



Two local bond referenda are on the ballot for Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in order to fund critical repairs to roads and school buildings. These projects are an essential part of Middletown's long-term capital improvement plan. Improvements to town infrastructure will increase property values and aid in promoting economic development. Renovations to school facilities will foster a healthy learning environment for students and teachers. Both projects will contribute to a better quality of life for residents.

### How will the bond be repaid? How will it affect my taxes? What about maintenance once the projects are completed?

The bonds will be repaid over a 20-year period at no additional increase to taxpayers, with debt service payments coming out of current property tax revenues. The improvements to school facilities, once completed, qualify for a substantial reimbursement (up to 40% of the cost including interest expense) from the RI Department of Education Housing Aid Program. This reimbursement will be used by the Town to repay the debt service payment on the \$10 million loan for school renovations. Using bond money to rebuild our schools and roads will also free up money in the Capital Improvement Program and in the regular operating budget to address on-going and future maintenance issues for facilities and infrastructure.

## 8 Local Question 8 Road Improvement \$5.0M

The Department of Public Works assesses the condition of town roads on a regular basis, creating a Road Condition Index (RCI). This inventory scores each road based on physical conditions and defects. Roads are categorized as BEST (75-100), GOOD (50-74), FAIR (25-49) and POOR (0-24). Approximately 10% of all roads are identified as being POOR. But the current annual operating budget only covers the maintenance of roads that are in fair or good condition. Additional funds are needed to replace roads that are in poor or failed condition. The bond money would be used to replace these 36 roads over the next five years, beginning in 2017.

## 9 Local Question 9 School Renovation \$10.0M

In order to promote the health and safety of our students, Middletown Public School Administration hired RGB architectural consultants to complete a comprehensive facilities analysis (mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection engineers). Several improvements were recommended in order to bring existing school facilities into compliance with code and to maximize current facilities use and allocation. Renovations include accessibility, building enclosure, ventilation, hazardous material abatement, and security components. Over a five year period, work will be completed at all four school buildings on roofs, windows, doors, flooring, HVAC systems, and parking areas.

## Why is the Road Improvement Bond referred to as the "Red Road Bond"?

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The data collected from the Road Condition Index (RCI) was uploaded into the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS) and used to create a color-coded map of Middletown that shows the four categories of roads (Best, Good, Fair and Poor). Roads in 'poor' condition are depicted on this map in red. The timeline for road replacement will be driven by the completion of other repairs and projects that involve utilities, including Newport Water and Town Sewer. A replaced road lasts 20-25 years. Additional information including the Road Condition Index, the color-coded Road Map, and bond cost schedules is available on the Town website at <http://www.middletownri.com/bond>.

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## Why are we renovating school buildings now?

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Renovation of existing buildings is more cost-effective than replacing them. The current facilities are in need of critical upgrades, but the improvements will extend the useful life of the schools for at least another 25-30 years. The priority projects include roof, window and door replacement at all four buildings, improved ventilation systems and hazardous materials abatements at all buildings, paving, and re-configuring the entrances at Aquidneck and Gaudet schools in order to improve accessibility and security. The projects will be staged over five years (2017-2021), with the work scheduled over summer vacations so there will be minimal impact to school operations. Additional information including bond cost schedules are available on the School Department website at <http://www.mpsri.net/bond2016>.

### Estimated investment

(in \$ millions)

