

Timeline on Public Safety Communications Towers Project

- **January 10, 2019** – [County Executive Elrich expresses frustration](#) over the selection of the two tower sites by the previous administration, cites a lack of community engagement and indicates that the County will likely move forward with the towers.
- **March 5, 2019** – [Public meeting about the ICC/Georgia Ave Site](#)
- **April 3, 2019** – Councilmembers Hans Riemer and Sidney Katz [send a letter](#) to the County Executive asking to move forward with the two towers.
- **May 23, 2019** – [Bethesda Beat reports on disruptive outage to the County's emergency communications system on Mother's Day weekend](#).
- **May 26, 2019** – [The Washington Post reports](#) on the Mother's Day weekend outage. Andrew Kleine, chief administrative officer for the County, confirms that Bretton Woods and Georgia Ave/ICC towers are delayed, but that upgrades are still on schedule and it should be operational within two years.
- **May 28, 2019** – [Bethesda Beat reports on smaller outage](#).
- **June 18, 2019** – The joint Government Operations (GO) and Public Safety (PS) Committee [meets to discuss the outages and progress on the modernization](#).
- **June 18, 2019** – [The Washington Post reports](#) on the Committee worksession.
- **June 18, 2019** – [Bethesda Beat reports](#) story on the Committee worksession.
- **June 21, 2019** – [The full Council sends a letter to the County Executive](#) demanding the delivery of a public safety grade system (95/95) by Fall 2020.
- **June 25, 2019** – [The Washington Post Editorial Board](#) publishes a story on the County Executive's approach to the tower sites and calls for the full completion of the upgrades.
- **July 4, 2019** – [The Washington Post reports](#) story on Governor Hogan's announcement deciding to move forward with ICC/Georgia Ave radio tower sites.
- **July 30, 2019** – The Council [adopts a CIP amendment](#) insisting on the 22 tower system completed on time.
- **July 30, 2019** – [Bethesda Beat publishes story](#) on the County Executive dropping opposition to the two tower locations.
- **March 9, 2021** – The system goes live. The original goal of December 2020 was pushed back after minor obstacles at the Olney site. After the January 6 Capitol insurrection, the County took more time to ensure the system was prepared for the inauguration in the event of any further unrest. The County made incremental cut overs and testing afterwards with different County departments and user groups, including the transportation, police and fire departments.
- **May 5, 2021** – [Bethesda Beat reports](#) on the 22 tower system going live.