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Mr. Fred Podesta, Director
Department of Finance and Administrative Services
700 5 Avenue, Suite 5200
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: CITY OF SEATTLE JOINT TRAINING FACILITY AND ADJOINING CITY PROPERTY

Dear Mr. Podesta,

The Seattle Fire Department (SFD) and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) tenant partnership at the City of Seattle Joint Training Facility (JTF) is requesting that the Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) set aside an undeveloped five acre parcel of land adjoining the campus to address a number of facility deficiencies (see Tax Parcel 3224049082 attached).

In 2014, our partnership launched a study of the JTF to evaluate the facility after approximately nine years of operation. Using today's training requirements coupled with a forecast of what additional needs SFD and SPU will have in the future, we have identified two primary issues of tenant concern:

- Several JTF field demonstration "prop" areas will require additional training space. While most of the "hands-on" field operations training and Recruit training can adapt to changing requirements, several training areas are insufficient for our needs today. In addition, the present facility cannot support all of our anticipated future "hands-on" training space needs.
- The campus has been provided with insufficient parking. The present campus has very little on-site parking. The JTF utilizes a parking covenant which grants SPU commercial trucks access to stalls interspersed within senior housing resident parking. From its inception, this strategy has poorly served the facility and is a constant source for complaints from neighbors and occasionally requires canceling outside training to accommodate classroom parking needs. In 2033, the facility will lose this covenant parking and there is currently no provision for replacement parking.

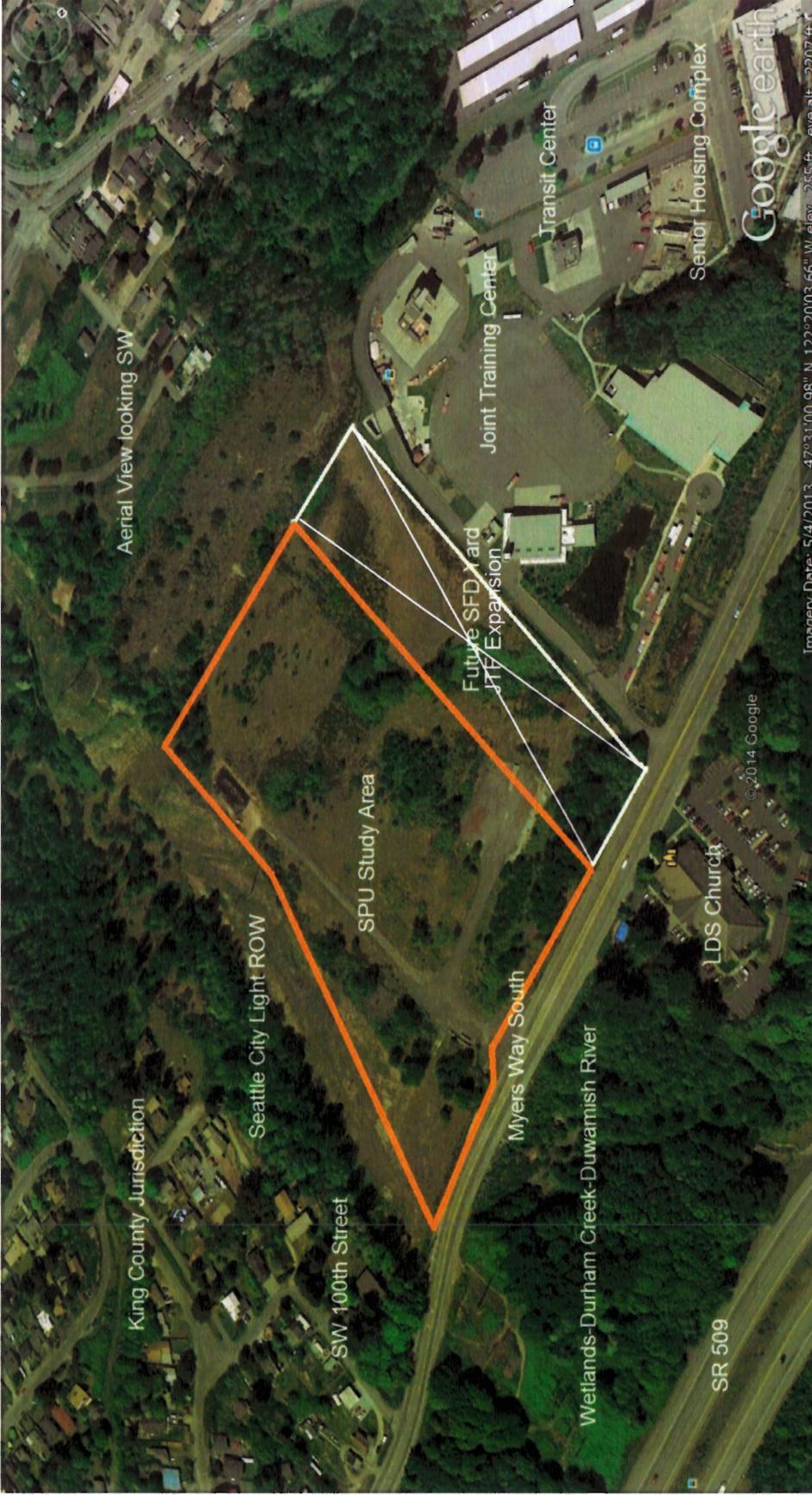
We are aware of FAS's interest in selling the block of Myers Way property due south of the JTF campus. It would be in the City's interest, however, to first consider how the adjoining property could best address facility deficiencies. The City has a remarkable opportunity to address an ongoing parking deficiency and also improve the SFD and SPU training functions for the future. We respectfully request that FAS establish this one adjacent parcel for JTF future expansion and not include this five acre parcel in any proposed sale or other land use option.

Sincerely,


Harold D. Scoggins, Fire Chief
Seattle Fire Department


Ray Hoffman, Director
Seattle Public Utilities

Attachment



MYERS WAY SOUTH PROPERTY