

Agency: SHA

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the SHA Stat on June 9, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

General Observations

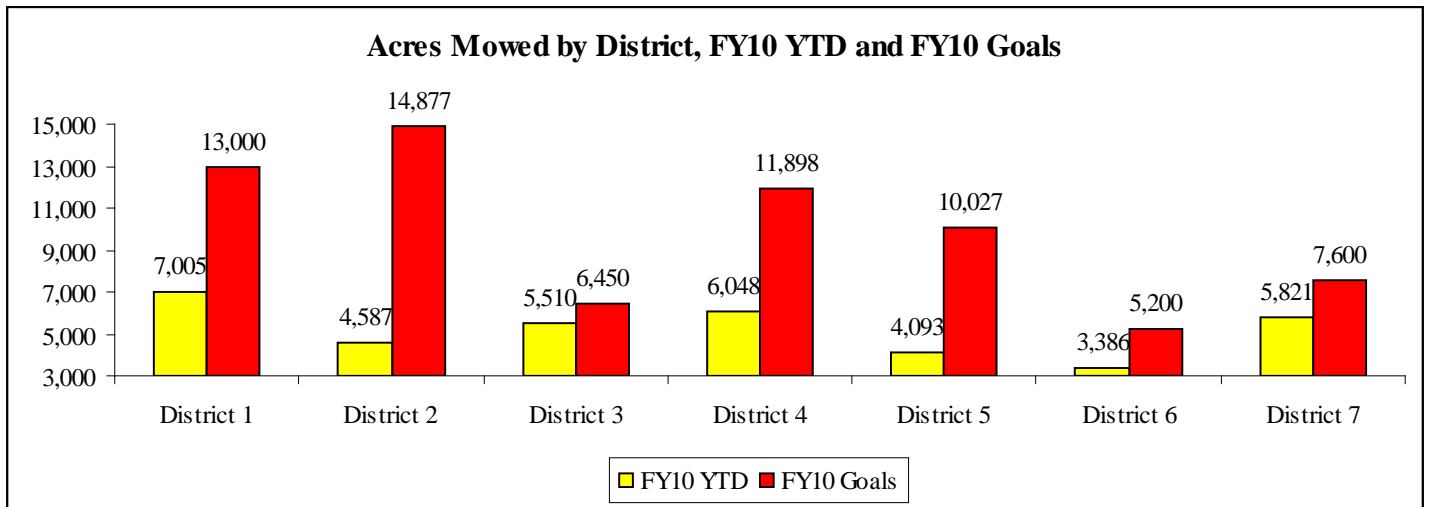
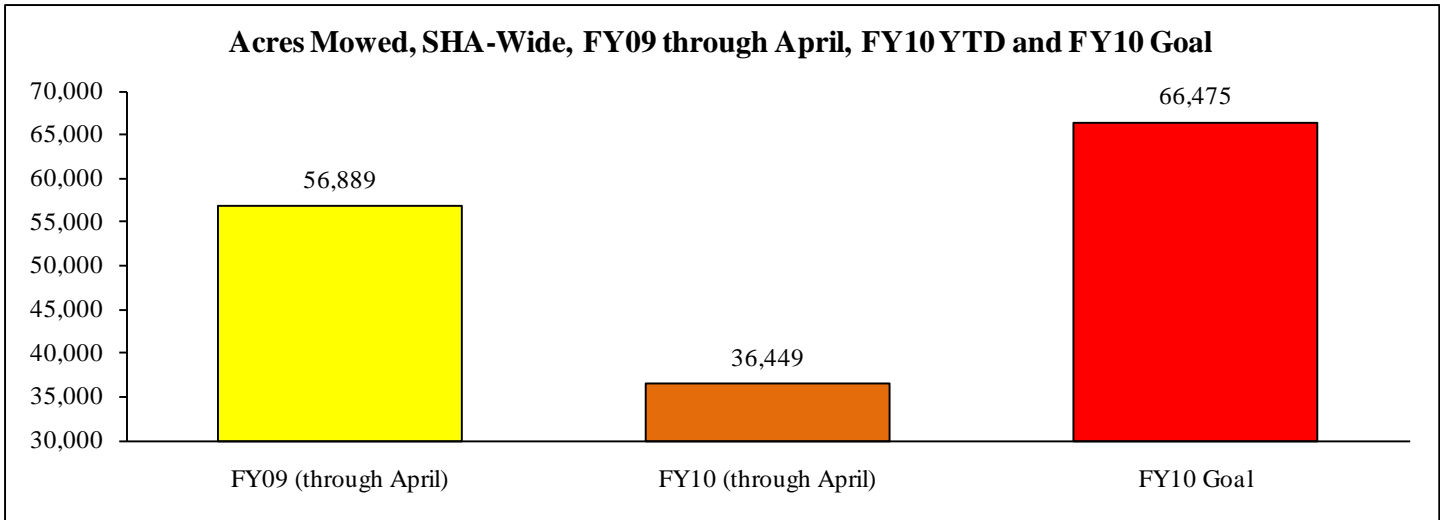
- **Federal Snow Emergency Reimbursements.** At prior StateStat meetings there were discussions regarding recovery of reimbursements from FEMA for snowstorm related expenses. The panel may wish to ask the agency for an update regarding federal reimbursements for both the December and February snow events.
 - **December Storm.** The agency is reporting that it has completed applications to recover \$9 million out of a total \$18.1 million in expenses associated with the December storm.
 - **February Storm.** The agency is reporting that a disaster declaration for the February storm was made on May 7, and a project kick-off meeting with FEMA was held on May 10. Snow removal expenditure reimbursements will be limited to a 48-hour period, except in Cecil, Howard, Kent and Talbot Counties, where the applicable period is extended to 72 hours because accumulation totals exceeded 150% of the previous record snowfall. The agency may also be eligible for reimbursement of some insurance deductibles related to damage caused to agency facilities during the storm. The agency believes that all applications associated with the February storm should be submitted by the end of June. The agency reported that a total of \$59 million was spent on winter storms. The agency anticipates that it will have no difficulty reaching the July 10th application deadline.
- **Structurally Deficient Bridges.** According to data provided by the agency, Maryland has improved from 21st in 2004 to 18th in 2009 in its percentage of state-owned structurally deficient bridges. In terms of all bridges (including locally owned bridges) located in the state, Maryland remained 12th nationally from 2004 to 2009 in its percentage of structurally deficient bridges. Additionally, Maryland was the featured state for structurally deficient bridges at the International Bridge Conference.
- **SHA Contract Worker Killed in Hit and Run.** On Thursday June 3, just before 1 a.m., an agency contract worker was killed in a hit and run accident while working on eastbound Route 50 at Bay Dale Drive. The agency and the Maryland State Police are in the process of conducting a thorough investigation into this incident.
- **Road Ready Maps.** SHA recently unveiled its 'Road Ready' map on the agency website. The 'Road Ready' map highlights major agency construction projects throughout the state, and is intended to notify travelers of areas to avoid when planning a summer getaway.



