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February 10, 2010

To: Property Owners of Menlo Oaks

From: Department of Public Works

Re: *Minor Street Improvements on Coleman Avenue between Ringwood Ave and the County limits near College Avenue in the Unincorporated Areas of Menlo Oaks*

Dear Property Owner:

As part of a community review of traffic and pedestrian issues in West Menlo Park, the County has been asked to consider the concept of a 4-foot wide walking path or segregated zone for pedestrians along Coleman Avenue between the above subject limits. The path would allow pedestrians to walk along Coleman Avenue within a zone that is segregated from vehicular traffic without impacting the overall characteristics of the neighborhood.

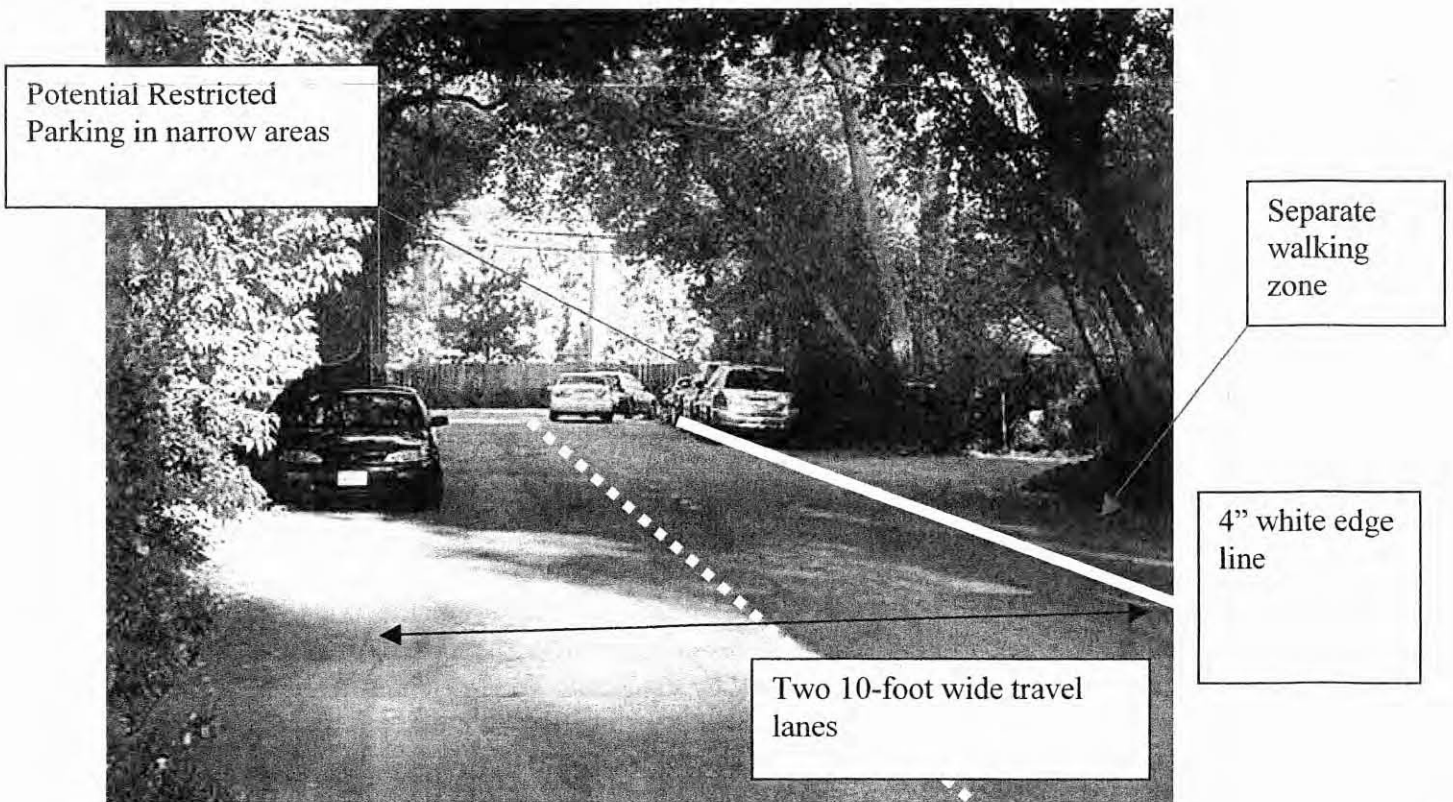
The County and Supervisor Rich Gordon's Office have held several meetings with community leaders and Menlo Oaks residents on this matter. As a result of feedback received at those meetings and further work by the Public Works Department, the proposal outlined below is different than those that have previously been presented. For this reason, please take the time to read in detail the descriptions below.

