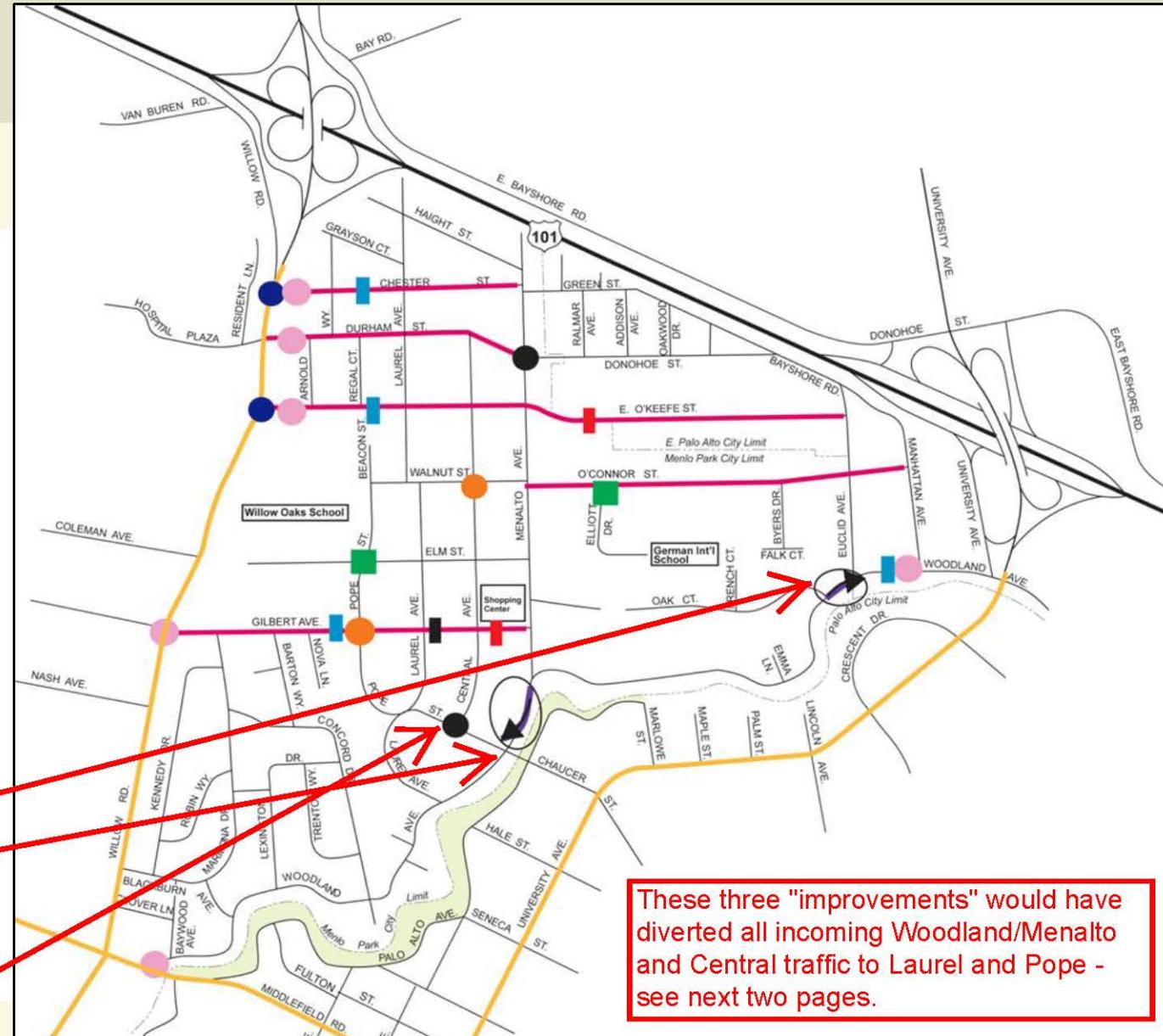




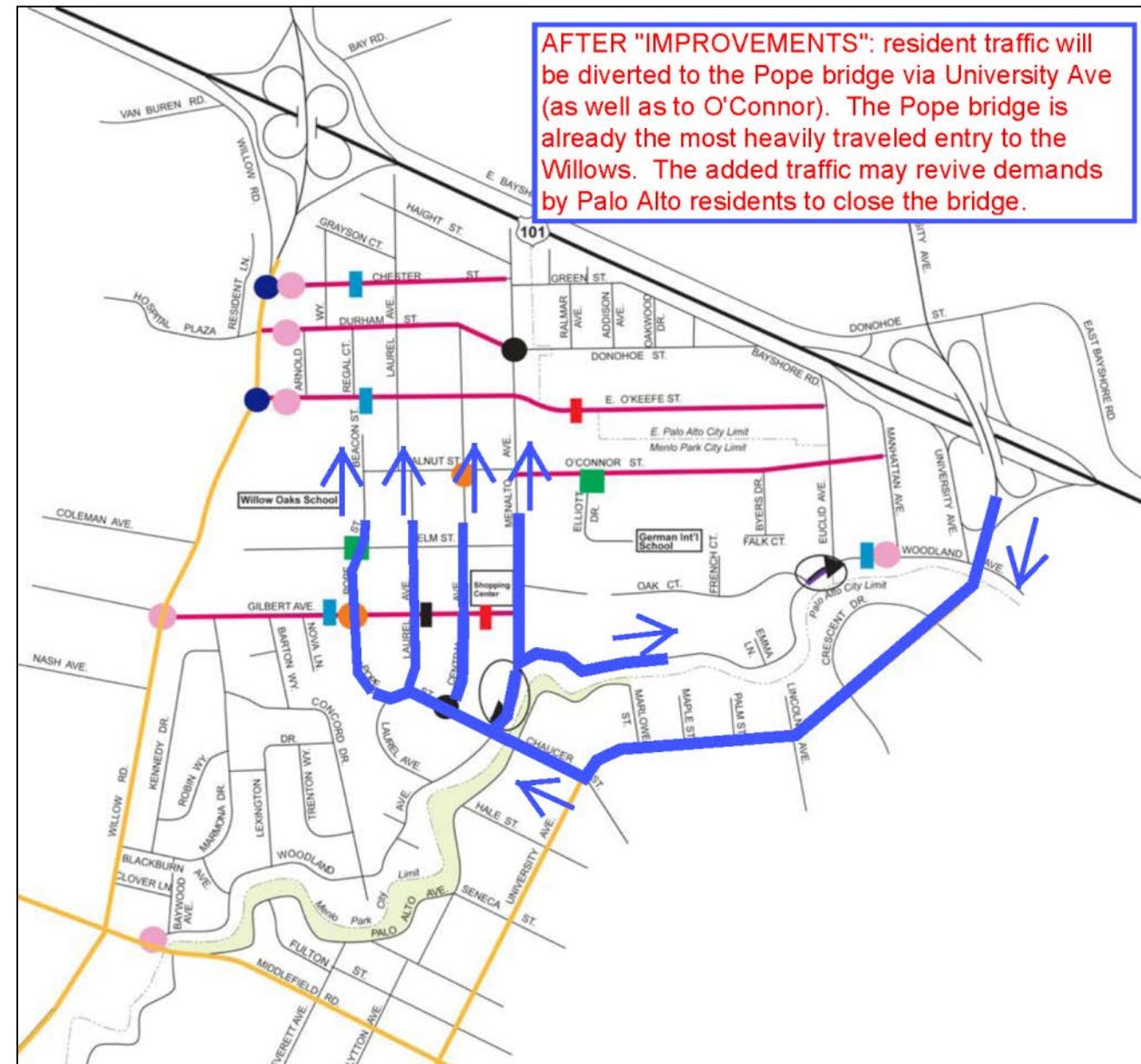
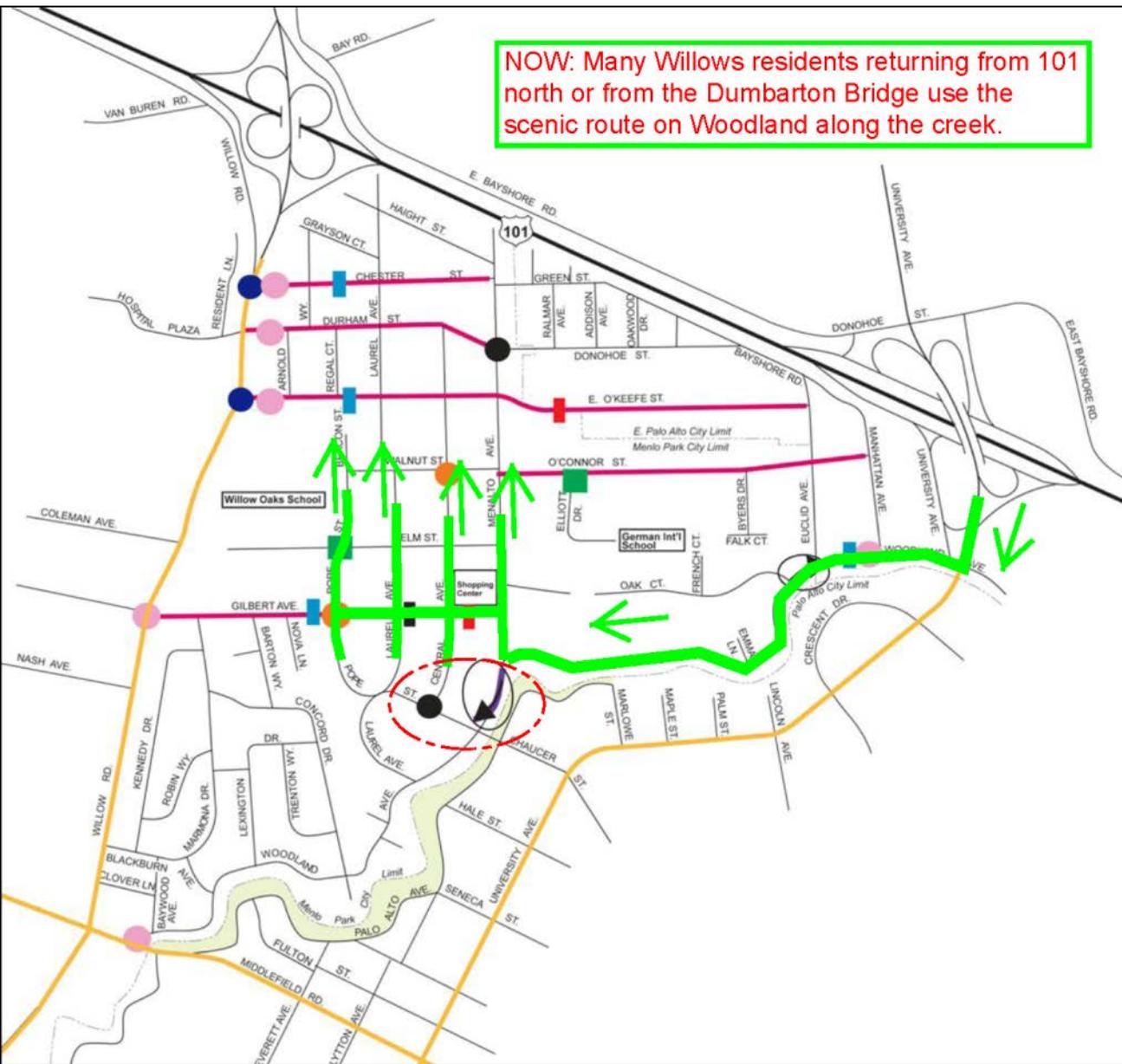
**IMPROVEMENTS FOR VOLUME:**

- Gateway Signs:
  - Chester St.
  - Durham St.
  - O'Keefe St.
  - Gilbert Ave.
  - Middlefield Rd.
  - Woodland Ave.
- Left Turn Restrictions on Willow Road During AM and PM Peak Hours:
  - Chester St.
  - O'Keefe Ave.
- Signal Coordination:
  - Willow Rd.
  - Middlefield Rd.
  - University Ave.
- Reduced Lane Width/Edge Line:
  - Chester St.
  - O'Keefe St.
  - O'Connor St.
  - Gilbert Ave.
- Partial One Way Conversion (1 block) on Woodland Ave:
  - Chaucer St. to Menalto Ave.
  - Oak Ct. to Euclid Ave.
- Right Turn Restrictions
  - EB right turn on Durham St. at Menalto Ave.
  - WB right turn on Chaucer St. at Central Ave.

