

September 29, 2025

RE: Endorsement of Parkline, Menlo Park

Dear Menlo Park City Council,

For over 60 years, Greenbelt Alliance has helped create cities and neighborhoods that make the Bay Area a better place to live—healthy places where people can walk and bike; communities with parks, shops, transportation options; homes that are affordable and resilient to the impacts of climate change. Greenbelt Alliance’s Climate SMART—Sustainable, Mixed, Affordable, Resilient, Transit-Oriented—Development Endorsement Program provides support for projects that advance the right kind of development in the right places. By promoting climate-smart development we can create thriving, resilient neighborhoods with ready access to transit and housing choices for all of the Bay Area’s people.



After careful review, Greenbelt Alliance is pleased to endorse the proposed Parkline project.

This innovative development envisions the transformation of SRI’s 63-acre campus into a multi-modal, mixed-use neighborhood, featuring a combination of class A office space, retail, housing, and open space. The residential component of the project will feature 800 new homes, with more than 30% of them affordable to low and very low income households. The affordable units will be mixed throughout and provided via the dedication of an acre of land to a non-profit developer.

In addition to providing badly needed new housing in Menlo Park, the project will also increase the city’s green and open space, as well as help to reduce emissions. More than 25 acres of the site will be publicly accessible open space, and the redevelopment will decommission the cogeneration power plant, one of the city’s largest single sources of greenhouse gas emissions.

New buildings will be all-electric and LEED Platinum in part by removing existing gas uses from the site.

Car-Lite Living: A Sustainable Strategy

Parkline prioritizes multi-modal transportation to reduce car trips. It is located just half a mile from downtown Menlo Park and amenities like grocery stores, shops, and the city’s Caltrain station and multiple SamTrans bus lines.

Plans include more than 2.5 miles of bike and pedestrian pathways within the project, with more than 1,200 bike parking spaces and bicycle repair stations. Additionally, Parkline will make improvements to existing lanes in Menlo Park, including along Burgess, Laurel, and Ravenswood.

A metrics comparison based on [GreenTRIP](#)—a free online tool created by Transform that models traffic and greenhouse gas impacts of residential projects in California—underscores the project’s environmental benefits:

- **8,226 fewer** miles driven every **day** compared to the **San Mateo County** average.
- **32% fewer** GHG impacts every **day** compared to the **San Mateo County** average.

Greenbelt Alliance is proud to support the Parkline project and looks forward to the beneficial impacts it will enable not just in Menlo Park, but in impacting the expansion and creation of innovative, sustainable, mixed-use neighborhoods and housing developments across the Bay Area.

Sincerely,



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