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Dear City Council

I'm writing to express my concerns regarding the loss of any safe options for walkers and bikers living on Ashfield Road. Since the start of construction I have walked on that temporary path twice every day. Over the last month or so, I have walked along the shoulder of El Camino to get to Maple. So I am speaking from first hand experience on the El Camino shoulder and from directly observing the people traversing that path - the elderly, young children with their parents, students riding their bikes to school, and the many dog walkers. If there are no steps taken to provide a safer route, the Town of Atherton will be putting my neighbors - our neighbors - at risk.

How we got to this point - what explicit or implicit decisions that were made - won't matter if the Town Council promptly works out an interim solution. And all the hard work and tough decisions needed for the impressive new facilities also won't matter if one of our residents is injured or worse. I understand that, as members of the council, your job is challenging and too often thankless. I'm also sure you're under pressure to get the construction finished ASAP and within budget but I find it hard to imagine there isn't some way to mitigate this problem.

I am hopeful that the Council members will weigh the priorities and consequences and work out a solution for the residents of Ashfield Rd and for the Town of Atherton.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Lipman

