

Sidewalks prohibited along **Lawrence Expressway** (in San Jose)



Each end of every sidewalk had a “Pedestrians Prohibited” signs until 2003, when they were removed at our efforts. Today, there are no prohibitory signs along Lawrence, at least on one side. But the San Jose ordinance still bans sidewalk use!

Sidewalks prohibited along **Capitol Expressway**



Bike lane was prohibited to bicyclists. Our efforts repealed bicycle prohibition on San Jose expressways in 1989.

Bus stops prohibited.



Capitol Light Rail station (3 blocks further) was prohibited to transit patrons, unless they drove a car to the park and ride lot. These signs were all removed in 1997 at our efforts.

More **Capitol Expressway**

Examples of huge detours
(typically 1 mile) previously
forced upon pedestrians.

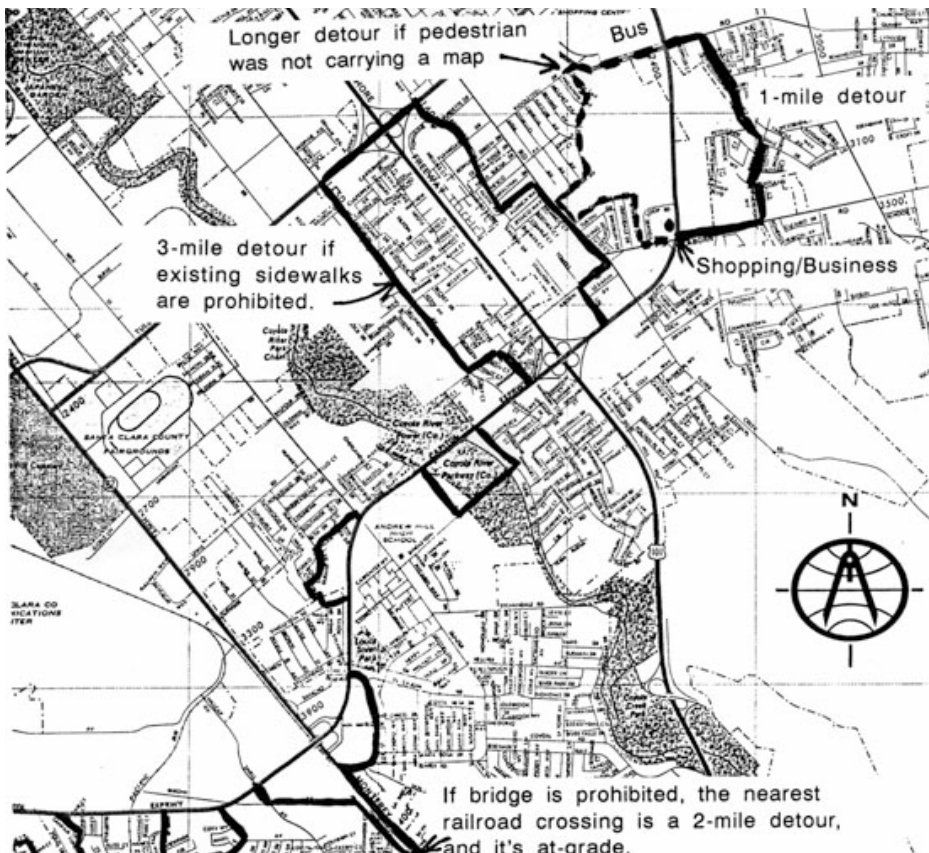
Today, people use shoulders,
paths, sidewalks and bus stops.



9-foot shoulder plus path.



10-foot shoulder plus path.



Montague Expy in San Jose

Never had pedestrians bans.



10-foot wide shoulder

Almaden Expressway

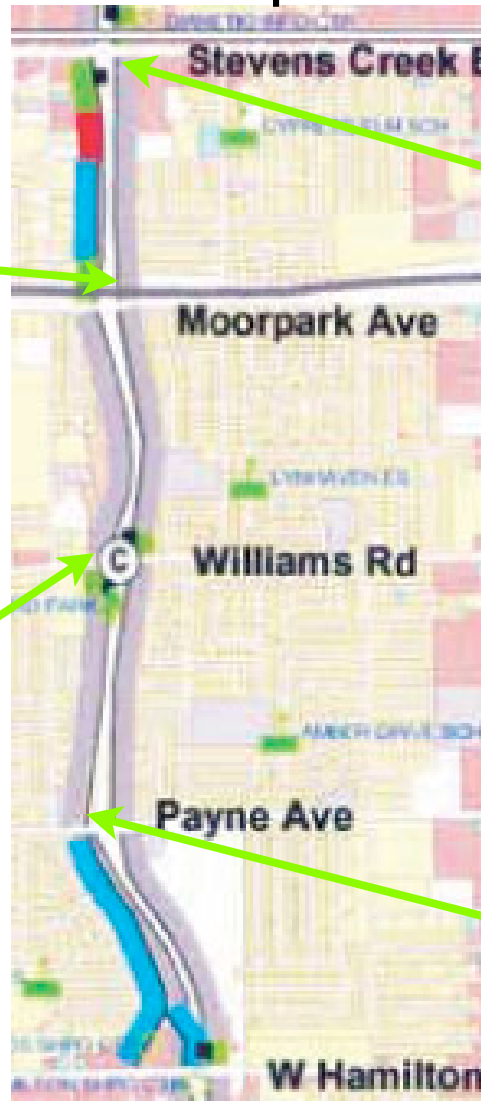
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County Roads is trying to *ban pedestrians* by changing the County Expressway Master Plan to *oppose shoulder use* by pedestrians, no matter how wide the shoulder, **and** by *not complying* with the Board (BOS) order to create paths.

San Tomas Expressway in San Jose contains four blocks. These have “Pedestrians Prohibited” signs on both sides (last SJ ped ban).

Master Plan map:
Violet is “wide
shoulder or path.”



Board of Supervisors Action (August 20, 1991):

“Approve[d] the ... new program to provide pedestrian pathway facilities along the expressway system at the annual level of \$75,000.”

The staff report for that states:

“It will take **several years [from 1991]** to remove *all* obstacles [basically, cut back brush] ... from the *entire* expressway system.”

County staff has **stonewalled for 15 years** on path creation.

The 2003 policy (County Expressway Master Plan) states: “[Wide] shoulder or path facilities can serve ... for occasional pedestrian use.” Highway staff is trying to change that, and avoid compliance with the Board **order to create paths** by using the City’s ordinance as ***an excuse not to create paths***.

Please vote to:
Request the City Council to completely and promptly
repeal the prohibition against pedestrians
along expressways, Ordinance 11.32.070.

Photos of Caltrans highways in suburban areas: the norm is
shoulders for walkers. Speeds below are 45 mph except one.



Hwy 82, Monterey Highway,
near Blossom Hill Road.



Hwy 99,
Red Bluff

