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Name Thomas & Janet Henkel  
Address 7870 E. Forward Rd, Palmer, AK 99605  
Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision 17NO1E18B004

Comments: We are opposed to the preferred route + will not agree to any type of easement, we prefer alternate #2

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Name CARRICABURA, JILL & BRYAN

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lot 586 Block 1 Subdivision Richmond View Subd

Comments: My husband & I are retirees. We are against the "preferred" 115 KV double circuit transmission line as it will adversely effect the value of our home as it is a "view" property. Our home is the single largest investment of our lifetime & we strongly oppose the proposed transmission line adjacent to our property. We would support Alternative 1.

Sincerely,  
Jill L. Carricabura

## Tahirih DesJardin

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**From:** Bryan <jbc@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 16, 2015 1:36 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Comments Re: MEA Transmission line  
**Attachments:** COW planning cmmts049.pdf

Your message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

COW planning cmmts049.pdf

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October 19, 2015

City of Wasilla  
Planning Office  
290 E. Herning Ave.  
Wasilla, AK 99654

RE: Proposed MEA Transmission Lines

Dear Sir or Madam,

Per the notice of application for use permit, dated 10/9/15 (attached), Coming Attractions Theatres, Inc., located at 3331 East Old Matanuska Rd., and The Extreme Fun Center, located at 3501 East Old Matanuska, respectfully submits the following comments:

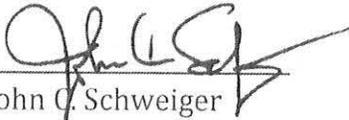
- These proposed, extremely large, high power lines running along our property line in between Walmart and the Valley Cinema/Extreme Fun Center would have an extremely negative impact on our business and patrons. Not only would it be very unsightly, it would also give the appearance of a very dangerous situation.
- In running the lines along the path of the Preferred Proposal and Alternate 1 (in between Walmart and the Valley Cinema/Extreme Fun Center), it will force the lines to run right next to, and through, a residential area after it goes by us.
- Alternative 2 is the only viable option we see to avoid permanently disrupting multiple businesses and protecting the community by avoiding residential areas as much as possible.

**We strongly object to the two proposals labeled "Preferred" and "Alternate 1".**

The only option we could possibly agree to is "Alternate 2".

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us for further clarification or comment.

Sincerely,

  
John C. Schweiger  
Executive Chairman/CEO

  
Al Lane  
President/COO



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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_

