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Dear SMC BPAC,

Thank you for your efforts to make the streets in San Mateo County safer for those who walk and bike.

I am writing to request that the County of San Mateo lower speed limits around all schools in unincorporated areas. Vehicle speed is a primary cause of crashes with vulnerable users. In addition, crash severity increases rapidly with vehicle speed. Also, faster traffic discourages less experienced travelers from venturing out on foot, leading to more kids getting driven to school instead of walking or biking.

Many [SMC and other municipalities](#) have already taken swift action in reducing speed limits around schools. These projects are relatively fast and low cost to implement (compared with other infrastructure/safety programs) as the primary cost is changing out existing speed limit signs.

I have spoken with Supervisor Dave Canepa and he is very eager to help the County evaluate and potentially implement lower speed limits around SMC schools. I have pushed for the recent speed limit changes in Hillsborough and San Mateo and would love to help make this happen in unincorporated SMC. Let me know what I can do,

Mike Swire