



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT and
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CITY OF MENLO PARK PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING OF JUNE 6, 2011**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Menlo Park, California is scheduled to review the following item:

EI Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

The overall intent of the EI Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan is to enhance community life, character and vitality through mixed-use infill projects sensitive to the small-town character of Menlo Park, and to improve connections across EI Camino Real over the next 30 years. The Specific Plan is based upon the EI Camino Real/Downtown Vision Plan, which was unanimously accepted by the Menlo Park City Council on July 15, 2008, and which includes specific objectives in the form of the following twelve goals:

- Maintain a village character unique to Menlo Park.
- Provide greater east-west town-wide connectivity.
- Improve circulation and streetscape conditions on EI Camino Real.
- Ensure that EI Camino Real development is sensitive to and compatible with adjacent neighborhoods.
- Revitalize underutilized parcels and buildings.
- Activate the train station area.
- Protect and enhance pedestrian amenities on Santa Cruz Avenue.
- Expand shopping, dining and neighborhood services to ensure a vibrant downtown.
- Provide residential opportunities in the Vision Plan area.
- Provide plaza and park spaces.
- Provide an integrated, safe, and well-designed pedestrian and bicycle network.
- Develop parking strategies and facilities that meet the commercial and residential needs of the community.

Based on the goals of the Vision Plan, the Draft Specific Plan, released on April 7, 2011 was formulated with the following five guiding principles:

- Generate Vibrancy;
- Strengthen the Public Realm;
- Sustain Menlo Park's Village Character;
- Enhance Connectivity; and
- Promote Healthy Living and Sustainability.

The goals and guiding principles together establish the project objectives. The Specific Plan area is located along the length of EI Camino Real within the City limits. It extends east to the Caltrain right-of-way and around the Caltrain Menlo Park Station to Alma Street, and it extends west along Oak Grove Avenue, Santa Cruz Avenue and Menlo Avenue to approximately University Drive.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the Draft Specific Plan identifies potentially significant environmental effects that can be mitigated to a less than significant level in the following categories: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazardous Materials and Hazards, and Noise. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant environmental effects that are significant and unavoidable in the following categories: Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change, Noise, and Transportation, Circulation and Parking. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed toxic sites are present in the project area. The plan area includes the following toxic or

potentially toxic sites although specific developments are not proposed for them as part of the plan: 1452, 1458 and 1460 El Camino Real; 1436 El Camino Real; 1438 El Camino Real; 570 Derry Lane; 444 El Camino Real.

Electronic versions of the Draft EIR will be on the project page (<http://www.menlopark.org/specificplan>) and hard copies of the Draft EIR will be on file for review at the City Library and available for distribution at the Community Development Department, Civic Center, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, as of Friday, April 29, 2011. The review period for the Draft EIR has been set from Thursday, May 5, 2011 through Monday, June 20, 2011. **Written comments must be submitted to the Community Development Department no later than 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 20, 2011.** Comments may be submitted by email (throgers@menlopark.org), letter (Community Development Department, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park CA 94025), or fax (650-327-1653).

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIR in the Council Chambers of the City of Menlo Park, located at 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, on **Monday, June 6, 2011, 7:00 p.m.** or as near as possible thereafter, at which time and place interested persons may appear and be heard thereon. If you challenge this item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Menlo Park during the public review period for the Draft EIR or at the public hearing.

The review period for the Draft EIR will be followed by meetings of the Planning Commission and City Council to review and provide direction on the El Camino Real/Downtown Draft Specific Plan itself. More information about these meetings will be distributed through the project email list and other sources.