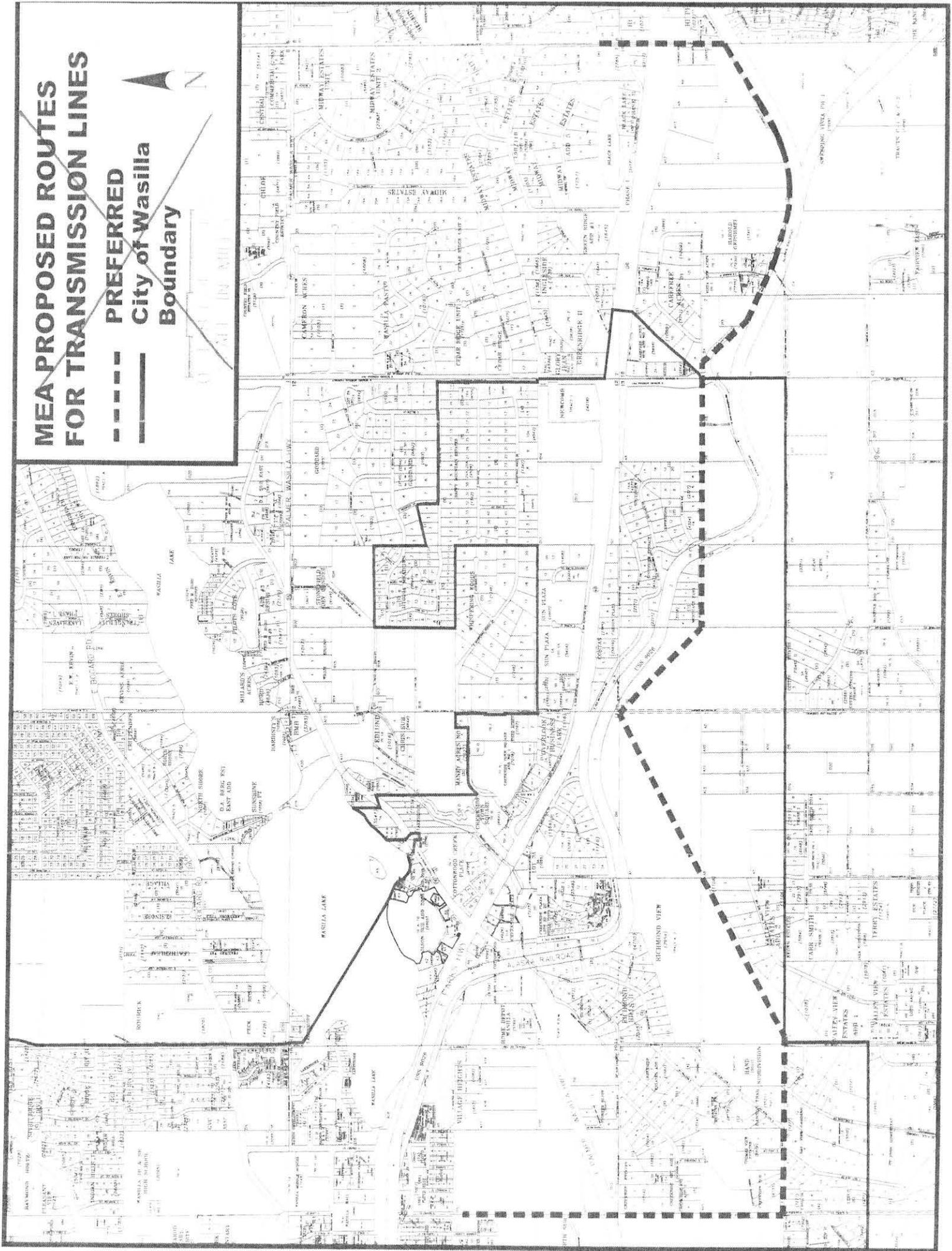
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# MEAN PROPOSED ROUTES FOR TRANSMISSION LINES

