

In the MAHS Draft EIR a matter of concern of traffic congestion in the segment on Ringwood Ave between Middlefield Road and Arlington Way, which under the jurisdiction of Menlo Park, but in Atherton's easement, has not been addressed. A mitigation option has not been considered due to the complexity of the interagency nature of the problem, but as the City of Menlo Park and Atherton have experience in working towards Safe Routes to School grants you may have vital knowledge to help make the mitigation a reality.

Currently, on the Atherton side of the street in the intersection two lanes of traffic allow drivers to turn onto Middlefield. Sandwiched between is a SamTrans Bus stop with a mini-pull out space where the bus waits until students board. It directly interferes with the flow of through traffic as the bus cannot pull fully out of the traffic lane and that of the egress of the student parking lot.

Although I realize that often SamTrans and the rules governing stops locations often determine said location, in 1951 when school was built it was never intended to have 2,100 students driving to school every day. The Draft EIR informal study of students show that 73% arrive on campus via automobile. All students leaving school via bus must cross carpool lane ingress or egress and parking lot before boarding a bus. Moving this one bus stop further back between the Student & Tennis Court Parking lots seems a far safer location than the middle of the intersection.

I am looking for an assessment of whether in the Towns Public Works Dept. Traffic personnel agree that the impact of moving the bus stop would make a marked improvement to the flow of traffic in the intersection. I am happy to meet one of your staff at the intersection at 3 pm before the last day of school on June 3rd to observe the extreme safety concerns regarding this issue. Please feel free to call me to discuss the matter at 650-327-2806 and I look forward to meeting with someone with an understanding of traffic flow and mitigation.

I thank you in advance for taking the opportunity to improve the safety for all students walking and biking though this intersection before and after school.

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