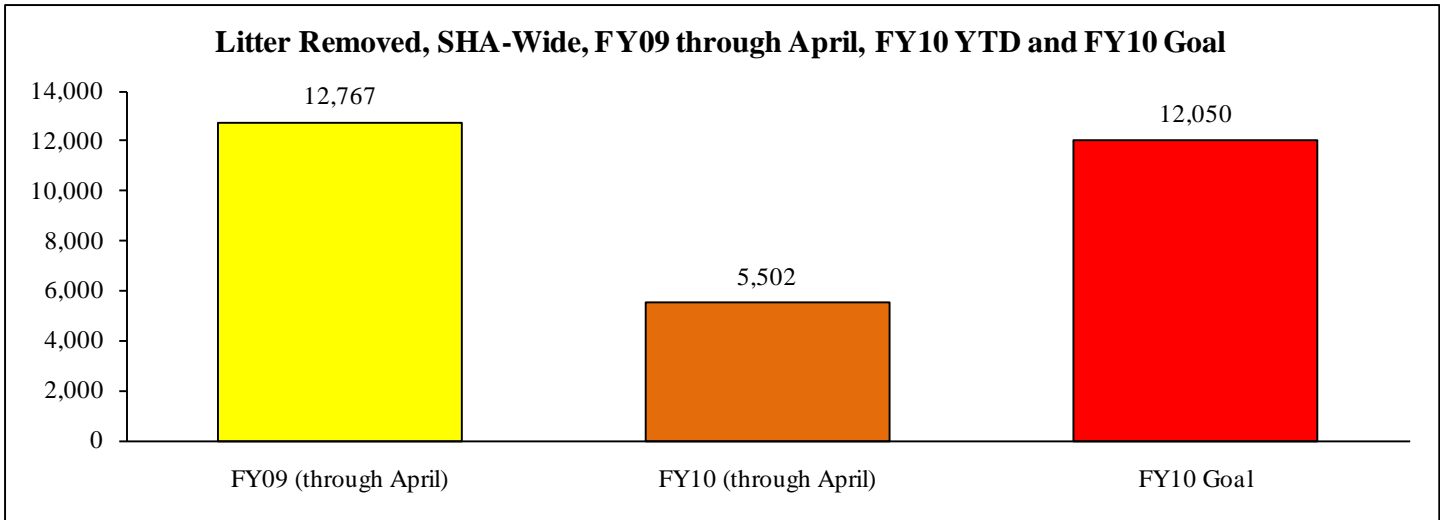
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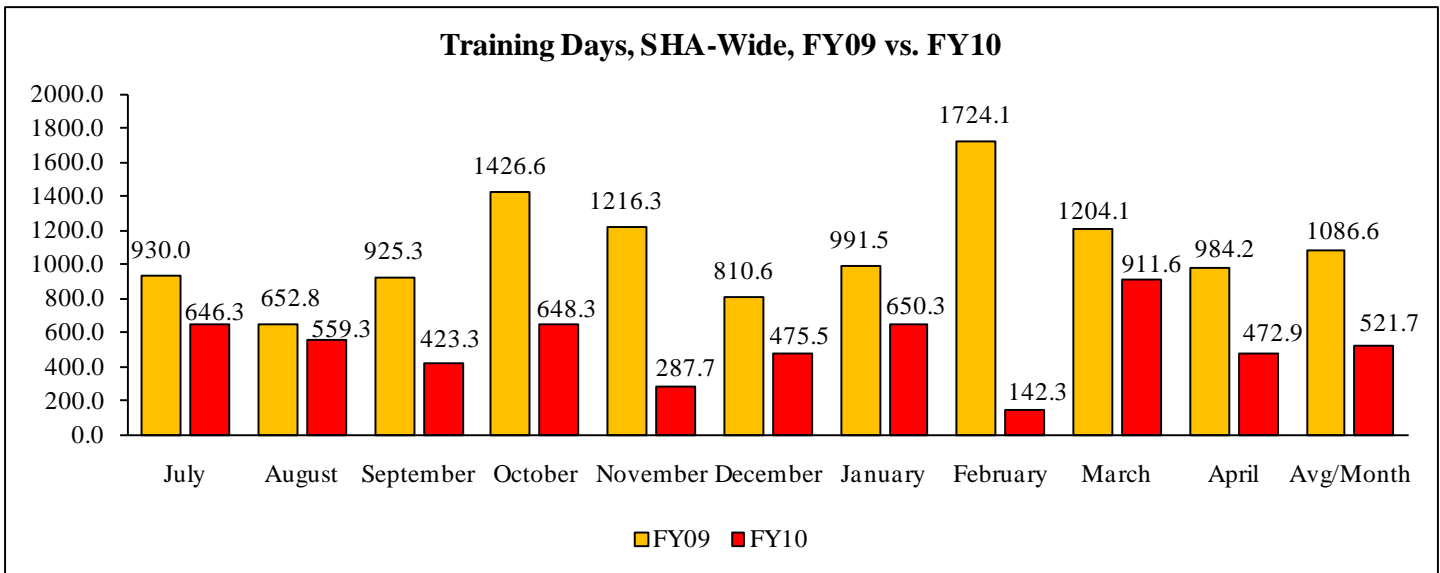
- **Mowing Goals for FY10.** According to the data submitted, the agency as a whole and a number of districts were far off from meeting FY10 targets with just two months left in the fiscal year. The agency reported that the amount of mowing has been reduced as a result of cost containment measures that were made necessary following the December and February blizzards. As its policy, mowing is still occurring in areas where it is necessary as a safety measure to provide sightlines to motorists, but was reduced in other areas where mowing was being done for aesthetic and maintenance purposes.