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Boundary

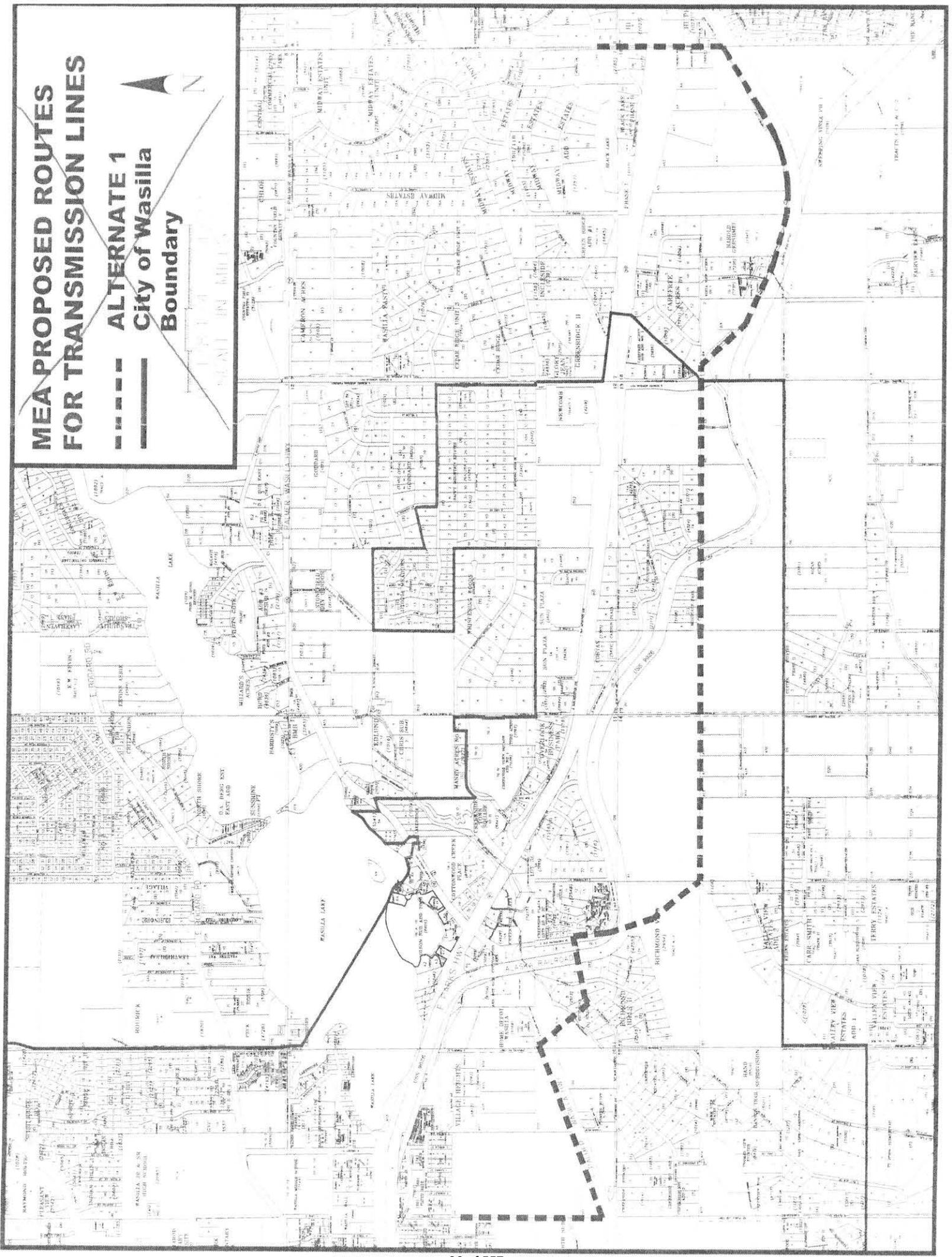


# MEA PROPOSED ROUTES FOR TRANSMISSION LINES

**ALTERNATE 1**  
**City of Wasilla**  
**Boundary**



SCALE IN FEET



## Tahirih DesJardin

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**From:** Tina Crawford  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 6:46 PM  
**To:** Tahirih DesJardin; Lyn Carden  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed MEA Transmission Lines  
**Attachments:** Proposed MEA Transmission Lines.pdf

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From: Al Lane [alane@catheatres.com]  
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 2:54 PM  
To: Tina Crawford; Planning  
Cc: John Schweiger  
Subject: Proposed MEA Transmission Lines

Hi Tina,

I hope you are doing well! Attached, please find a letter regarding the proposed MEA transmission lines. We are very hopeful that IF this has to happen, only "Alternate 2" is considered.

Please let us know if you have any comments or questions.

Best Regards,

Al Lane  
President/COO  
Coming Attractions Theatres, Inc.

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Ashland, OR 97520  
Office: 541-488-1021 x103  
Cell: 541-631-8211  
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Name RON + BECKY DAY  
Address 1801 BAYVIEW DRIVE - WASILLA, AK  
Lot 10 Block 3 Subdivision BAYVIEW GARDENS

Comments:

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We strongly object to this power line running along the Bayview Gardens sub-division and over Bayview Drive as described in this plan. We have lived at Block 3 Lot 10 Bayview Gardens for 30 years. This lot has a very nice view of Pioneer Peak, Twin Peaks, the Knik River Valley, and Mt Goode, which lies near Prince William Sound. We love and enjoy this view very much, as do our friends and guests.

