

**Lease with the
Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network
for FAS/Myrtle Transmitter Facility**
Presentation to Governance, Equity and
Technology Committee

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Seattle Finance and Administrative Services



City of Seattle

Summary

In conjunction with the formation and implementation of the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (“PSERN”), the Executive requests the approval of a Council bill authorizing FAS to enter into a 25-year lease agreement (with three, five-year renewal options) with King County/PSERN pursuant to which PSERN will install and operate emergency radio equipment at FAS’ Myrtle transmitter facility.



Background

- In 2015, voters approved a \$273 million levy to upgrade King County's aging emergency radio network.
- A nonprofit corporation, PSERN, is being established to manage the network.
- As the agent for PSERN, King County identified FAS' Myrtle transmitter facility as a preferred site for PSERN's communication facilities.
- The City of Seattle will be a subscriber to the PSERN system.



Background (continued)

- FAS and King County reached agreement on the terms/conditions of a lease to govern PSERN's use of the Myrtle transmitter facility.
- PSERN will pay FAS approximately \$20,000 in annual rent.
- This is the third such agreement between the City and King County/PSERN governing PSERN's use of a City-owned property.
Previous agreements:
 - (a) An agreement between SPU and King County/PSERN governing PSERN's use of SPU property within SPU's Tolt Watershed.
 - (b) An agreement between FAS and King County governing PSERN's use of FAS' Maple Leaf transmitter facility.



Map depicting location of Myrtle Transmitter Facility



North 

Relevant Authority

City Charter

Section 14. POWERS BY ORDINANCE: The City Council shall by power of ordinance and not otherwise...***to dispose of all such property*** as it shall have, as the interests of the City may from time to time require [emphasis added].

Seattle Municipal Code

Section 3.127.010.B [limitation on the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to negotiate and executes leases for City-owned property] The total term of any new lease...shall not exceed five years in duration.