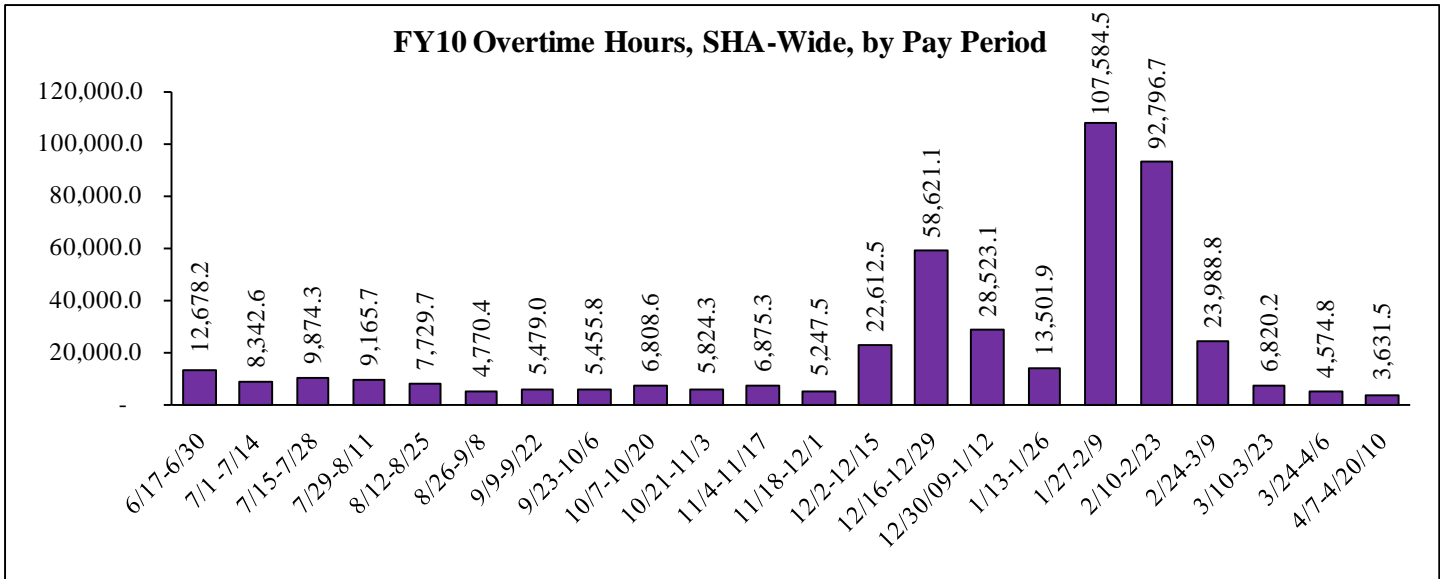
- Litter Removal Goals for FY10.** Similar to mowing, litter removal is below goals set by the agency prior to the fiscal year. The agency reported that litter removal was another area targeted by the agency for cost containment after the winter storms. The agency reported that both acres mowed and truck loads of litter removed should increase significantly in July after the new fiscal year begins.