During the years we've lived at this location we have improved our property and kept it up, had a very nice addition built onto our home, paid our taxes and kept our house payments current. Our plan all along had been to sell our home after we had retired in order to supplement our retirement income. And now, as we near the time to make good on our plan, along comes the prospect of having this power line built through our neighborhood, very nearby to our home and abutting our property.

The route for this T-line, as described by Matanuska Electric, will be very detrimental to our home, its spectacular view, its re-sale value, and also our lifestyle. We also have real concerns for our safety and health.

We live on the western edge of the gully, exactly where MEA plans to bring the line out of the gully and across Bayview Drive. This will necessitate the installation of one of the 80' towers near the top of the hill, before it crosses Bayview Drive, and very near the northern boundary of our property. This ugly giant will be only 100 to 150 paces from our home, and much nearer to the edge of our lawn. This is unacceptable to us.

To make matters even worse the line will then continue westward, still keeping parallel to the northern boundary line of our property, dominating the northern sky where we often watch and photograph the Aurora Borealis. In their literature MEA describes the T-line as lying approximately 80 feet away from us. The description is very vague and I'm not sure if they are describing the distance from mid-point in the line to our property line, or maybe to our house. It just says 80 feet. But it doesn't really matter I guess, eighty feet is only about 30 paces. That's far too close. Again, this is totally unacceptable.

We resent being told that this power line is going to be in our otherwise lovely view from this time forward, and that any prospective buyers will have at their immediate disposal a very powerful negotiating tool which will enable them to greatly reduce the price they pay for our home.

In our opinion this above ground monstrosity should never be forced though long established subdivisions, and especially those sub-divisions which lie within the city limits of Wasilla.

The following quote is from my sister, who lives near Lacy, Washington, after we told her about this T-line proposal:

***"What a shame that the very kind of space and view Alaska should be known for would be ruined!"***

We couldn't agree more.

Ron & Becky Day  
1801 Bayview Drive  
Wasilla, Alaska

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Name Jeremy G. Becker  
Address 441 E. Ravenswood loop Wasilla, Alaska 99654  
Lot 20 Block 1 Subdivision Ravenswood

Comments:

*From reviewing the proposed route plans, I believe that Alternate Route 1 poses the least impact to residential homes in the community. The route utilizes a west west amount of unused land and the corridor of the Alaska Railroad. This route should have less need for right-of-way fees and disrupt communities and traffic the least. My vote would be for Alternate route 1.*

*Jeremy G. Becker*

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Name Michael D. Smith 376-5331  
Address 1515 S KGB Rd Wasilla - Box 870183 Wasilla 99687  
Lot 1 Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision David Smith AND ALSO TAX Parcel B-20

Comments: As a property owner along the MEA preferred route, I would rather see Alternate #1 as the chosen route. I already have a major transmission line along my north property line with took 50' easement <sup>along</sup> the entire 2 parcels, I don't want to lose more property along my entire east property line. From the maps furnished, it looks as alt. #1 is a shorter distance to construct a line which would or should be cheaper to build. We have had multiple problems with people and ATV's trespassing on mine and my Uncle Frank Smith property resulting in vandalism, theft and costly damage to equipment and vehicles. We have blocked our areas to no avail to people refusing to respect private property due to MEA power lines.

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Name Larry Swanson  
Address 1230 E Wood Crest Dr Wasilla AK 99654  
Lot 4 Block 1 Subdivision Richmond Hills

Comments: I'm aware that everyone has their reasons for the 3 routes  
not going through their area bc it view, noise or whatever. The route  
through the valley will no doubt draw the 4 wheelers & snow machines  
and noise along with homeless camps and whatever. I personally prefer  
Alternate Route 1 as it's shorter than the others, easier to get at  
and maintain and will cause the least obstruction of view,  
noise and possible break ins to present and future homes.  
Alternate 1 passes through <sup>and along</sup> a minimum of housing properties.

