

# THE PROPOSED SHARED VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY IS A **WIN-WIN** FOR **WINDHAM**.



## AND MOST OF ALL, IT'S A **WIN** FOR TAXPAYERS LIKE YOU.

**GET THE FACTS ABOUT THE PROPOSED SHARED VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY, AND COME OUT TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

**The Town of Windham and RSU 14 outgrew the current vehicle maintenance facility long ago. It is too small to serve our growing needs, highly inefficient, and potentially hazardous for workers.**

- Duplication of tools, spaces and staffing makes the current facility less efficient.
- Due to stormwater regulations, we can't wash vehicles or other equipment on-site, so they can't be kept as clean as they should be. The result is reduced reliability, plus premature repair and replacement expenses.
- Lack of space to house trucks inside during the winter means they're not loaded up and ready to roll—our crews have to wait for them to warm up and load up, which delays storm response and can compromise road working conditions.
- The limited storage space leads to increased costs for fuel and repairs.
- The cramped quarters can create hazardous conditions.

### **TO CONTINUE GROWING, OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS AND DESERVES BETTER!**

Our proposed **new shared facility** to maintain RSU 14 buses and Windham Public Works vehicles will **lower maintenance costs**, help us **keep our roads, families, and neighbors safer year-round**, and serve our growing community's needs for the next 50 years...all for about **\$5 per month** over the 20 years of financing for the average homeowner. **And the current cost of \$9.3 million will only go up if we delay!**

**See page 2 for details on why the new Shared Vehicle Maintenance Facility will help keep Windham on a roll. Come out to vote on November 7<sup>TH</sup>.**



## The current Windham Maintenance Facility is a **PROBLEM.**

**PROBLEM: Inadequate maintenance space** means inefficient, longer repair times, and delays getting vehicles and equipment back in service.

**PROBLEM: Lack of a wash bay** wastes time and money washing somewhere else, reduces vehicle reliability due to corrosion, and leads to premature and costly equipment repairs and replacements.

**PROBLEM: Inadequate storage space** increases costs and time to complete maintenance and repairs. Some equipment and materials must be stored outdoors, which reduces life and increases risk of loss. And undersized fuel tanks hamper emergency operations and limit bulk purchasing discounts.

**PROBLEM: Inadequate work space** for meetings, lunch room, lockers and changing space, and no showers to clean up.

**PROBLEM: Piecemeal site design** lacks bus or driver parking, creates conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians, and between public works, school, vendor, and public traffic.

**PROBLEM: Limited stormwater treatment** negatively affects operations.

## The new Shared Vehicle Maintenance Facility is the **SOLUTION.**

Windham residents will enjoy improved response time to winter storms and better road conditions—which means fewer accidents and injuries, and less wear on your car.

**The wash bay alone will reduce equipment corrosion**, increasing reliability by more than 10% and useful life and trade-in values by 20%, while reducing premature repairs, downtime, lost value, and risk by at least \$150,000 per year.

**Better design** will yield collaboration efficiencies, and improve safety by separating public works, school, and public traffic.

**Improved energy efficiency** will reduce utility and fuel bills for heating, cooling and lighting.

**Environmentally sound site design & indoor wash bay** will protect the Pleasant River and improve efficiencies.

**It will practically pay for itself:** The estimated cost is \$9.3 million, but the facility could save as much as \$8 million over the facility's 50-year lifecycle in reduced expenses, avoided costs, and increased efficiencies.\*

The new shared facility will save at least \$3 million over the 20 years of financing...and the cost to the average homeowner will be about \$5 per month.

**The proposed new facility is endorsed by both the RSU 14 School Board and Windham Town Council. But the opinion that really counts is yours. We urge you to get the facts, talk to your Town Councilors and School Board members, then be sure to vote on November 7<sup>TH</sup>!**  
**For more information, please visit [WindhamMaine.us/597/Maintenance-Facility](http://WindhamMaine.us/597/Maintenance-Facility).**

\*Based on an April, 2015, report prepared by the Western Transportation Institute at Montana State University and published by the Minnesota Department of Transportation.