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To: _connectmenlo; _Planning Commission
Subject: ConnectMenlo EIR comments

Dear Planning Commission and staff,

Following are several comments for the ConnectMenlo EIR.

Transportation Demand Management Goal

Currently, the ConnectMenlo plan includes a relatively models vehicle trip reduction requirement of 20%.

Menlo Park could (and should) take an approach from the San Mateo Rail Corridor Plan, which set tiered trip reduction goals, including an easier goal to begin with, and a steeper goal once future transportation improvements are implemented. For example, if and when we get better Dumbarton Corridor transit it would be realistic to have a stronger trip reduction goal. Therefore, the plan and mitigation should set a 20% goal initially, and a stronger goal of 25-30% once transit and active transportation improvements are in place.

Jobs and Housing - Phasing

The ConnectMenlo EIR shows that adding jobs near housing reduces Vehicle Miles Travelled, since some people are likely to take advantage of the opportunity for a shorter commute, if the opportunity is available. To ensure that the community gets the benefits of this reduction, it would be helpful to implement phasing in the plan, allowing buildout of the commercial space with triggers to ensure that corresponding housing has been built.

Thank you for your consideration,

- Adina
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