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Name Philip D. Chandler  
Address 1950 Bay View Dr. Wasilla  
Lot 14 Block 4 Subdivision Bay View GARDENS

Comments:

If The Power Line Needs To Be, I Like Alternate 1  
For The Route

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Name Faber Alaska Comm Prop TR, Lawrence & Wanda J. Faber  
Address 13411 GRAYWOLF PL NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370-8000  
Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision TOWNSHIP 17N, Range 1E, Sec. 18, LOT C1

Comments:

I strongly support the preferred route and/or  
Alternate 1 (one). Thank you



# Fax Cover Sheet

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From:

Name City of Wasilla

Name Laurence & Wanda J. Faber

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**From:** Stacy Phillips <spwasilla@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 25, 2015 7:04 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** comment on proposed MEA transmission lines

Michael Phillips  
2141 E Phainopepla Circle  
TOWNSHIP 17N RANGE 1W SECTION 14 LOT A13

This letter is in response to the proposed transmission line from lazelle substation to herring substation.

My support is for proposed route "preferred" as the #1 choice and for proposed route "alternate #2" as a second choice. These routes make the most use of the gully and least intrusive to home owners.

Proposed route "alternate #1" passes by more developed and commercial property making it less compliant with the community development plan. Please consider this when making your decisions on this project.

Thank you,

Michael Phillips

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Name Autumn Bentz  
Address 1591 S. Bertha lane  
Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision M+M view estates

Comments:

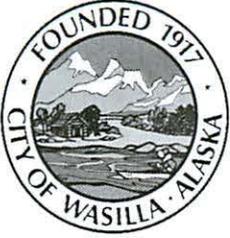
I am strongly in favor of Alternate 1 rather than  
the preferred route, which would destroy the  
scenic view in the valley. Alternate 1 seems to  
impact fewer residential lots and follows the already  
industrial route of the rail road and the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy.  
I strongly oppose the "Preferred" route.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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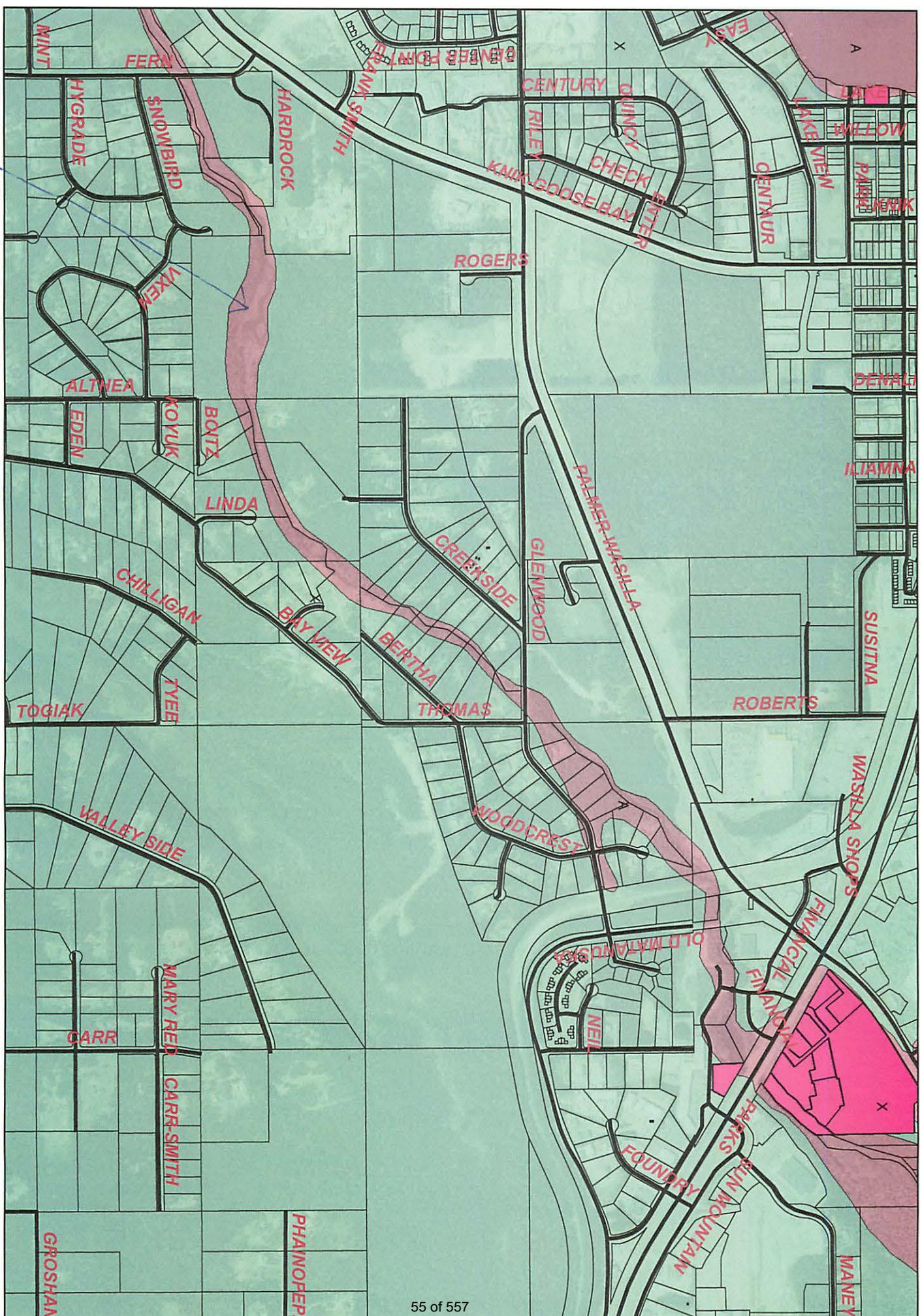
FIRM # \_\_\_\_\_ Zone **X-A**

