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RE: Update on City Property Located at 3500 Interlake Avenue North

Dear Neighbor,

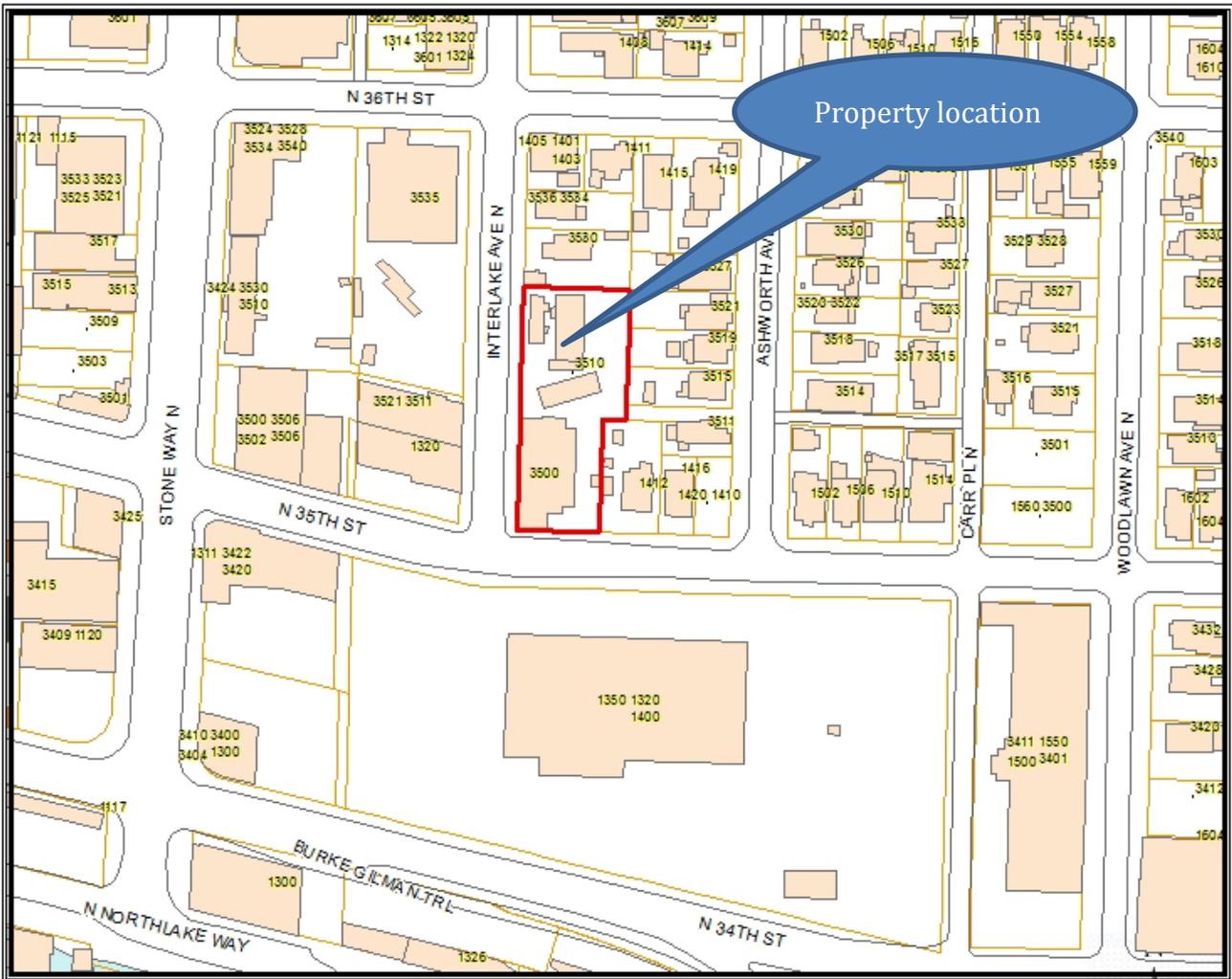
The Department of Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) manages the property located at 3500 Interlake Avenue in Fremont. This property was most recently used as the temporary location for Fire Station 9. The new Fire Station 9 is open and this property is currently vacant. Although no long-term decision has been made for the property, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) has a strong interest in acquiring this property to improve the combined sewer system, most likely for underground facilities. SPU has requested FAS to hold the property in City ownership for approximately 3 years. SPU will be investigating the technical feasibility of the site, and this month, some geotechnical drilling will be done on the property and in the nearby streets.

The existing building has been subject to vandalism and is a target for homeless encampments. A recent building evaluation found some hazardous materials that need to be safely removed, notably lead paint, asbestos, and possible mold. These conditions together with a failing roof, broken heating system and the building's concrete block construction type mean the building has limited long-term value. FAS determined that removal of the building will best serve the City and neighborhood needs.

Fremont has been experiencing growth and construction activity which has limited on- street parking. FAS has received multiple inquires to use the property for parking or construction staging, which could relieve impacts on the neighborhood. FAS plans to move forward with a tenant who will remove the existing building and create temporary off- street parking for several years.

As SPU concludes their planning analysis, and prior to making any long-term decisions, FAS will resume the excess property disposition process and provide future public comment opportunities within the next two years. FAS will track community input on an ongoing basis.

If you have questions, concerns or to be added to the project contact email list, please contact Daniel Bretzke, at Daniel.bretzke@seattle.gov, or by phone at 206 733-9882.



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