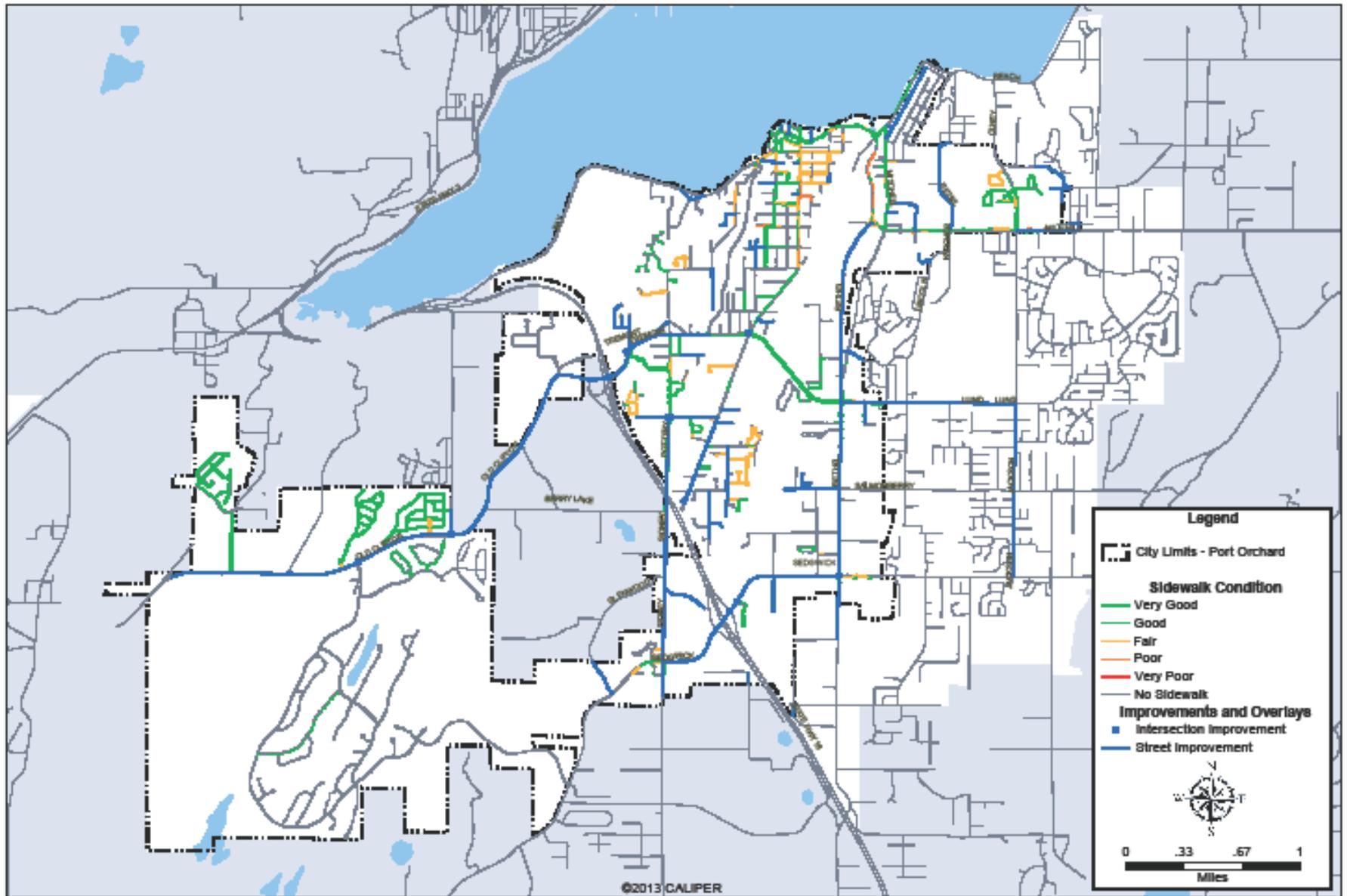


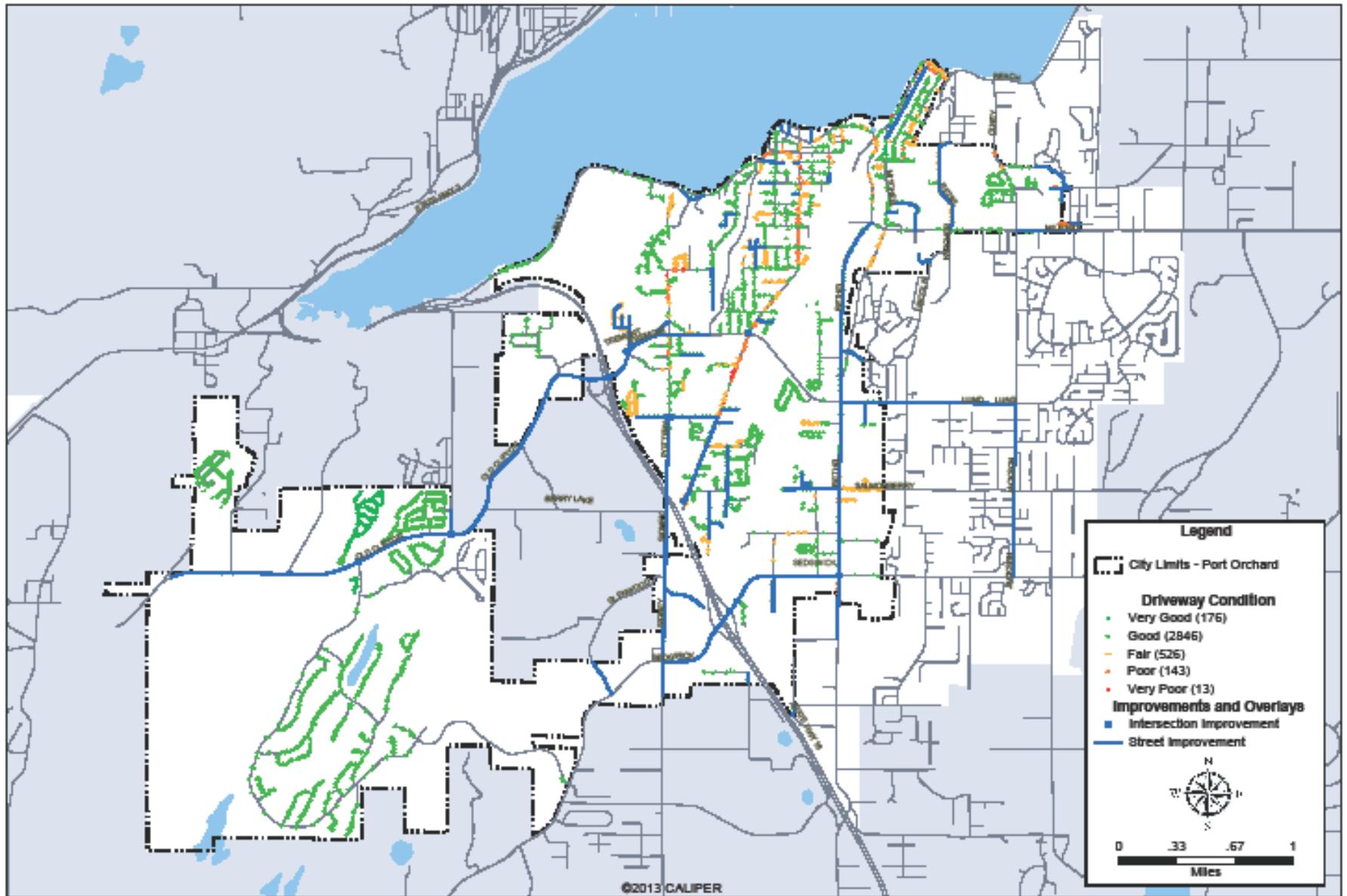
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- Key issues
 - Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) while not yet adopted are considered the standard for streets
 - Most existing curb ramps do not meet current PROWAG/ADA standards but many are still functional
 - Some key locations remain deficient









