



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 10, 2013

**TO:** Planning Commission

**FROM:** Deanna Chow, Senior Planner  
Community Development Department

**RE:** **Agenda Item i1: Presentation on the West Haven Waterfront Area Vision Plans by Students of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**

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The City of Menlo Park, in coordination with Redwood City, is working with a graduate class in the City and Regional Planning Program at California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) San Luis Obispo to develop a "vision plan" for the Haven Avenue Area. In early 2013, the City was approached by representatives from Cal Poly about whether the City had any prospective projects for its students. Staff identified the Haven Avenue area as a potential topic for study given the pending (now approved) rezoning along the 3600 block of Haven Avenue for higher density housing as part of the Housing Element update. A map of the project boundary area is included as Attachment A. The Cal Poly students were up for the task. Staff believes this is an innovative approach to jump start the City's efforts to plan for the Haven Avenue area while giving the students an interesting real world planning challenge.

As part of a 10-week Spring quarter class led by Professor Kelly Main, students have been studying the Haven Avenue Area. Three teams have been charged with creating a vision plan for the area with a broad focus on land use planning, inclusive of properties which front along US 101 in Redwood City. The students have conducted a community outreach process and other activities, including recording existing conditions, to help inform and guide the development of the vision plans. In addition to looking generally at land use, the Plan will also highlight aspects of public space planning, exploring concepts for potential bicycle, pedestrian and streetscape improvements for the public right-of-way along Haven Avenue, plus connections to the Bedwell Bayfront Park trailhead, the Menlo Gateway Project, and the Marsh Road/US 101 overpass.

A project web page provides additional information on this effort, including preliminary Vision Plan concepts. The project web page is located at:

[http://www.menlopark.org/projects/comdev\\_whw.htm](http://www.menlopark.org/projects/comdev_whw.htm)

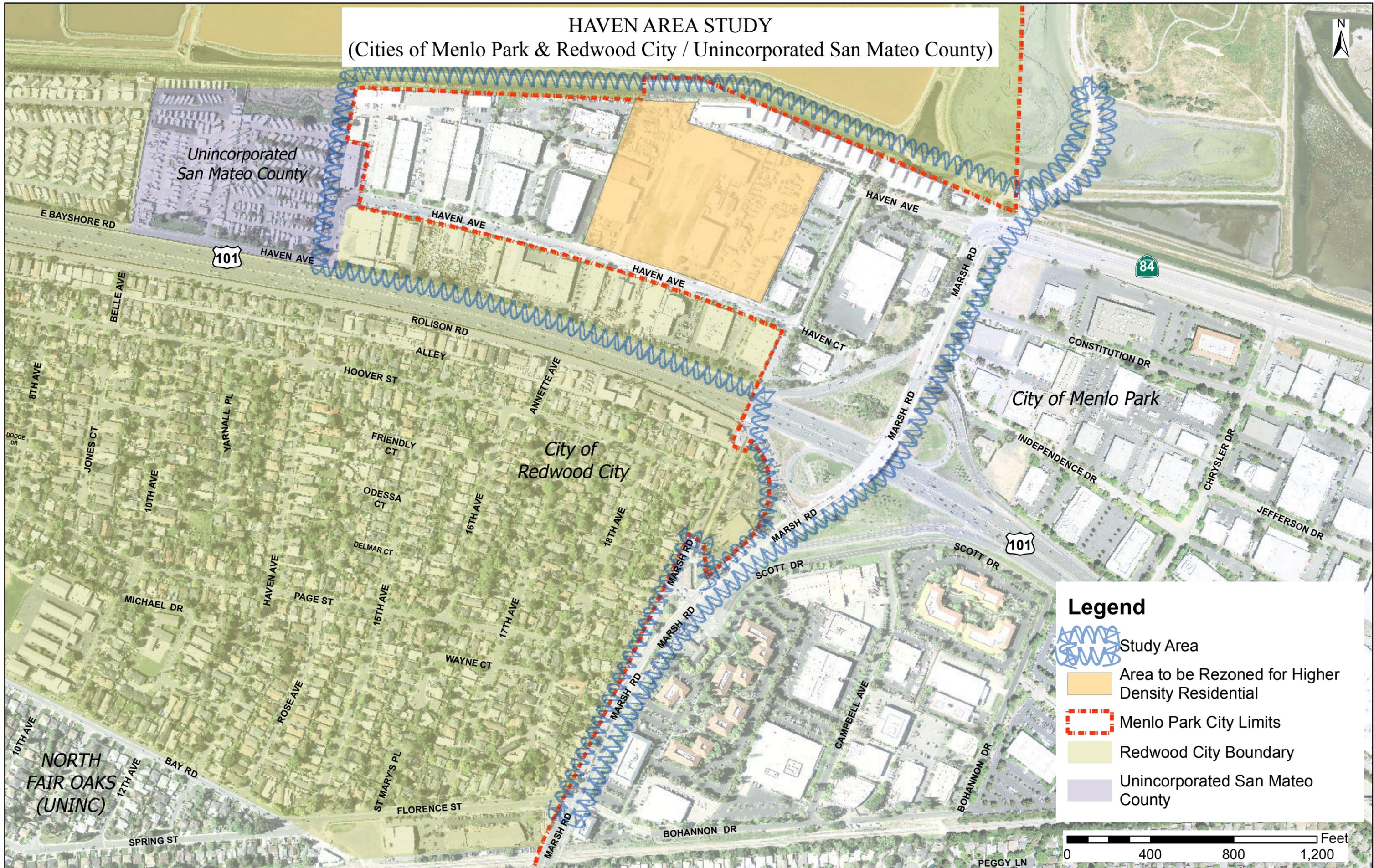
At the June 10, 2013 Planning Commission meeting, three vision plans for the Haven Avenue area will be presented by the students. The students welcome the opportunity to receive feedback and address questions on the plans. The final vision plans will be available for review on the project page by the end of the month.

## **ATTACHMENT**

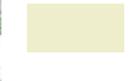
A. Haven Avenue Vision Plan Area Project Boundary

# HAVEN AREA STUDY

(Cities of Menlo Park & Redwood City / Unincorporated San Mateo County)



**Legend**

-  Study Area
-  Area to be Rezoned for Higher Density Residential
-  Menlo Park City Limits
-  Redwood City Boundary
-  Unincorporated San Mateo County

