

Pipeline Safety Around Schools in Contra Costa County

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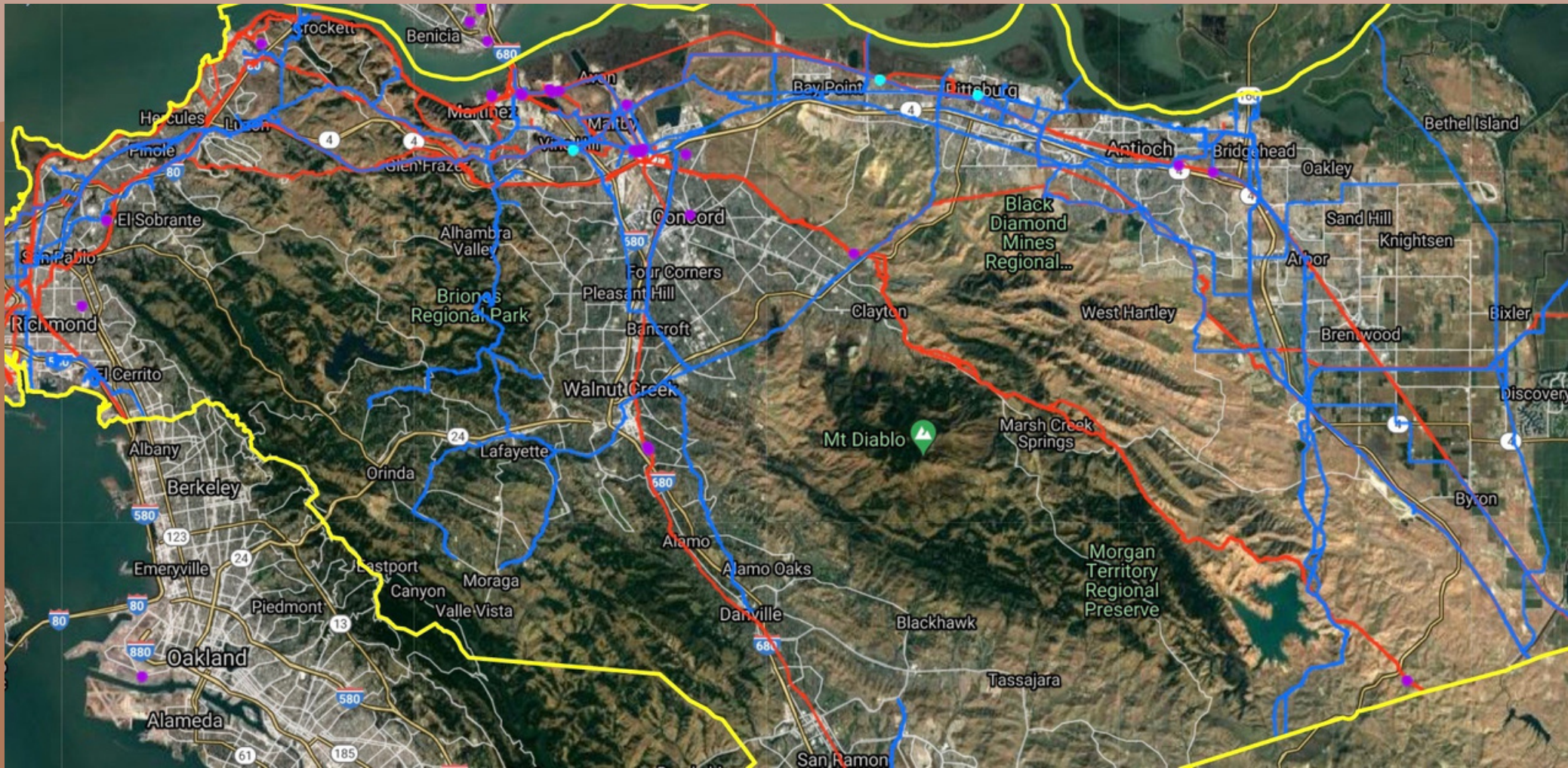
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Why is this issue important to me?



- Junior attending Ygnacio Valley High School; part of the community of Pittsburg
- School is a big part of the social life of a teenager
- Pipeline accidents are a real possibility, but we can reduce the harm

What's the problem?



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- Schools in California may be unaware that they are built near pipelines

- State-level regulations require an emergency plan with minimal requirements if schools are built near pipelines

- A pipeline failure can cause injuries, explosions and fires, and potentially death

Examples:

Rancho Mendanos Junior High School, in Pittsburg, was built near a pipeline, resulting in a change in its construction

2007

2013

4 schools destroyed in West Fertilizer Company Explosion, in Texas

Las Lomas High School, in Walnut Creek, closed for 3 months due to a release from a Kinder Morgan petroleum pipeline

2021

What can we do to fix this?

- Conduct a study about the relation between schools and pipelines
- Updating map of pipelines
- Educate schools about pipeline emergency planning
- Distribute emergency planning brochure to schools
- Commission can write a follow-up letter to the Board about old and new concerns



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Thank you!



Any questions?