



# Vehicle-Pedestrian Collision at El Camino Real and Poplar Ave.

**O**N MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 at approximately 7:30 a.m., a collision occurred at the intersection of El Camino Real and Poplar Ave., involving a vehicle and four middle school students.

Within an hour, Sunnyvale Vice Mayor Russ Melton was at the scene and received a report from the Department of Public Safety.

Soon after, on the NextDoor app, Melton shared the information with concerned residents, writing: "I went to the intersection and spoke to DPS. I am told that three school age children are at local hospitals with broken bones (referred to as minor, non-life threatening injuries) and a fourth child was checked out and released at the scene. I am told that initial indications are the four children were in the crosswalk at the southeast corner going to the Starbucks at the northeast corner. There was some sort of impact



Photo by Vice Mayor Russ Melton at the scene of the collision Monday October 28.

by the car heading east on El Camino. I am told the car may have gone through the intersection at a yellow or red light."

Continued Melton, "I want to thank the incredible folks of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety for their help this morning. My strong wishes for the well being of the three children and hoping they recover quickly from their injuries."

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety has commenced a professional investigation to determine the facts of the matter and will take any appropriate action.



**My wife Sami and I had a wonderful time at the 129th Rescue Wing Outstanding Airman of the Year Awards Banquet November 2. Great to**

**see Wing Commander Col. Taft Aujero and to share a dinner table with Outstanding Field Grade Officer of the Year, Maj. Lyndsey Ballinger.**



## **VICE MAYOR MELTON'S TAKE ON THE ECR/POPLAR INTERSECTION**

Many concerned residents are demanding safety improvements at this intersection. As Sunnyvale Vice Mayor, I too have a high level of urgency on this matter.

Those advocating for short-term safety improvements, such as crossing guards, or medium-term solutions, such as reduced speed limits, should contact the City of Sunnyvale. A good way to do this is by emailing [council@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:council@sunnyvale.ca.gov). These emails are sent to all seven Councilmembers and key city staff. Or, come to a scheduled Council meeting and speak directly to Council during Oral Communications.

The intersection and traffic signal are owned and operated by CalTrans, and I have already begun to advocate with the State for long-term safety improvements.

While in Sacramento on October 31, I stopped by the Capitol to speak with the staffs of Senator Jerry Hill and Assemblymember Marc Berman, who represent Sunnyvale in the California Legislature.

I described the events of October 28 and that residents are very highly engaged on this issue, with a strong sense of urgency and expectations of action to improve safety.

Residents can contact the local office (San Mateo) of State Senator Jerry Hill: 650-212-3313 or email Sen. Hill at [senator.hill@senate.ca.gov](mailto:senator.hill@senate.ca.gov) and District Representative Alex Kobayashi at [alex.kobayashi@sen.ca.gov](mailto:alex.kobayashi@sen.ca.gov).

Residents can contact the local office (Los Altos) of State Assemblymember Marc Berman: 650-691-2121 or email Asm. Berman at [assemblymember.berman@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.berman@assembly.ca.gov) and Senior Field Representative Leslie Bulbuk at [leslie.bulbuk@asm.ca.gov](mailto:leslie.bulbuk@asm.ca.gov).

As a reminder, the NextDoor social media app is not an official City communication channel and not all posts are seen by all Councilmembers. To effectively advocate for changes you want to see, be sure to contact your local Councilmembers and State representatives directly!

### **Examples of actions to advocate:**

- That CalTrans perform a professional study to identify infrastructural safety improvements to implement
- That CalTrans completely replace the traffic signal infrastructure to include dedicated left-turn lanes and signals from northbound and southbound Poplar, and leading pedestrian interval capabilities.

**Great to attend the grand opening of a new all-inclusive playground at Ponderosa Elementary School October 25! This wonderful facility will be enjoyed by children for years to come.**

**Significant funding came from the County of Santa Clara, a generous contribution from Trumark Homes, and from good old-fashioned walk-a-thon fundraising!**

*With my City Council colleague, Sunnyvale Mayor Larry Klein.*



# Fair Oaks Bridge Rehabilitation Update

**S**UNNYVALE CITY COUNCIL is scheduled to vote in December on awarding a construction contract for the Fair Oaks Bridge rehabilitation project.

The Fair Oaks Bridge runs from Evelyn Avenue to Kifer Road over the CalTrain tracks and Hendy Avenue. It was built in 1967 and retrofitted in 1981 and 1993.

## Construction activities will:

- Repair severe deck cracking and spalling
- Maintain the current number of travel lanes
- Add a new separated sidewalk on the east side of the bridge
- Widen then bridge's existing bicycle lanes
- Remove the existing adjacent pedestrian overcrossong



- Replace underground water and sewer mains

If approved by Council, construction is scheduled to begin in early 2020 and continue for 16 months.

The total project cost is budgeted for \$23 million, with 88% paid by CalTrans and the remaining 12% (about \$3 million) coming from Sunnyvale's Infrastructure Reserve Fund.

To learn more, and sign up for construction updates, visit [fairoaksbridge.com](http://fairoaksbridge.com)

## VICE MAYOR MELTON'S TAKE:

Please check out [fairoaksbridge.com](http://fairoaksbridge.com) and subscribe to get construction updates. It looks like traffic will be reduced to one travel lane and one bike lane in each direction during construction. Also, the Hendy underpass will be closed for 8-10 months.



## SUNNYVALE IN THE NEWS

**Bay Area officer heads home from doomed vacation, performs mid-flight life-saving efforts**

KGO-TV - September 30, 2019






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## B I O G R A P H Y

### GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

- Sunnyvale City Councilmember, 2017-Present
- Sunnyvale Vice Mayor, 2019-Present
- Sunnyvale Planning Commissioner, 2012-2017; Commission Chair, 2014-2016

### EDUCATION

- Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Santa Clara University
- Bachelor of Science (BS), Business Administration, California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Executive Vice President / Chief Operations Officer, National 1st Credit Union, 2009-2011
- Senior Finance Manager, National Semiconductor Corporation, 1995-2009
- Honorably Discharged from United States Navy

### PERSONAL

- Sunnyvale resident since 2000
- Native Bay Area resident
- Married; two children in Sunnyvale public schools

# Sunnyvale Contact Information

Non-Emergency  
Police & Fire ..... 408-730-7100

Abandoned Cars ..... 408-730-7706

Graffiti/  
Shopping Carts ..... 408-730-7680

Job Center (NOVA) .... 408-730-7232

Sewer/  
Water/Utilities ..... 408-730-7400

Street Lights/  
Sidewalks..... 408-730-7415

Street Trees/Parks .... 408-730-7506

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[sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us](http://sunnyvale.dynamics365portals.us)

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United States Senator **Dianne Feinstein**  
San Francisco Office 415-393-0707

United States Senator **Kamala Harris**  
San Francisco Office 415-981-9369

United States Representative **Ro Khanna**  
Santa Clara Office 408-436-2720

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