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COLLEGE TERRACE TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT NOTICE OF START OF CONSTRUCTION

Dear Resident:

Transportation
Division

In November 2004, the Palo Alto City Council discussed and approved a one-year trial traffic calming plan for the College Terrace neighborhood. This plan was developed by the Transportation Division in consultation with the College Terrace Residents' Association, in response to a petition submitted in 1999. From 2002 through 2004, neighborhood residents were involved in the study process through neighborhood meetings, mailings, and an opinion survey.

This letter is to announce that the O'Grady Paving Company of Mountain View will be installing the approved traffic calming measures beginning the week of November 6. These measures consist of six speed tables designed to gently slow vehicles exceeding the speed limit, and five traffic circles to improve safety at intersections interior to the neighborhood which experience the most cut-through traffic. Locations are described below and depicted on the map on the reverse side.

- Stanford Avenue: Four speed tables, located just west of the intersections with Wellesley Street, Oberlin Street, Dartmouth Street and Amherst Street
- College Avenue: Four traffic circles, located at the intersections of College Avenue with Yale Street, Oberlin Street, Hanover Street and Columbia Street
- Cambridge Avenue: A small traffic circle at the intersection of Cambridge Avenue with Yale Street
- California Avenue: Two speed tables, located just west of Wellesley Street and just east of Oberlin Street

We anticipate that construction work will proceed quickly. The yellow advisory signs associated with these speed tables and traffic circles have already been installed. The project should be substantially completed by the end of November, including pavement markings and other finishing work.

The one year trial will conclude with an evaluation of the effectiveness of the plan, including re-measurement of traffic volume and speeds on streets with and without the trial measures. The plan will also be assessed through community consultation and a resident opinion survey prior to recommending any changes or permanent retention of the improvements. Once all the results of the trial are available, the project will be scheduled for review by the Planning and Transportation Commission and the City Council for a decision on permanent installation.

Further background information and updates about the project will be available via the City's website (www.cityofpaloalto.org/transportation) soon.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at transportation@cityofpaloalto.org or (650) 329-2136. If you have questions or comments about the contractor's work during construction, please contact Young Tran, Project Engineer, at 650-329-2160 or young.tran@cityofpaloalto.org.

Sincerely,

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