

Request: To repeal Ordinance 10.32.050

It bans walking in the bike lane/shoulder of Foothill (45 mph).

For: Palo Alto City Council, May 8, 2006

Compare people legally using Hwy 9 (45 mph) shoulders in Saratoga. [photos from *Saratoga News*]



Bicyclists ride near
shoulder line.



Walkers walk at
edge of pavement.

Foothill (45 mph), an arterial road:



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Walkers walk at edge of pavement.
If caught, fine for walking: \$149

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- **Vehicle Code 21949** states: “provide convenient and safe passage for pedestrians on ... all streets and highways.”
 - **Vehicle Code 21966** allows walking in a bike lane where “an adjacent adequate pedestrian facility” is lacking.
 - **County Expressway Master Plan** states:
“Foothill has wide shoulders for ... occasional pedestrian use.”
[Page 8 of Foothill Section, PA endorsed 8/14/03, BOS approved, 8/19/03]:

Compare connecting roads. All allow walkers.



Page Mill Road has higher speed limit (south of Foothill).

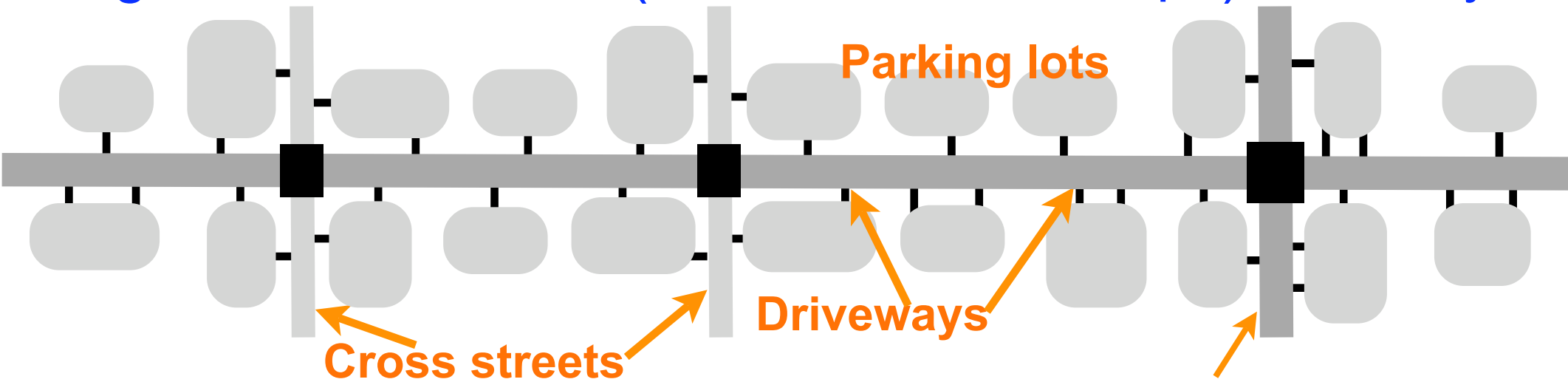


Junipero Serra Blvd, the continuation of Foothill, has narrower shoulder, or no shoulder.

Expressway arterial roads are the safest to walk along

Intersections and driveways (black) are sites of most accidents.

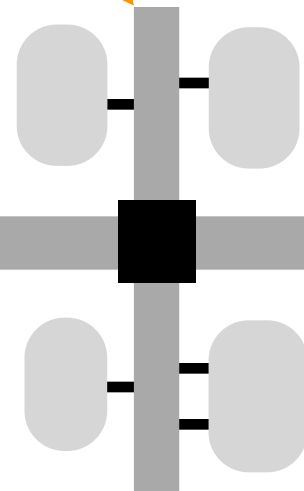
Regular arterial road (most are 35 to 45 mph) & vicinity:



Expressway arterial road (45 mph) & vicinity:

Has less than *one tenth* the crossings.

Cross arterial





Police said since I got off my bicycle [for a photo], I'm a pedestrian and getting a ticket. Fine is \$149. This was on San Tomas in Santa Clara. San Tomas and Foothill are the last arterial roads *in the State* with pedestrian bans.

Repeal of Ordinance 10.32.050 is supported by:

- PA Bicycle Advisory Committee
- VTA Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Joe Kott, former DOT Chief (who planned to put the repeal on the Council agenda but left his job before he had the time to do so.)

For further information, please see: moderntransit.org/expy/pa.html Akos Szoboszlay, President
Modern Transit Society