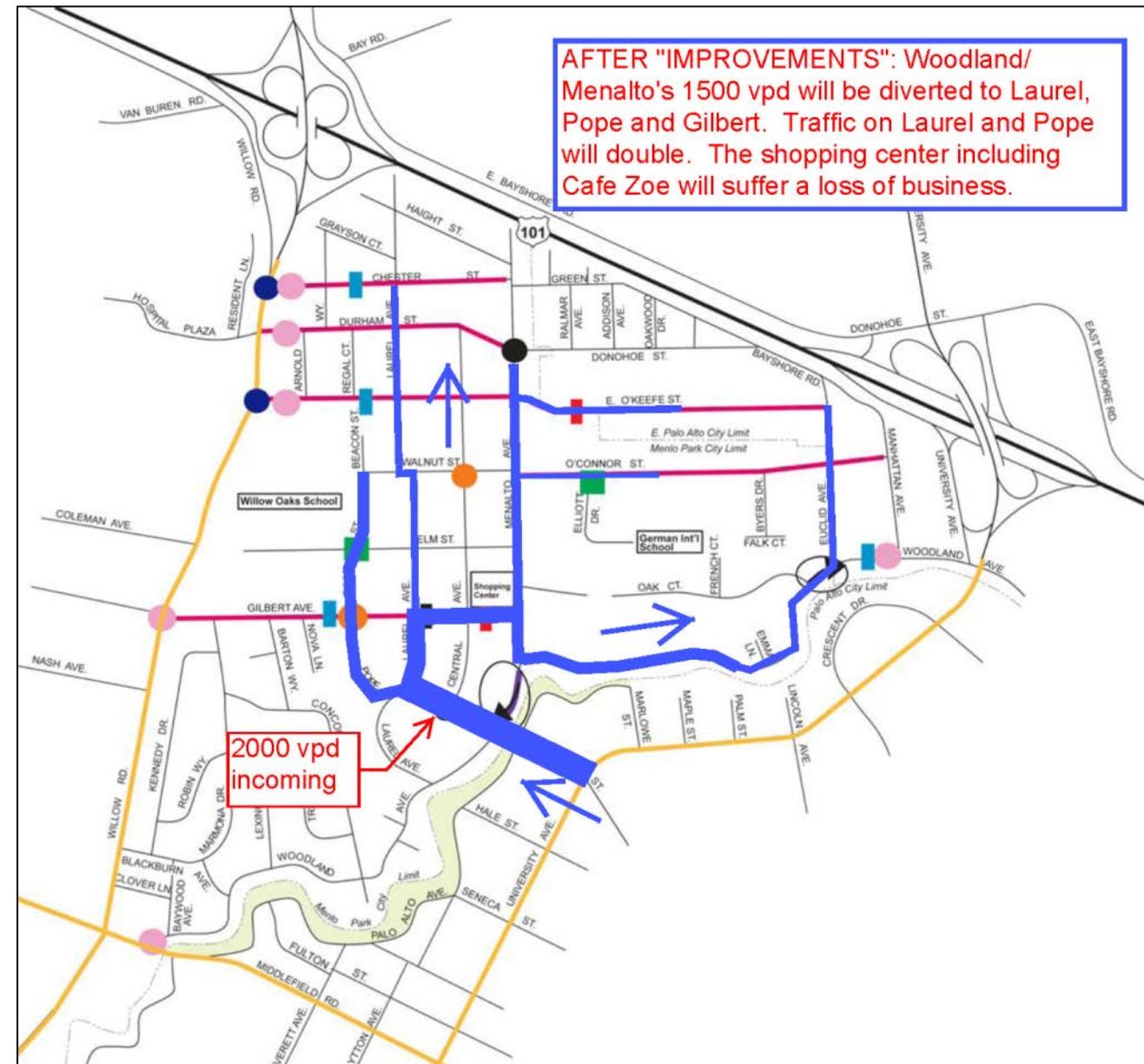
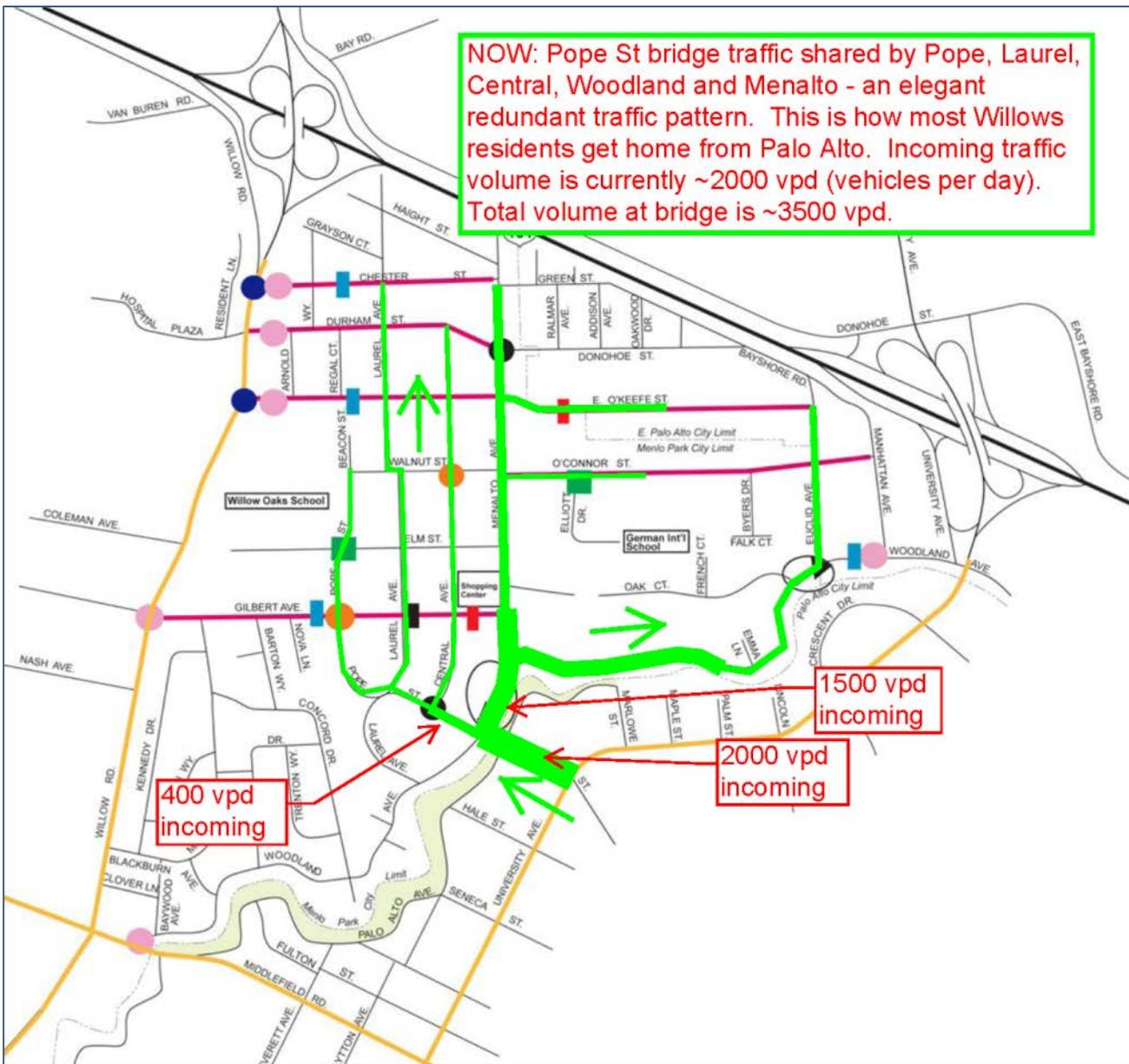


These three "improvements" would have diverted all incoming Woodland/Menalto and Central traffic to Laurel and Pope - see next two pages.

