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County Expressway Master Plan (copied paragraph and map)

Staff omitted and contradicted this paragraph and map at the meeting of the Bicycle Advisory Committee [on 3/22/06]. This Master Plan was endorsed by the Council on 5/20/03. Here is the copied paragraph from page 93:

Wide Shoulder or Path within Expressway Right-of-Way -- In locations where there are no sidewalks or parallel facilities and there is no major demand for pedestrian travel, these shoulder/path facilities can serve as emergency walkways and for occasional pedestrian use. No projects are recommended for these locations; however, landscaping needs to be kept trimmed back at intersection areas and along the travel way so pedestrians do not have to enter the travel lane. Landscaping maintenance costs are included in the Maintenance and Operations Element.

This omitted pedestrian-expressway map (right, copied from San Tomas appendix) shows:
existing wide shoulders and paths (gray),
existing sidewalks (green),
planned parallel route (blue) and planned sidewalk (red).
The Caltrain bridge (yellow) has a wide shoulder on the west side of the bridge, the side used by walkers, because the Creek Trail (blue) won't be built until 2007.

Federal Law cited: The VTA Bicycle-Pedestrian Advisory Committee unanimously voted (11/9/05):

The County of Santa Clara practices will comply with:

United States Code, Title 23, Chapter 1, Subchapter I, § 109 Standards, (m) Protection of Nonmotorized Transportation Traffic: The Secretary **shall not approve any project** or take any regulatory action under this title **that will result in the severance of an existing major route** or have significant adverse impact on the safety **for nonmotorized transportation** traffic and light motorcycles, unless such project or regulatory action provides for a reasonable alternate route or such a route exists.

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Federal funds have been used on expressway projects. The VTA Committee also cited ACR 211 and Vehicle Code 21949. The Board of Supervisors and unabridged Committee votes are at this link: moderntransit.org/expy/bpac-vote2.html