Comments: **All proposals cross an "A" zone. (see attached map) MSB 17.29 requires Flood Hazard Dev. Permit.**

Date: **10/23/15** By: **[Signature]**



"A"  
Zone capabilities of the map or the suitability of the map for any particular purpose beyond those originally intended by the Borough. For information regarding the full delineation and notices related to the availability of this map, please contact



## Tahirih DesJardin

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**From:** Theresa Taranto <Theresa.Taranto@matsugov.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2015 12:11 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Propsed MEA Transmission Lines RFC  
**Attachments:** RFC MEA Transmission lines.pdf

For information on acquiring a Flood Hazard Development permit as per MSB 17.29, please call the Permit Center at 907-861-7822 or email: [permitcenter@matsugov.su](mailto:permitcenter@matsugov.su)

Thank you,

*Theresa Taranto  
Development Services Division  
Administrative Specialist*

*Mat-Su Borough  
350 E Dahlia Ave.  
Palmer, Alaska 99645  
907-861-8574*

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Name BERND & SUSAN RICHTER  
Address 1260 E. WOODCREST DR. WASILLA, AK 99654  
Lot 5 Block 1 Subdivision RICHMOND VIEW

Comments:

We favor Alternate Route 1, as it (1) minimizes the impact on a large number of residential view properties along the Richmond View, Hand, and Valley View Estates subdivisions and (2) takes the power lines to the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy extension, where future commercial developments and power demands are most likely to occur.

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**Tahirih DesJardin**

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**From:** Ron Phillips <wasillarp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 12:24 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Proposed MEA Transition Lines

Ronald  
Phillips

1500 S Cotten

Dr.

Wasilla, Ak

99654

TOWNSHIP 17N RANGE 1W SECTION 14 Lot

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Comments on "Proposed MEA Transmision

Lines"

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Ron

Phillips

907 232 4388

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**Tahirih DesJardin**

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**From:** Jan Phillips <allisawak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 12:54 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Proposed MEA Transition Line

Janice  
Phillips  
1500 S Cotten

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Wasilla Ak  
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Janice  
Phillips  
907 232 3075