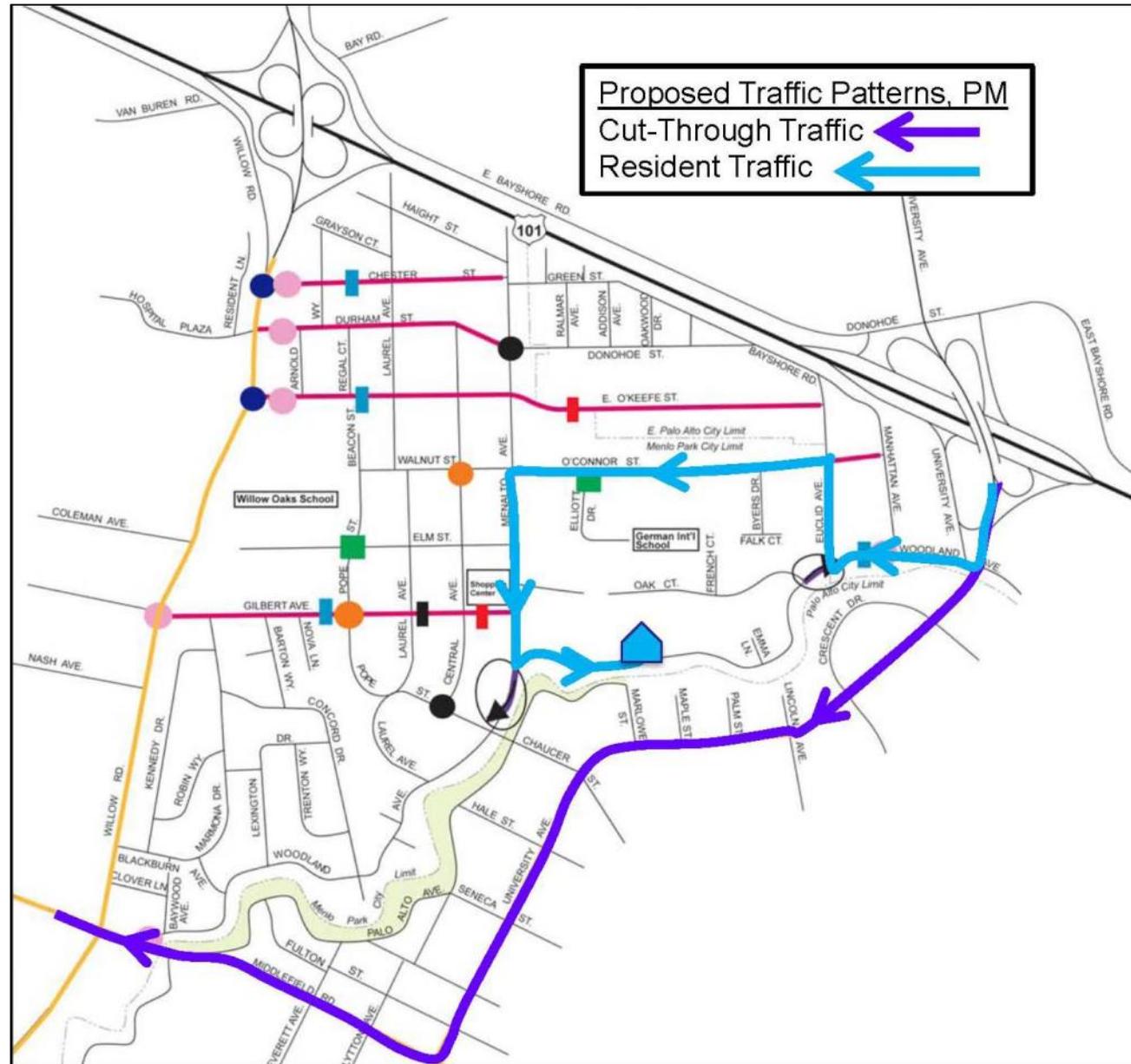
**Fig 1. Three features deleted from plan shortly before Council vote (6/7/2011).** These changes would have diverted most incoming University Ave traffic to Pope and Laurel. The following figures show how Willows streets function as a system. Seemingly minor changes to benefit one or two streets can create far reaching problems for the neighborhood and even adjacent cities, such as Palo Alto.



**Fig 2.a. Diversion to Pope bridge and nearby streets due to one way conversion on Woodland at Euclid.** The city has suggested that only Woodland and Oak Court residents will be affected, and that they will have to divert to O'Connor, but residents throughout the Willows will be affected. Traffic diverted to University Avenue and Chaucer St may trigger retribution by Palo Alto. (In the mid '90s Palo Alto installed a trial barrier to block left turns from Palo Alto Ave into the Willows.)



**Fig 2.b. Diversion to Pope, Laurel and Gilbert due to right turn restriction at Central and one way conversions on Woodland and Menalto.** The Pope bridge is the main conduit between the Willows and Palo Alto. It is, understandably, the most heavily traveled entry to the Willows. Residents living toward 101 currently fan out onto four streets. This "improvement" would concentrate most of that traffic onto Pope, Laurel and two blocks of Gilbert. It was removed from the plan in April and restored in May.



**Fig 3. Diversion to O'Connor and Menalto due to one way conversion on Woodland at Euclid.** In this slide (City of Menlo Park graphic), the city suggests that only Woodland residents will be affected, and that they will have to divert to O'Connor. In their obsession with “cut-through” traffic, the city ignores the reality that many Willows residents use Woodland to return home. Others will be diverted to the Pope/Chaucer bridge (slide 2.a.) and from there to Pope St and laurel Av.