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OBJECTION TO ITEM 2: RR CROSSING IN NFO

## ITEM 2 NFO BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

1. This is one of the most idiotic projects that could possibly have been envisioned, and would be hazardous, especially to women, if the county were the county stupid enough to pursue it. Railroad and freeway pedestrian/bicycle crossings are renowned for providing opportunities to robbers and other criminals to take advantage of those using them. There have been numerous such incidents in Palo Alto and in RWC.
2. Any such need for a safe crossing could be accomplished by a Samtrans shuttle service. This would allow women with strollers to take their kids shopping in safety and comfort during inclement weather. The Samtrans buses also have provisions to transport bicycles.
3. Parking is virtually impossible anywhere in the South Fair Oaks area, especially along Westmoreland and along all the avenues connecting El Camino to Westmoreland. Additionally there is no bike lane, or even room for one.
4. Street lighting is minimal throughout both north and south Fair Oaks which also presents a safety hazard.
5. If a bridge is proposed it will tower over private residences, voiding any privacy those residents might have had. If a tunnel is proposed, Palo Alto and Menlo Park have had incidents of criminal assaults in both locations, and there is no way that the sheriff's office is going to be able to handle patrolling such a tunnel.
6. It is a total waste of time even considering this as a viable option: the county got "free" money from Caltrain to do a conceptual study, and they hired Kimley Horne who they have hired for at least two other projects, both of which were fraught with errors, and in the opinion of the residents in those areas were incompetent.