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Dear Nealon Park Neighbors -

Recently, we were able to start construction on the long-awaited new Safeway on El Camino Real. We would like to show you our construction plans and bring you up-to-date on our progress at a **neighborhood meeting on Monday, December 4, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Little House, 800 Middle Avenue**. At that time, we can answer any questions you might have. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to see the plans, you can find information on the project at www.menlopark.org/projects.

The changes you see happening on the site now are "Phase I" of an 11-phase construction project. If the winter rains are only moderate, there is a reasonable chance that the new grocery store (replacing the north end of the existing building) could be built and opened by next Thanksgiving. Construction would then begin on the new retail stores (replacing the south side of the existing building). The grocery store will remain open during all phases of construction.

Neighborhood Working Group Involvement

During the planning process for the new store, the Neighborhood/Safeway Working Group developed a "Disruption Avoidance Plan" for each of the eleven phases of store construction. The Working Group will also serve as neighborhood liaisons during construction. Their job will be to meet with the Safeway construction manager each month for updates and to communicate relevant information to the neighborhood. They will also help to problem solve any neighborhood concerns that might arise. The contact information for Working Group representatives is below. If you are new to the neighborhood and are not familiar with the Working Group, I encourage you to call your street representative. They can provide you with information on the plan for the new Safeway and retail stores and information on how you can join the neighborhood Egroup.

The Safeway construction team is committed to doing our part to make the demolition and building process as smooth as possible. Our construction manager for Phase I is Don Zschokke who can be reached at (650) 245-2711. If you have a question or a concern, please feel free to contact Don or your Neighborhood Working Group street representative.

Yours truly,

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