The path would serve both residents as well as school children who traverse Coleman Avenue to and from the City of Menlo Park to attend the Laurel Elementary School and the Menlo Atherton High School. Currently, these pedestrians walk in the travel lanes of Coleman Avenue because there are no sidewalks along Coleman Avenue.

The right of way along Coleman Avenue is 60 feet and the travel way (the width of that portion of street intended for vehicular travel) is approximately 22 to 28 feet wide with areas near intersections widening to 36 feet. The existing travel lanes are approximately 22 feet, 11 feet in each direction, leaving little or no room along the edge of pavement to walk. The concept being considered is to delineate a separate walking zone along Coleman Avenue without disrupting the majority of existing trees and landscaping in the right of way. However, it is possible that some landscaping may need to be removed to accommodate the travel lanes and the segregated zone.

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To create this segregated zone the existing 11-foot wide vehicle lanes would need to be reduced to approximately 10 feet in width, leaving approximately 4 feet for a segregated zone on one side of the street. The segregated zone would be on the **northeast** side of street closest to the Bayshore Freeway and would be a minimum of 4 feet wide. A 4-inch white edge line would be installed to delineate a minimum 4-foot wide shoulder area as a walking path on the existing pavement as shown below:



On Coleman Avenue Looking at Ringwood Avenue.

There will be an additional public meeting with the residents and homeowners of Menlo Oaks Subdivision to address any questions you may have on this matter:

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2010
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Laurel Elementary School Multipurpose Room

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Process for voting on this proposal:

After the meeting, the residents and property owners will have 10 working days to decide their preferences as follows:

- A “yes” vote would allow the Department of Public Works to place a 4” white line along the northeast side of Coleman Avenue and designate that area for a walking path. Other than minor improvements, such as widening the shoulders with asphalt, to make a **maximum** 4’ wide path and to stripe the road, no other improvements are being considered at this time.
- A “no” vote would result in leaving Coleman Avenue “as-is.”


Only one vote per property will be counted. A simple majority of the votes received will determine whether or not the proposal will be implemented.

Should the results of this survey result in the implementation of this proposal, there will be no additional costs to the property owner associated with the proposed improvements. The Department of Public Works will use existing Road Funds and/or Mitigation Road Funds to finance this project.

Attached please find a ballot for these improvements. Please return your completed ballots by March 9, 2010.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 650-599-1414 or email to dshu@co.sanmateo.ca.us.

Thank you,



Diana Shu
Road Operations Manager

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cc: Supervisor Richard Gordon (e-copy)
Jim Porter, Director of Public Works (e-copy)
Joe Lo Coco, Deputy Director of Public Works (e-copy)
Front File 3.14

**2010 OFFICIAL BALLOT
for Walking Path Along Coleman Avenue**

Property Owner: _____

Mailing Address: _____

APN Number: _____

Please check one of the boxes below and return this ballot to us to the address as shown on the back of this ballot.

- Yes, I support the placement of a 4" white edge stripe along Coleman Avenue from the County limits to Ringwood on the northeast side of the road closest to the Bayshore Freeway in order to delineate a separate walking path for pedestrians. I understand that the County's Department of Public Works will do this improvement at no additional cost to me.

- No, leave Coleman Avenue "as-is."

Signature of Property Owner at above address:

Comments:

BALLOTS are Due by: March 9, 2010

Postage
required

Return to:

Department of Public Works
752 Chestnut Street
Redwood City, CA 94063

Attn: Diana Shu
Project Coleman Avenue

Fold along this line

Staple or tape to seal