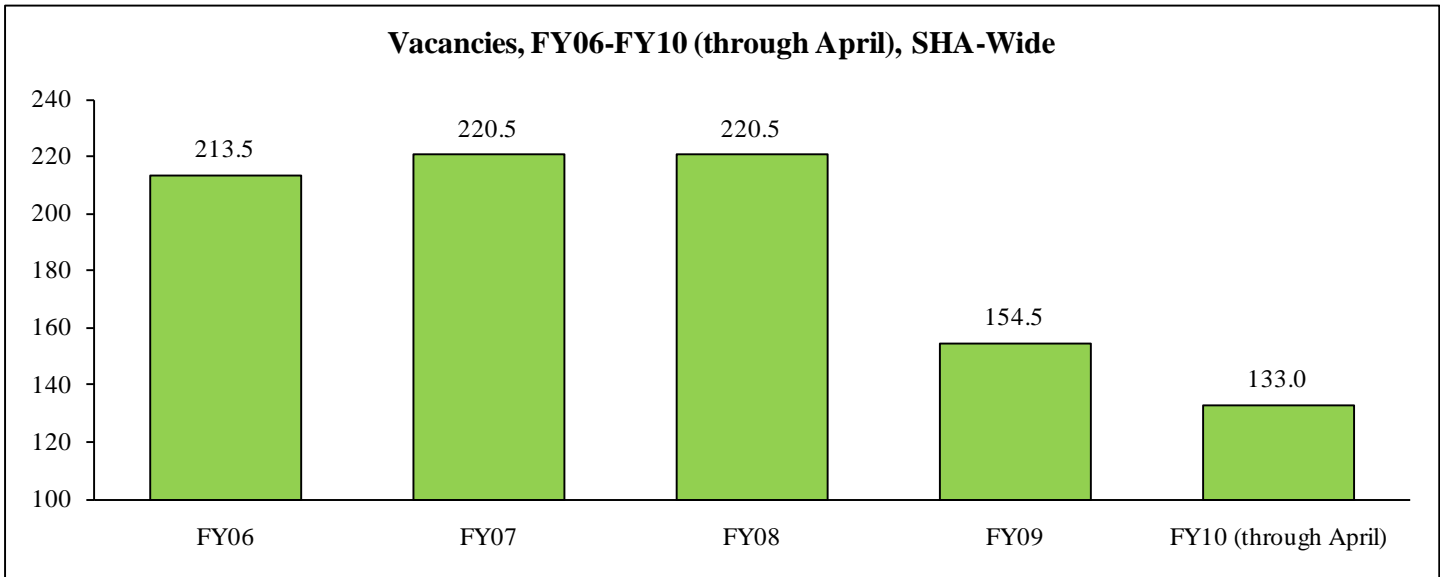
- Training Days.** The number of training days has reduced significantly in FY10. In FY09, there were 14,396.4 training days. Through 10 months of FY10, there have been just 5,217.4 training days. The agency reported the reason for the reduction in training days is a result of many mandatory trainings being placed online. Online training has proven to be less time consuming and less expensive than other previously used methods.



- Overtime.** The agency recorded fiscal year lows in overtime hours in each of the last two pay periods. The agency reported that it emphasized reducing overtime hours to cope with the large portion of the budget expended during the snowy winter. The agency has been successful in dramatically reducing overtime hours in recent pay periods.



- Vacancies.** The agency has been largely effective in reducing the number of vacancies, and is heading toward a third straight year of vacancy reductions. The exception to this trend is District 3, where vacancies have risen over the past fiscal year. The agency reported that the majority of vacancies in District 3 were maintenance positions, and that a recruitment process would begin in July to fill many of the open positions.



Vacancies, FY10 YTD, District 3

