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Subject: Comment on Draft EIR for ConnectMenlo--Bay Road/Ringwood Intersection

Hi Deanna,

I am a resident of Suburban Park and would like to comment on the draft EIR for the General Plan Update. After reviewing the transportation section of the draft EIR, it occurs to me that the intersection of Bay Road and Ringwood Avenue has not been included in the traffic study. This is a heavily impacted intersection with significant delays during morning and afternoon commute. In case you are not familiar with the intersection, it is a signed intersection with five feeder streets and significant pedestrian traffic involving mostly high school students walking to and from east Menlo Park to M-A High School (via the pedestrian bridge). Back ups during the school year regularly stretch from Bay/Ringwood north to Greenwood Drive (Suburban Park) during morning commute and seem to have worsened with the recent increase in student population at M-A High School (at least 300 students since redistricting took effect last year).

Given that future residential development in Menlo Park will likely feed more students to M-A High School and that any further non-residential development in the M-2 area will undeniably impact both the Willow and Marsh Road corridors with resultant spillover effects onto Bay Road, I think any reasonable traffic impact assessment must include this intersection. Assessment should take place during the school year, when Marsh Road is again reopened, and during high impact times such as morning commute.

Incidentally, the Bay Road/Ringwood intersection is also missing from the Facebook Expansion draft EIR. As one of thousands living along Bay Road, I urge you to correct these oversights.

Sincerely,

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