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Community Workshop #1 – Visioning and Performance Metrics
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- 6:30-7:00 Open House
- 7:00-7:20 Presentation by Project Team
- 7:20-8:00 Visioning Exercise
- 8:00-8:45 Small Group Exercise
- 8:45-9:00 Summary and Wrap-up
**Project Team**

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Study Objectives

- Review potential transportation and safety improvements.
- Consider possible widening alternatives to allow for the addition of a bicycle lane or an additional through lane.
- Identify potential reconfiguration alternatives.
- Evaluate the feasibility and potential impacts of up to three (3) alternatives to improve multi-modal transportation.
- Impacts to traffic, active transportation, safety, parking and aesthetics will be addressed.
- Within the limited right-of-way available, assess safety, efficiency and convenience trade-offs between motorists and bicyclists.
Guidelines

- El Camino Real between Encinal Avenue and Sand Hill Road will be evaluated.

- Modifications to side-streets will be considered between the western side of the Caltrain tracks and the eastern side of Curtis Street-Hoover Street-Alto Lane.

- All proposed modifications should be consistent with the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan.

- Only surface improvements will be considered (i.e., no grade separation or tunneling).

- Impacts (both beneficial and adverse) to all modes of travel will be considered in this study.

- Ultimate design and implementation of modifications to El Camino Real will need to meet Caltrans requirements and standards.
Study Elements

- Identify performance metrics
- Document existing conditions
- Develop travel demand forecasts
- Develop and analyze alternatives
- Prepare conceptual design plans and estimated costs for alternatives
- Based on feedback, a preferred plan will be identified
- Full design plans will be prepared for ECR/Ravenswood intersection
- Environmental analysis will be completed for the preferred plan
Community Participation Opportunities

- Community workshops (2 more)
- City Commission and Council Hearings
- E-Newsletter (sign in sheet)
- Project website
  - [www.menlopark-elcamino.com](http://www.menlopark-elcamino.com)
- Online Survey
- Fill in comment card
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Current Conditions

- Vehicle Traffic Volumes
  - 34,000 vehicles per day, north of Glenwood Avenue
  - 46,500 vehicles per day, north of Sand Hill Road

- Truck traffic
  - 1.5 - 2% of traffic during the afternoon

- Transit
  - Caltrain
  - SamTrans operates the ECR regional route, plus additional local and school routes on or near El Camino Real
Current Conditions

Hourly Traffic Trends – ECR north of Middle Avenue
# Current Conditions – Pedestrians & Bicyclists

**Hourly volumes (morning – afternoon)**

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Visioning Exercise
(7:20-8:00 pm)

- Vehicle Traffic
- Bicycle Facilities
- Pedestrian Sidewalks and Crosswalks
- Parking
- Transit
- Safety
Group Exercise (8:00-8:45 pm)

- Break into small groups
- Corridor broken into 3 segments
- Groups to discuss and suggest revisions
- Draw ideas, comments, concern areas on aerials
- Project team will be providing guidance
- Assign one spokesperson for your group
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Group 1
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Encinal Ave to North of Oak Grove

Group 2
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North of Oak Grove to South of Ravenswood Ave

Group 3
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South of Ravenswood Ave To Sand Hill Road
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  (1-2 min)
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- Sign in to get E-Newsletter
- Fill in comment cards
- Visit the project website www.menlopark-elcamino.com
- Take the Survey on the website
- Next workshop in the Fall (Existing Conditions and Alternatives Development)
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