

Staff used undemocratic tactics at the Bicycle Advisory Committee:

- Censored my public input on an agenda item.
- Prevented the Committee from reading a document, then said the *opposite* of what the document actually stated.
- Staff put themselves above both this Council and the Board of Supervisors.

“Shoulder or path facilities can serve ... for occasional pedestrian use.”

[Quote and photo: County Expressway Master Plan, page 93; endorsed by Council, 2003]



Lafayette, 40 mph



Has many more intersections and driveways, sites of most accidents.

San Tomas, 45 mph



\$149 fine for walking on safer path.

Staff report's stated reason for prohibiting: "High speed traffic."

Evading Federal Law [see handout] is staff's *real* reason for opposing use of paths and shoulders.

- County highway engineers don't want to spend a penny of their road budget for walking facilities.
- Federal law will *require* County staff to build sidewalks in the near future *if* walkers are allowed.
- No cost to the City.
- Prohibiting walking forces walkers into detours having *much higher accident risk*. It *contradicts* the Expressway Plan and *violates* State law.