New Petersburg Medical Center & Long Term Care Building Project Update

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February 2025

The new medical center will comprise two separate buildings: a 19,000sf Wellness, Education & Resource Center (WERC) that will house Public Health Nursing, community workforce training rooms, a public internet center, the Borough's first MRI suite, and Community Wellness programs; and the main 59,000sf 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 REASONS TO SUPPORT THE FACILITY

- Healthcare is the number one economic driver in Alaska for both employment and wages.
- The new medical center will employ more than 175 staff and provide an on-site nurse training program to boost the economy and combat outmigration
- The current hospital building is obsolete and unable to meet modern health care requirements. A new hospital ensures PMC's capacity to meet the Borough's healthcare needs into the future.
- PMC is a designated Critical Access Hospital which allows for a cost-based reimbursement structure through the Medicaid and Medicare system (i.e. including depreciation).
- A new facility supports the long-term financial position of the hospital. PMC will not require additional funding for operations and maintenance costs at the new facility.

PMC WELLNESS, EDUCATION & RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

We're thrilled to share that the new WERC building continues to stay on track and on budget!

Here's a quick look at our exciting progress this year:

MRI Addition:

Residents of the Borough currently bear the cost of air travel to access MRI services. The new MRI suite changes that. Design is complete, and the foundation will be poured soon.

Site Preparation:

Site prep for the full 4.9 acres of wetlands permitting is complete. Permitting for the northeast corner expansion has been submitted.

WERC Building—Grand Opening Fall 2025!

Construction is 65% complete. More than ²/₃ of WERC capital project funds are cycling directly into Alaska's economy: \$14.3 million+ for Alaskans' jobs and businesses.



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



PROGRESS TO DATE

May 2021: Borough Resolution 2021-04

donates land, supports phased construction and getting the

project shovel ready

August 2022: Awarded\$8M HRSA CDS

through Sen. Murkowski

December 2023: Awarded \$20M U.S. Dept. of the Treasury grant for WERC

February 2024: Start construction on WERC

building

January 2025: Borough approves 2025

Capital Projects and Federal Priority Projects. This project is #1 priority capital project for

the 3rd year in a row.

NEXT STEPS



*Main hospital construction start and completion dates may shift up to 1 year depending on procurement methods.

WELLNESS, EDUCATION & RESOURCE CENTER PROGRESS



HOSPITAL AND WERC SITE PLAN UPDATE



PMC WELLNESS, EDUCATION & RESOURCE CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PHOTOS











