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## **Meeting to address proposed County Maintenance Center** *Public Works looking to consolidate, relocate to Cathcart Landfill property*

Snohomish County Public Works will host a public meeting on Tuesday, June 22 to discuss the proposed Public Works Maintenance Center. The meeting will take place from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Horseshoe Grange Hall at 16428 Broadway, east of SR 9 in the Cathcart area. Residents will have a chance to hear more about the proposed Maintenance Center; look at maps, graphics and other displays; and discuss the project with County staff.

The County currently operates three road maintenance facilities, which are located at Arlington, Snohomish and Paine Field (Everett). The County is proposing to relocate two of these facilities (Snohomish and Paine Field) to a new combined, centrally located maintenance facility at its Cathcart and Regional Landfill (CARL) property. The 536-acre CARL property is located northwest of the intersection of Cathcart Way and SR 9.

The new Center will be built on approximately 27 acres in the southeastern portion of the CARL property.

The proposed Maintenance Center will include the following:

- A new maintenance shop for County vehicles and heavy equipment;
- Outdoor and covered parking for Public Works vehicles and heavy equipment;
- New offices for Solid Waste and Road Maintenance personnel;
- Outdoor storage yards for rock, sand, gravel and other road construction materials;
- A laboratory for testing road construction materials;
- A traffic signal maintenance shop
- Public Works records storage; and
- A new access and intersection on Cathcart Way near 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE.

The County is also proposing to relocate some Sheriff's facilities to the CARL site as part of the Maintenance Center project. A Sheriff's indoor firing range/training facility and a yard for impounded vehicles will be included as part of the project. Site planning for the Center allows for possible relocation of the Mill Creek Sheriff's precinct office to the CARL site in the future.

The proposed Maintenance Center will be located around other Public Works facilities presently located on the CARL property, including the closed Cathcart Landfill and

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Temporary Transfer Station. Some existing facilities will be moved and their function incorporated in the Maintenance Center. The closed landfill will not be affected by the proposed Maintenance Center.

“The new Center will replace two outdated Road Maintenance facilities that are beyond economic repair with a new facility that consolidates crews and provides for more efficient and effective maintenance operations,” says Steve Dickson, Assistant to the Public Works Director.

In 2003, Cathcart Way was completed, extending 132<sup>nd</sup> Street SE through to SR 9, along the southern edge of the CARL property to provide a much-needed east-west arterial.

The County’s architect for the project, Carter & Burgess Inc., will present preliminary design plans at the June 22 public meeting. Public input on these plans will help the County fine-tune the project design. The schematic design for the facility will be completed this summer and a Conditional Use Permit, which includes a public hearing process, will follow in late '04 and early '05. Environmental review is underway and will continue through 2005. Construction is tentatively scheduled for 2005-2007

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