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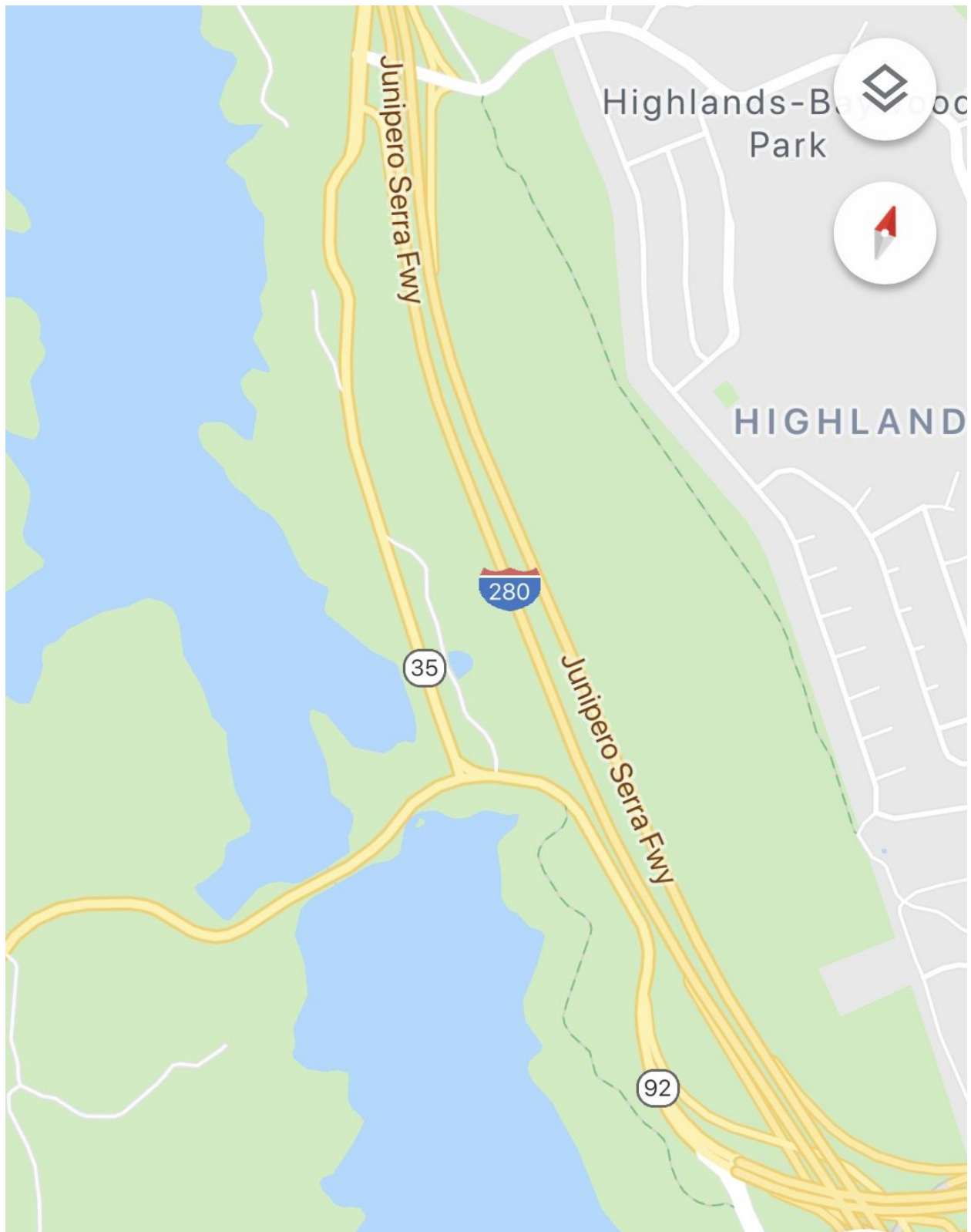
Subject – Letter to the SMC Board of Supervisors regarding safety on lower Skyline/92 to Canada Rd

Hello Julia,

I went to the area being discussed in the letter to get pictures today. I waited on the shoulder of 92 and lower Skyline, hoping to get a picture of a cyclist trying to navigate the difficult section of road. I did find one! All of the other cyclists turned around at the end of Canada and the end of Camp Sawyer Trail. I even asked 2 cyclists who were turning around to let me photograph them on the road, and they said it was way too dangerous. Then they tried to persuade me to do something about it, and they said they would try to speak at the upcoming meeting. :-)

Dear SMC Board of Supervisors,

I would like to bring to your attention a very dangerous section of road between lower Skyline (Rt 35) and 92 and Canada Rd.



Lower Skyline:

1- There are sections where there is no shoulder at all. The side of the road is crumbling, and the paint marking the edge of the road is the edge of the road.



2- There are blind corners.

3- The posted speed limit is 45mph.

4- This is a heavily traveled road frequently used by semis and other trucks.

5- The newly opened extension of Camp Sawyer Trail ends on this road.



This illustrates the lack of a shoulder.



The same cyclist just in front of the white car, with oncoming traffic.

The intersection between Lower Skyline and 92:

- 1- There is a light at this intersection but no bicycle crossing light.
- 2- Most cars traveling south on Skyline, do not stop at the light. They merge onto 92W, making it dangerous for cyclists to get across.



Note that there is no pedestrian or bike crossing.

92 between Lower Skyline and Canada:

1- Traveling east towards Canada, there is a shoulder as you will see in the picture below, but no paint indicating that there is a bike lane.



2- The posted speed limit is 55.

3- Traveling west away from Canada towards lower Skyline, cyclists must cross traffic merging from 92. No lights. No bike lane. Again, the posted speed limit is 55.



The intersection between Skyline and 92E:

1- There is a traffic light, but traffic heading east frequently runs the red light. (I know 2 people who have almost been killed here, my husband and myself on different occasions.)

Suggested solutions:

1- Open up an existing PUC road connecting 92 (near the intersection of 92 and lower Skyline) and Canada.







2- Widen the shoulder on lower Skyline to build a protected bike lane. This might mean using some of the PUC's land.

3- The cost? I do not know the construction costs. But I do know that someday the problems I am showing you will cost someone's life.

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