



The original tower and new PSERN West Seattle towers.



BACKGROUND

The Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) is upgrading and expanding the current emergency radio communications system and work includes replacing the radio tower at the West Seattle site, located next to the Myrtle Reservoir. The PSERN Project (Project) began work at this site in 2019 and has extended the completion date to late spring of 2021. PSERN will primarily serve fire fighters, law enforcement, and other emergency response efforts.

PROGRESS of WEST SEATTLE TOWER

Multiple parties, including the City of Seattle and King County Metro, have work at this site. Once the new tower was built and components installed, moving of communications equipment from the old tower to the new tower began. COVID-19 has impacted work at this site, including the construction supply chain and approval processes that must occur prior to the equipment moves and tearing down the old tower. All agencies are coordinating their activities at this site.

SUPPORTING NEIGHBORS/MITIGATING ISSUES

The Project team greatly appreciates the patience of neighbors as the work continues. The team has been in regular contact with the neighbors to ensure that issues are being addressed. When the new PSERN tower was installed, noise was reported coming from the HVAC system and generator. The PSERN Project team responded by:

- Installing noise dampener hoods (pictured), which have mitigated the front facing noise.
- Replacing a dysfunctional fan.
- Installing sound blanketing pieces to fix the generator noise issue.

Every effort is being made to remove the original tower as quickly as possible. **THANK YOU to neighbors for your patience in challenging times!**



WEST SEATTLE EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TOWER REPLACEMENT UPDATE

REPLACEMENT TIMELINE

Work Start

Late Summer 2019

New Tower Installed

April 2020

Tower Components Installed

August 2020

Equipment Move to New Tower

October 2020 – March 2021

Work Completion

(Estimated) April 2021

As work continues, some service trucks and a crane will be present to move the equipment from the original tower to the new PSERN tower.



For more information on the PSERN Project, please visit:

www.PSERN.org