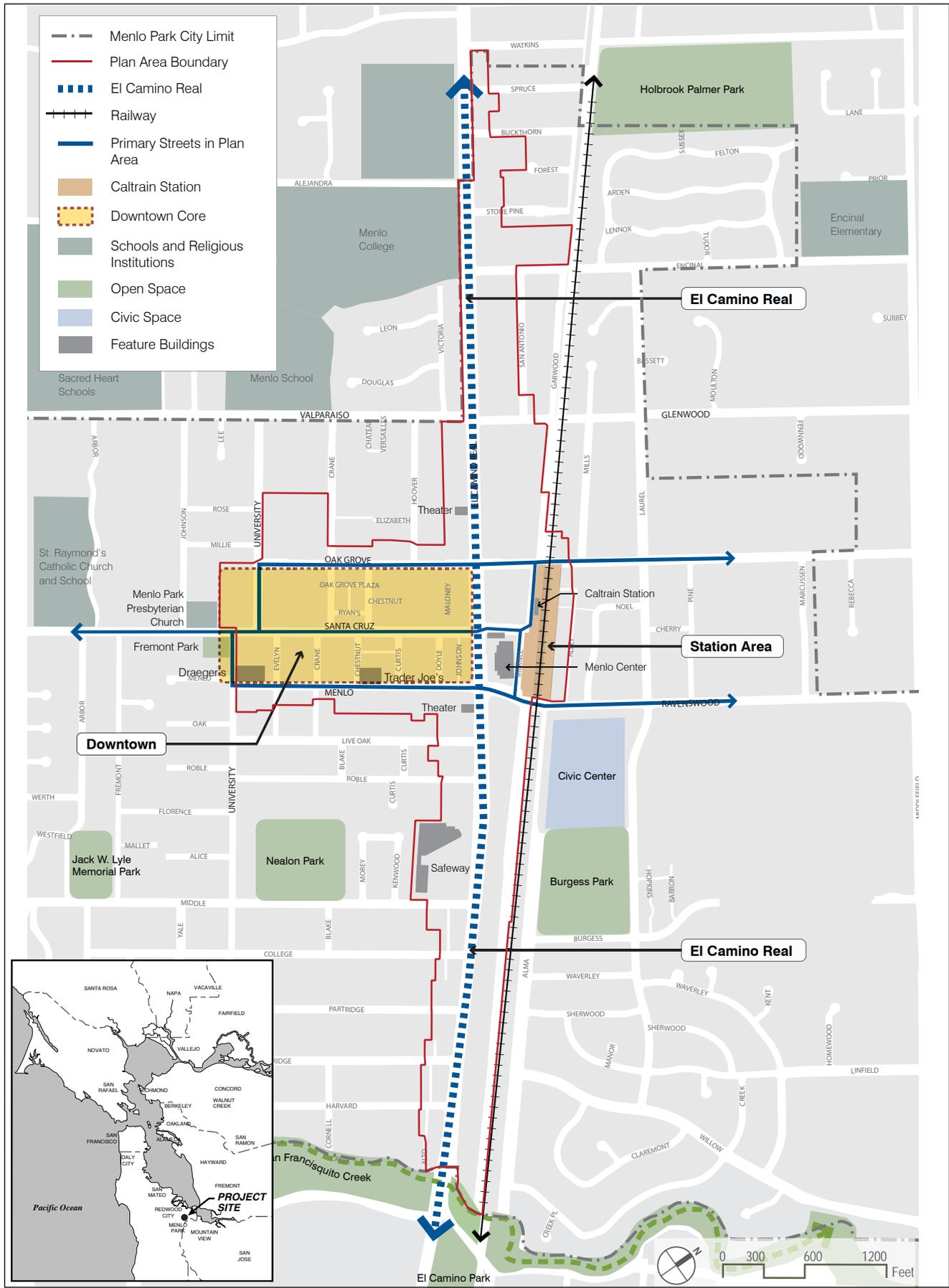
Documents related to these items may be inspected by the public on weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, with alternate Fridays closed, at the Community Development Department, 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park.

Please call Thomas Rogers, Associate Planner, if there are any questions or comments on this item. He may be reached at 650-330-6722 or by email at throgers@menlopark.org. Up-to-date information on the project can be found on the project page: <http://www.menlopark.org/specificplan>

Si usted necesita más información sobre este proyecto, por favor llame al 650-330-6702, y pregunte por un asistente que hable español.

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If there are any questions, please call the Planning Division at (650) 330-6702.



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Figure 3-1
 Specific Plan Location Map