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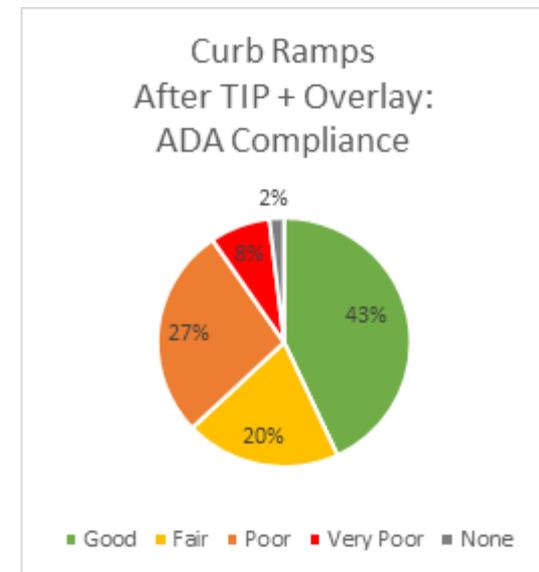
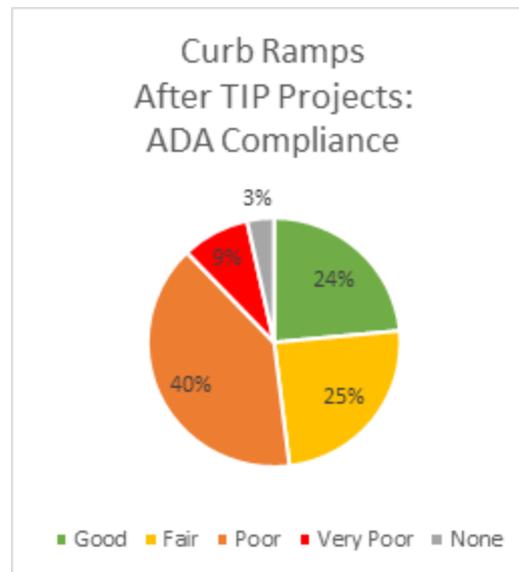
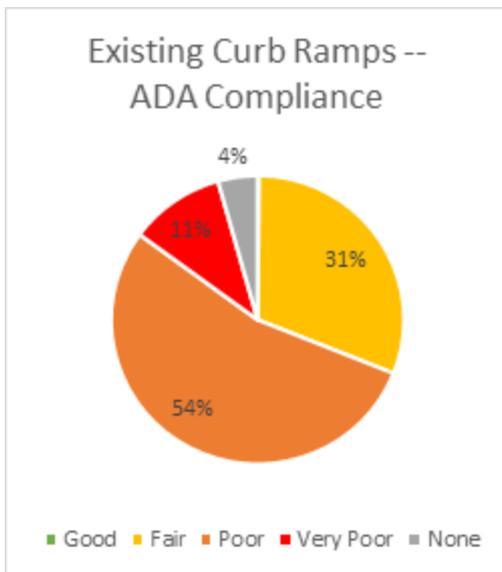


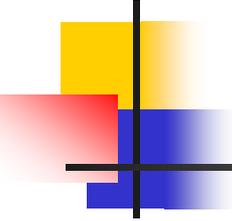
Existing Driveway Condition
City of Port Orchard



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- Curb ramps addressed by TIP and PMS
 - TIP will address about 170 ramps (\$0.6M)
 - PMS will address about 130 ramps (\$0.45M)
 - About 400 ramps remaining (\$1.4M)





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- Remaining 400 curb ramps to be addressed by other methods or programs at cost of \$1.4M
 - Private development driven frontage improvements
 - Potential Complete Streets program
 - ADA specific priority driven program
 - Grievance procedure



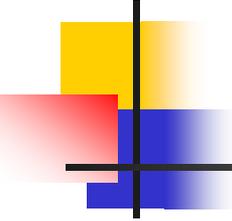
Transition Plan

- Important things to remember
 - Coordinate/integrate schedule of modifications with planned alterations (pavement maintenance, street improvements, building improvements, utility work)
 - Inform/educate persons with authority over budget/prioritizing projects



Transition Plan

- Important things to remember
 - Transition Plan is a living document – evolving planning & monitoring tool
 - As boundaries grow, so does the need to incorporate acquired facilities into Self-Evaluation/Transition Plan process
 - Special Requests/Complaints & Transition Plan schedule



Questions