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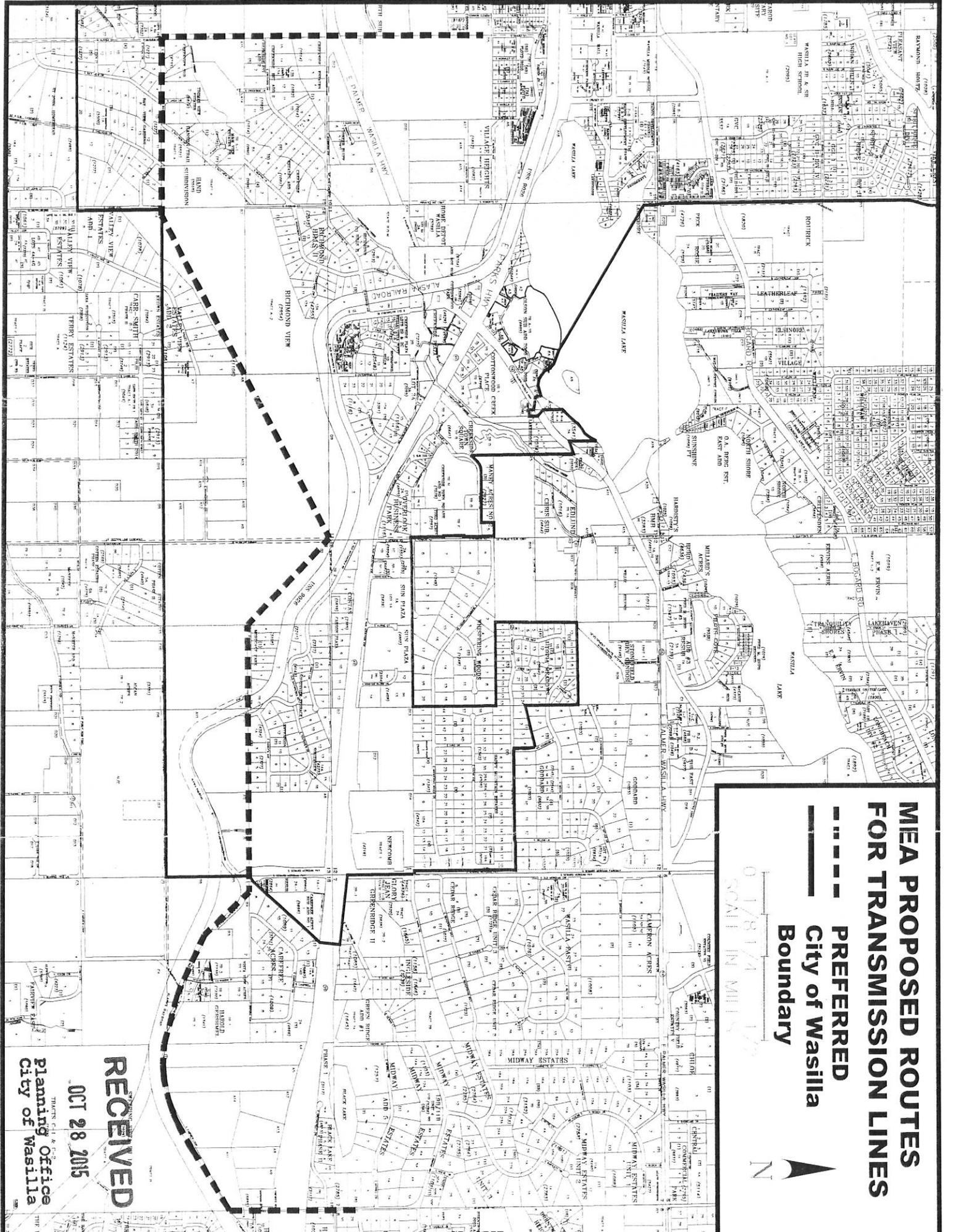
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Comments: We were provided 3 options in the info rec'd. Option w/ no #; Alternate 1; Alternate 2. ~~OF~~ the alternates provided if I must support one over the others I support the Alternate with no #'s. Alternate of choice attached.

PS you should ALWAYS include a phone # on the form for questions.



**MEA PROPOSED ROUTES  
FOR TRANSMISSION LINES**

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