



Fire Station 31

Why is a new site needed?

The former Fire Station 31 at 1319 N. Northgate Way no longer meets the operational needs of the Seattle Fire Department (SFD). Fire station crews have been moved to other north Seattle stations pending the establishment of an interim fire station. The former FS31 building is currently empty while the City reviews other uses for the site.

Is there an interim site?

An interim site at 10503 Interlake Ave. N has been identified. This site was used by Fire Station 31 for interim operations in the past and meets the operational and response time needs for SFD.

Has a permanent site been identified?

A new site that can meet the current and future operational needs of the City and SFD has been identified as a potential location at 11302 Meridian Ave. N. The site is primarily vacant and highly suitable for SFD's operational and service area needs. Due diligence and feasibility studies are underway and the City seeks community input regarding the placement of the permanent fire station at this location.

What criteria were used to pick this site?

The City created criteria for identifying and selecting potential locations. These criteria have been tested over time to ensure effective site selection considerations, such as ability to meet service response times, size of property, safety, access to arterial roadways, etc.

Why can't the City use City-owned property?

The City looked at nearby City-owned properties used for other City functions. These properties are currently used to support ongoing City operations and are not suitable for SFD due to size and configuration constraints.

Can't the former fire station site be used?

The site of the former fire station is smaller than the

ideal site to support the apparatus and reserve units together with parking and other SFD needs.

How much is the proposed location?

The proposed permanent site has a willing seller and the property was offered at a purchase price of \$4.5 million. This includes a payment of \$100,000 earnest money, which is fully refundable until the expiration of the 90-day due diligence period.

How is this project being funded?

The City is in the process of determining the specific long-term funding source for this project.

Where are we on picking a permanent site?

Typical pre-purchase studies (i. e. due diligence and feasibility) and community outreach are now underway. The City has entered a 90-day due diligence period, and following due diligence it will take an additional two to three months to purchase the property.

How long will it take to build a new station?

City Council must first vote on the permanent location. Depending on public feedback, a motion could go before the Council in May 2020. Design would not begin until a site is approved by Council. The capital project to design and build a new fire station will take 4.5-5 years to complete and have the fire fighters occupying their new station.

What is being done with public input?

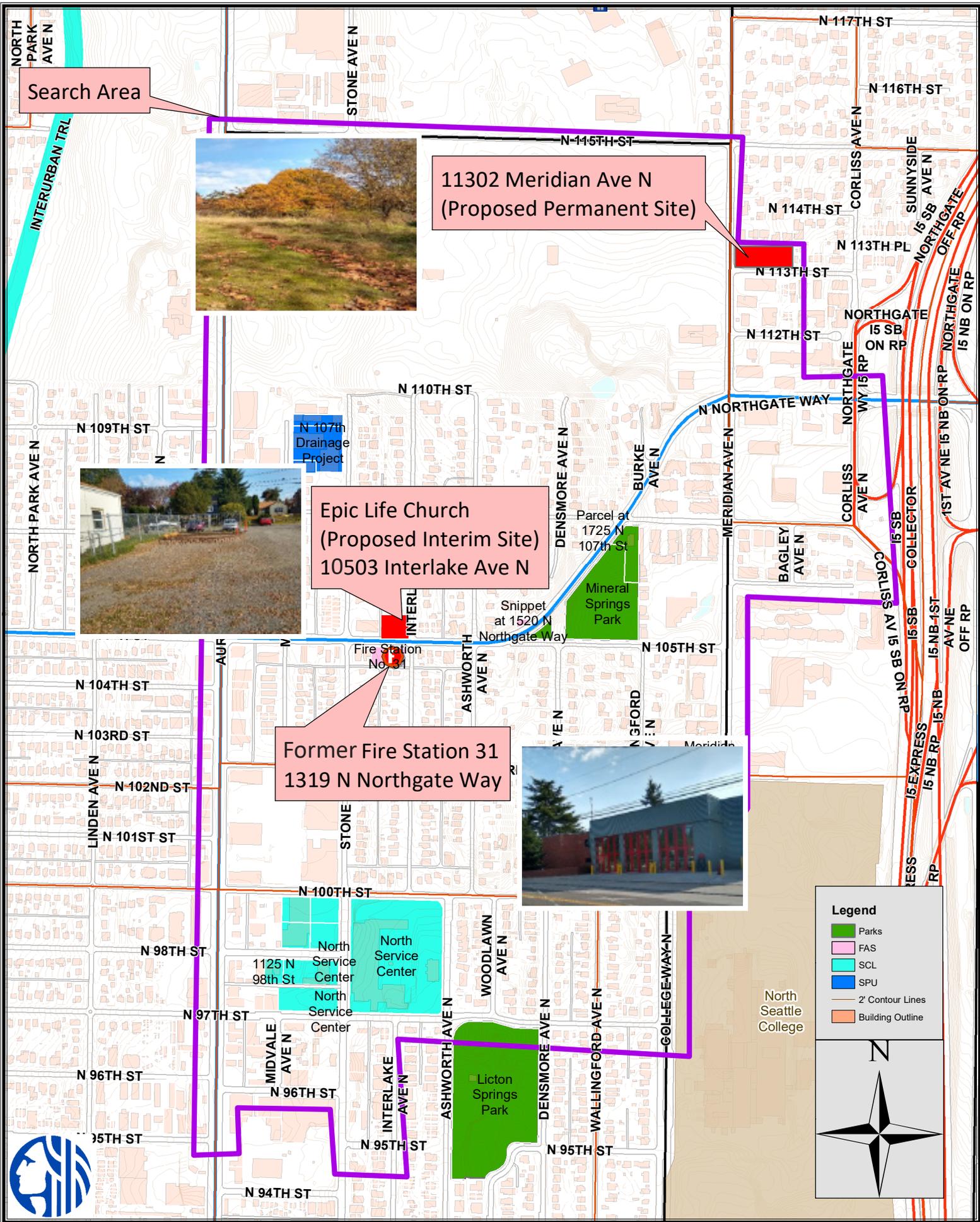
As with any public engagement, input, questions and concerns from the public will be collected and shared with the project team and will help inform siting, planning and design. The team will consider everything from public safety to environmental concerns, including noise and lighting impacts.

Questions or suggestions?

Please contact us by March 18 at realestate@seattle.gov or visit seattle.gov/fas/fire-station-31



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