

## Argument in Favor of Measure D

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Every so often, important projects are worthy of overwhelming support. The Quarry Road Connection Project is such a project. It will transform the currently congested Palo Alto Transit Center (PATC) – **enhancing transit efficiency, reducing traffic congestion, improving safety and convenience for cyclists and pedestrians, and benefitting commuters.** To create this transitway, one-third of an acre of underutilized parkland at El Camino Park must be undedicated.

This project will extend Quarry Road and connect PATC directly to El Camino Real (ECR), **allowing buses and shuttles to enter and exit the Transit Center directly from El Camino.** This will cut travel times by 5-8 minutes, boost the PATC's operational efficiency, and ease congestion by increasing transit use and reducing the number of buses on University Avenue.

**Pedestrians and cyclists will also benefit significantly.** The project will create safer, more convenient crossings at the Quarry Road-ECR intersection. This will enhance access to recreational facilities and promote sustainable transportation options by better connecting the park with bike and pedestrian networks.

Moreover, the Quarry Road Connection will activate an underutilized section of parkland, transforming it into a functional space with improved landscaping and connectivity. This will deliver better access to El Camino Park and the Transit Center for Palo Alto residents and workers.

We are proud to champion this project, which aligns with the 2030 Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan goals and has garnered strong backing from regional partners, including Caltrain, VTA, MTC, AC Transit, SamTrans and the Silicon Valley Bike Coalition. Most of the project funding is already secured and the project promises substantial benefits without cost to local taxpayers.

By voting YES, you are endorsing a forward-thinking investment in our City's infrastructure, **enhancing access, mobility, safety, and sustainability for our community.**

Learn more about the Quarry Road Connection Project at:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/transitconnection>

Signers:

Pat Burt, Council Member

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