

Petersburg Medical Center Replacement

Project Information



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Petersburg Medical Center (PMC) has provided medical services to the community of Petersburg for more than 100 years. The hospital was originally built in 1955 and became a federally designated Critical Access Hospital in 2001. PMC is a vital part of the community, providing critical medical services to all residents of the region, as well as supporting seasonal fishing and cannery workers.

PMC employment is a significant part of the local economic engine. 97% of employees and 100% of the medical staff live in Petersburg, injecting \$11-\$12 million per year in salaries into the local economy. According to the Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association 2022 Workforce Analysis, healthcare has become the most important economic sector in the state, driving growth in other industries. Petersburg Borough has listed PMC as their top priority for capital projects.

PMC's building is outdated, inefficient, and past its useful life. Petersburg needs a modern, efficient healthcare facility that will enhance patient privacy, provide greater accessibility, and ensure the availability of critical services that support our residents here at home.

The new medical center will be located on a 12-acre parcel east of 9th Street between Haugen Drive and Excel Street. There will be two separate buildings: a 19,000-square-foot Wellness, Education & Resource Center (WERC) that will house Public Health Nursing, an MRI suite, conference/training rooms, a public internet center, and other support space; and the main 59,000-square-foot hospital building. The main hospital will include 12 acute care beds; 16 long-term-care beds; an Emergency Room; Primary Care Clinic; Physical Therapy; and ancillary support services such as Lab, Imaging, and Pharmacy.

Key Improvements Planned

- ⊗ Meeting the most current regulations and best practices for healthcare delivery
- ⊗ Fully-accessible building and site, including parking, entrances, and covered dropoffs.
- ⊗ Enhanced privacy for treatment, ER, and registration
- ⊗ Private rooms for Long Term Care and Acute Care
- ⊗ Layout that maximizes staffing efficiency to maintain current staffing levels and provide opportunities for expanded services
- ⊗ Energy-efficient design for long-term utility cost savings
- ⊗ Welcoming and functional spaces for training, education, and community events—large meeting rooms, plus activity and dining spaces in Long Term Care
- ⊗ Site connections to existing trails and nature

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BUDGET AND FUNDING

Land for the project is being provided at no cost by the Petersburg Borough. The WERC is fully funded via a grant from U.S. Department of the Treasury. The main hospital building is partially funded via a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration. Petersburg Medical Center is requesting \$37M in next year's State of Alaska Capital Budget to construct the main building shell & core, leaving only about \$30M of additional funding needed to complete the project. PMC will work with the congressional delegation, the Rasmuson Foundation, Denali Commission, USDA, and other potential funders—and conduct a capital campaign—to secure the final increment of funds.

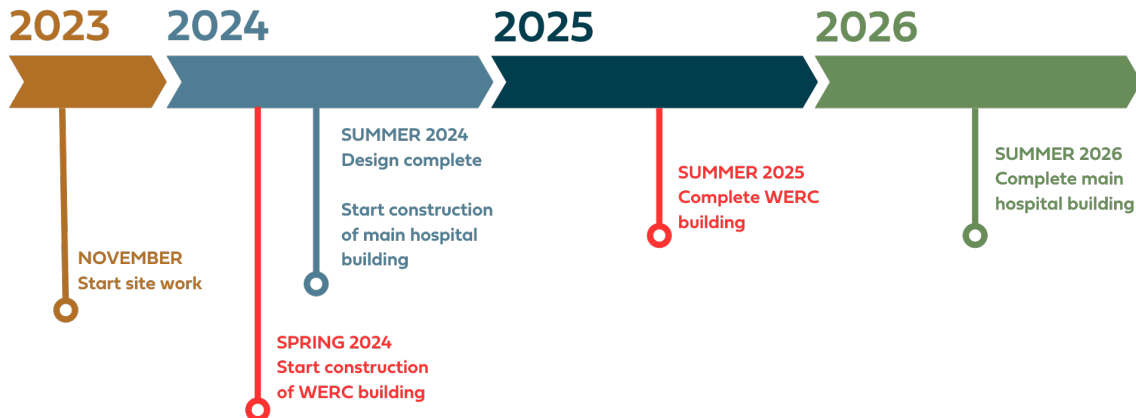
PROGRESS TO DATE

- November 2015:** Building condition assessment survey
- January 2020:** Master plan completed, including site options assigned by Borough
- May 2021:** Borough Resolution 2021-04 donates land, supports phased construction and getting the project shovel ready
- May 2022:** North Haugen and Excel sites selected for further study
- September 2022:** Site due diligence studies; Bettisworth North selected as project architect
- January 2023:** Preliminary design completed
- February 2023:** Borough Motion making the project their #1 priority for federal funding
- April 2023:** Borough Resolution 2023-04 approves North Haugen site, start of rezone/replat, and the Dawson contract for pre-construction services; final geotechnical investigation
- August 2023:** USACE 404 permit issued
- September 2023:** Final Plat approved
- October 2023:** NEPA clearance
- December 2023:** Groundbreaking Ceremony

SITE PLAN



NEXT STEPS



Learn more about the project:
www.pmcak.org/new-facility.html

