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**From:** Adina Levin [alevin@alevin.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 26, 2011 3:32 PM  
**To:** Murphy, Justin I C  
**Subject:** Comments regarding Facebook Campus Environmental Impact Report

Dear Mr. Murphy,

I am a Menlo Park resident, and cycle frequently for transportation and recreation. I encourage you to include the impacts to cyclists in the scope of the environmental impact report for the Facebook Campus project.

Facebook is proposing an ambitious "trip cap" to mitigate the environmental impact by facilitating the use of cycling and transit, instead of the traditional employee cap. Facebook is proposing approximately one vehicle parking spot for every two employees. I strongly support the approach proposed by Facebook, and believe this is the right strategy for Menlo Park and the region to be able to grow our economy while protecting the environment. I believe Facebook's goals are realistic, given the fact that Facebook currently has one of the highest percentages of employees who bike to work in Silicon Valley.

However, in order to achieve this goal, there will need to be substantial improvements to the bicycling infrastructure on the routes used by Facebook commuters. I agree with the specific recommendations of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. The EIR should study improvements to intersections and roadways on the routes used by Facebook commuters, including:

- \* Intersection improvements at Bayfront Expressway and Willow Road, including bicycle facilities for both crossing Bayfront Expressway northbound into the Facebook property and southbound exiting the Facebook property, and for turning left onto Bayfront Expressway from both Willow Rd and the Facebook property
- \* Intersection improvements at Bayfront Expressway and University Avenue as described above for Bayfront Expressway & Willow Road.
- Striping of bicycle lanes on the following overpasses, where no bicycle lanes currently exist: Marsh Road at Highway 101 (Redwood City); Willow Road at Highway 101 (Menlo Park); University Avenue at Highway 101 (East Palo Alto); Embarcadero Road at Highway 101 (Palo Alto); and San Antonio Road Highway 101 (Palo Alto).
- Re-striping the University Avenue bicycle lanes in both Menlo Park and East Palo Alto so that the right vehicle lanes are 12 feet wide in accordance with Caltrans standards instead of their current 13.5 feet width.
- Re-striping the Ravenswood Avenue bicycle lanes in Menlo Park so that the right vehicle lanes are 12 feet wide in accordance with Caltrans standards instead of their current 15 feet width.
- Extension of the Bay Trail through East Palo Alto so that it continues to University Avenue instead of ending at Weeks Street
- Installation of Bicycle Route signs on Hamilton Ave, Ringwood Avenue, and Ravenswood Avenue to allow cyclists to find their way from the Facebook campus to the Menlo Park Caltrain Station.
- \* Other improvements that can improve the safety and accessibility of routes to the Facebook Campus

Cycling to the Facebook campus will be an attractive and popular option, and key component of traffic mitigation, but only if these routes are made safer. These improvements will make the mitigations proposed in the Facebook plan much more realistic. They will also provide support for additional economic development and recreational uses of the area, and will provide add-on benefits to the economy overall quality of life in Menlo Park.

Sincerely,  
Adina Levin  
Menlo Park