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Via email: [connectmenlo@menlopark.org](mailto:connectmenlo@menlopark.org)

Re: Menlo Park General Plan Update EIR - ConnectMenlo

Dear Ms. Chow,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the referenced project. The Town of Atherton believes that the EIR should contain the following studies, analyses and measures to mitigate impacts created by the project.

1. Transportation and Traffic: Level of service and stop-delay studies of the following intersections. There should be a recognition and acceptance of the long term Atherton policy of maintaining all streets in their present two-lane maximum width configuration.
  - a. Marsh/Middlefield – this intersection is currently operating at a degraded level of service.
  - b. Fair Oaks/Middlefield
  - c. Fair Oaks/Atherton Ave./El Camino Real
  - d. Watkins/Middlefield
  - e. Watkins/El Camino Real
  - f. Encinal/Middlefield
  - g. Oak Grove/Middlefield
  - h. Ravenswood/Middlefield
  - i. Ringwood/Middlefield
  - j. Oak Grove/El Camino Real

2. Transportation and Traffic: Studies of transportation alternatives, including buses and shuttles facilitating interconnects between transportation hubs such as the Menlo Park Caltrain station and the project area.
3. Transportation and Traffic: Studies of the project effects on emergency access to and through the Town of Atherton, particularly in view of the substantial increase in traffic that will result from implementation of the project.
4. Hydrology and Water Quality: Studies of effects, if any of the project on the capacity and potential for flooding in the Atherton Channel in the Town.
5. Air Quality: Analyses of the project's impact on air quality in Atherton.

Very truly yours,



George Rodericks,  
City Manager

cc: City Council Members  
Michael Kashiwagi, Community Service Director  
Gordon Siebert, Director of Public Works  
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