

# Problem:

In order to reduce support for repeal on the City Council:



- County staff **won't trim shrubs to create *required* paths.**
- City staff *omitted all mention of, and contradicted* the Master Plan.
- County staff falsely told Council that only \$8000/year is available for sidewalks. The fact is, sidewalks are built *if* walking is allowed, as proven by these newly built sidewalks:
  - Montague bridge over Lafayette & railroad (in Dec. 2005, shown)
  - San Tomas bridge over Los Gatos Creek (in Campbell, in 2000)\*\*
  - Lawrence in Santa Clara (1997)\*\*
  - Lawrence in Sunnyvale (1993)\*\*

\*\* MTS' successful effort to repeal prohibitions and build sidewalks.

# Solution:

- **Repeal *first* to stop staff opposition.** After repeal, it has usually taken over 6 months to remove both “*bicycles prohibited*” and “*pedestrians prohibited*” signs. That’s ***plenty of time*** to:
    - **Create dirt paths:** already *required* at “intersection areas”.
    - **Open fences** to enable use of nearby pleasant parallel routes.
    - **Place guide signs** as already stated in the Master Plan.
  - Delay in repeal *increases* accident risk because:
    - **Forced detours are *riskier* than direct routes, even today.**
    - **Walking along an expressway is *always safer* than bicycling** because walkers are further removed from traffic.
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Mr. Kennedy made this motion: “... **that staff take pictures of [the] 10 areas ... where they feel is the most dangerous or a choke point** ... and give some idea of what would have to be done to address that.”

**Can I have copies in one week?** That way, I can take tape measurements to present to Council in the next agenda packet.