Project Background

Stanford University has initiated construction activities for the Middle Plaza at 500 El Camino Real Project.

Middle Plaza will offer:
- 215 rental housing units, including Below Market Rate options
- Approximately 145,000 sqft of commercial offices
- 10,000 sqft of retail space
- A half-acre publicly accessible plaza designed to fit with the character of the surrounding community.

Middle Plaza will provide its residents with easy access to nearby transit options, underground parking, and bicycle and pedestrian pathways. These features will make Middle Plaza a vibrant new atmosphere for Menlo Park’s retail districts, jobs, and schools in the community and beyond.

Completion anticipated in 2021.

Construction Schedule

Building Demolition: Complete
Major Grading & Utilities Work: September 2018 – Spring 2020
Project Construction: August 2019 – Winter 2021
Offices Occupation: Summer 2020 – Summer 2021
Residents Occupation: Winter 2021

All construction dates are approximate and subject to change because of weather and unforeseen conditions.

Construction Hours
Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

There may be instances where Project construction activities take place during the evening and/or weekends when deemed necessary to reduce construction impacts on traffic along El Camino Real. This will be done with the required necessary approval from the City of Menlo Park.

Contact Information

Community Relations Team
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Project Map
Project Amenities

Residential
• 215 one and two-bedroom rental units
• Up to 10 Below Market Rate Housing Units
• Architecture inspired by a traditional California craftsman design
• A state-of-the-art fitness center, swimming pool and spa
• A library/business center with high speed “Wi-Fi” and remote conference technology, which will allow residents to work remotely or take advantage of flexible work hours
• A community workshop area to allow residents space to work on hobbies and projects
• Outdoor cooking and dining facilities
• Outdoor workspaces
• Do-it-yourself bicycle repair stands with basic tools for bicycle commuters and residents
• The residential area will be designed as part of the project’s overall Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program to reduce single-occupancy drivers during peak morning and evening commute times

Office
• Approximately 145,000 sqft of commercial office space

Retail
• Approximately 10,000 sqft of retail space

Public
• A publicly accessible plaza at Middle Avenue, situated close to parking options and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that provides ample opportunities for residents and visitors to grab a bite, sit outside, and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors.
• Paying for 50 percent of the cost, up to $5 million dollars, towards a pedestrian and bicycle rail crossing at Middle Avenue
• $1 million dollars to the Menlo Park-Atherton Education Foundation

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