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Subject: Request for extension - General Plan Update comment period for Draft EIR

To Deanna Chow

Senior Planner, Menlo Park Planning Department

Ref: General Plan and M2 Area Update - Request for extension of deadline for Comments on Draft EIR

Dear Ms Chow,

The Sierra Club is supportive of much that is in the General Plan and M2 Area Update. We very much look forward to providing some useful input in our comments on the draft EIR.

However, given the numerous projects that we have been following in Menlo Park, we find that we are not able to keep up with the vast amount of material that needs to be reviewed for both the Facebook proposal, and its bridge and the General Plan Update and M2 area, which are both due next week.

Running both these large projects simultaneously -with just the usual 45 day comment period- makes soliciting public input less effective as it presents a very large volume of material to be reviewed, understood and useful comments made. We always find that thoughtful public input is useful to council in making the projects better and more responsive.

We look forward to providing comments to the DEIR. However, we find the volume of material makes it impossible to complete a reasonable review of both projects in the time given to the public.

Therefore, we would like to respectfully request a slight extension of the deadline for comments to the DEIR .

With kind regards,

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