



# PARKS SUBSTATION UPGRADE

The Matanuska Electric Association (MEA) Parks Substation, located at 20418 Steffes Street in Birchwood, has reached the end of its useful life. This project will replace existing aging infrastructure to continue to provide safe, reliable service to the Chugiak-Birchwood-Eagle River area.

Improvements proposed as part of the Substation Upgrade include:

- Buffer and Visual Screening Landscaping
- Safety and Security Fencing
- Additional Gated Driveway
- Upgraded Utility Distribution Equipment

The upgraded substation equipment will operate at a lower decibel (quieter) than the existing equipment. Visual, safety and security fencing, combined with significant perimeter landscaping will screen the substation from the roadway and adjacent residents.



EXISTING VIEW FROM STEFFES STREET

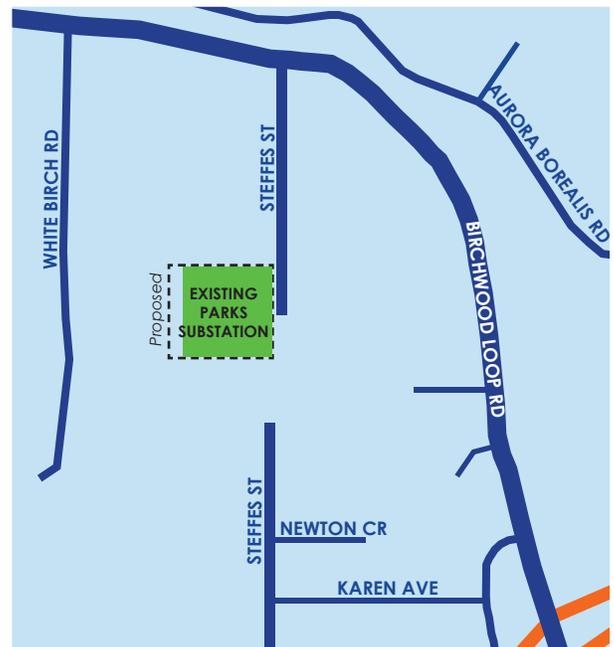


PROPOSED VIEW FROM STEFFES STREET

In order to upgrade the Parks Substation, MEA is working with the community and the Municipality of Anchorage to ensure the substation meets the needs of MEA customers and complies with all applicable regulations. The proposed upgrade is undergoing the following land use permitting processes:

- Replat of Parks Substation lot west boundary to ensure adequate room for drainage, landscaping, and other municipal requirements.
- Conditional Use Permit for the upgrade.
- Height Variance to allow the required 10' visual screening, safety and security fencing.

Upgrades to the Parks Substation will occur after all permitting has been completed and the community has had the opportunity to provide input. We hope to complete the project permitting process by the end of 2020.



Join us at our next public meeting on March 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Beach Lake Chalet.

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