

Dear Menlo Park City Council,

I wanted to write in to show my support for the Middle avenue rail crossing project. This connection will benefit future generations of Menlo Park residents. Future developments at SRI, USGS, and 80 Willow will one day bring a new cohort of residents including middle schoolers that will benefit from the Middle avenue project as they ride their bikes to Hillview.

This summer I interned at the city of Palo Alto office of Transportation. Some of my work included the updating of their bicycle network map. While my work was limited to the editing of a map, I was able to see first hand many of the important connections that allow Palo Alto residents to safely ride their bikes all over town. Past investments such as bike lanes, highway crossings and bridges give residents the opportunity to access their city via bike. This important rail crossing will make biking easier in Menlo Park for parents and children biking.

Please continue the work on this project despite current funding sources and other uncertainties, the groundwork you lay down today will help future city council members and staff if the project takes longer than we expect, thank you.

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