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001	9/27/2021	Forest Shomer		ziraat@olympus.net	email	The popular trees are brittle, short lived, roots disrupt sidewalks and paved areas and no wildlife value. A good match is the Shore Pine
002	9/28/2021	Craig			Voice Mail	Expressed passionate discontent with tree removal
003	9/28/2021	Karen Rudd		karenenerudd@gmail.com	email	Please put trees between car lane and bike/sidewalk lanes.
004	9/16/2021	Nancy Erreca		nerreca@aol.com	website	The project is not needed, housing is needed.
	9/28/2021	Keith Emry			Facebook	Fix the roads first
	9/28/2021	Walter McQuillen			Facebook	Fixing Lawrence street should have priority. How about something for the people that live here not the ones coming to visit
	9/28/2021	Richard Hefley			Facebook	please please please do soil tests before planting; make sure the new trees have room to grow and are the right plant for the right place. Please do not leave this in the hands of out-of-town landscape architects who, though I have great respect for many, are not always very knowledgeable about trees (beyond their aesthetic properties).
	9/28/2021	Fredrich Bonbast			Facebook	Lawrence is fine. the roads in my neighborhood look like iraq, except when it rains. then they look like iraq in a flood.
	9/28/2021	Walter McQuillen			Facebook	Friedrich Bombast I picked Lawrence because it's a major street that many use.
	9/28/2021	Robert Jaye			Facebook	Wow, looks like the city has abandoned reasonable setbacks and their importance for maintaining the city's character. The concept picture shows maybe 15 feet from the road. Nice way to say welcome to PT.
	9/28/2021	Sarah Smith			Facebook	What exactly is wrong with the poplars? Why are they Not environmentally friendly?
	9/28/2021	Russell Hansen			Facebook	Walter McQuillen thank you !
	9/28/2021	Sarah Ludlum-Wisehart			Facebook	Friedrich Bombast YES!!! All the roads in Uptown need to be fixed!!! This project is ridiculous!
	9/28/2021	David Crozier			Facebook	Cant really believe anyone thinks moving the boat yard boundary closer to the street is more eye appealing than the current situation. This has to be the most unpopular city council project yet.
	9/28/2021	Gus Sebastian			Facebook	I think Boat Haven adds good character to PT. Its pretty cool seeing it when you come down the S curves. Its a major part of the history of this town. "A Victorian Seaport" Many local folks utilize the boatyard not only as a means of employment but recreationally. I support this idea. If you have ever looked up at those trees in big wind you might be concerned. Yes fix the roads, yes fix everything, but please don't complain about an idea that could grow a industry in PT.
	9/29/2021	Fredrich Bombast			Facebook	Walter McQuillen i get that. but i walk a lot of neighborhoods, and many of the out-of-the way streets aren't even streets anymore. at least Lawrence doesn't have massive potholes and washouts. i once asked a city guy about the street in front of our house, which is broken asphalt and gravel undercoat, and he said the cost to repair it would be about the annual street repair budget for the whole city. "improvement projects," though, are sexier.
	9/29/2021	Timothy Stone			Facebook	More gentrification, plz?
	9/29/2021	Richard Hefley			Facebook	Sarah Smith they are wonderful trees but at this stage of their lifespan they are falling apart in high winds. It's a busy road with power lines so there is a reasonable likelihood that a tree failure (usually large sections of these trees break out like icebergs off a glacier) can cause damage and even injury. They have a few other issues as well. They send up suckers, new trees from the roots, a great distance from the original tree. They are beloved by aphids. They also produce a lot of pollen which a number of people are allergic to. While I have always admired this allee, it is time to plan for the future; replace these with something new and (hopefully) native trees and shrubs, something to take us the next 100 years.
	9/29/2021	James Schultz			Facebook	Plant pot on the roadway! Pot Townsend rides again.
	9/29/2021	Stephen Hall			Facebook	Very low on the priority list for the city. Putting utilities underground is a nice goal. Roads repairs and replacement is much higher on the list. Just not as sexy on the council resume.

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005	9/29/2021	Rachel Ganapoler		rachelganapoler@gmail.com	email	The trees.. while they are not indigenous to the area... have stood 30 years, and have graced the entrance of our town with their beauty. I think it's a terrible idea to remove them under any circumstances... certainly there are other solutions for underground lines...and does the port really have to expand a few feet.. ?
006	9/29/2021	Meg Lodes		meg_lodes@msn.com	email	In support of removing of removing trees, shrubs and grass that might cause raging wildfires
007	10/13/2021	Dori Bailey		BAILEY_0611@YAHOO.COM	email	The money should be spent for the homeless. Trees are important no matter what type of wildlife or birds or whatever how's them why is the city always trying to remove either animals or trees.
008	10/17/2021	Joni Blanchard		jonijobone@hotmail.com	email	Replanting the Poplars makes sense but stick to the 1993 study. There are benefits to the poplars.
09	10/19/2021	Joni Blanchard		jonijobone@hotmail.com	email	Attached the 1993 Gateway Development Plan recommend read page 14
010	10/11/2021	O'Neill Louchard		oneill@olympus.net	email	Thoughtful planted in needed, mixed species array.
011	10/7/2021	Joni Blanchard			email	A professional tree person should be consulted about trees and their impacts. Save the yellow lupine.
012	10/19/2021	Dixie Llewellyn		dixie@cablespeed.com	email	Have been designing jurisdictional mitigation projects since 1995 and happy to join the planning committee.
013	10/19/2021	Dixie Llewellyn		dixie@cablespeed.com	email	Has there been a soil analysis, makes all the difference in the world for tree survival
014	10/27/2021	Julie Jaman		jjamubi@gmail.com	email	take into consideration all the functions that the poplars provide, including the impressive beauty. Please keep me informed of when the public meeting will be held concerning this issue.
015	11/4/2021	Joni Blanchard		jonijobone@hotmail.com	email	Shore Pines, Evergreens, and, Madronas would not work along the boatyard side of the road (as has been recommended). TREES! Dioecious (only one sexed trees) female trees only - they don't pollinate. We should replace (if we must remove all the Poplars) with more young Poplars.
016	11/8/2021	Larry Eifert		larryeifert@gmail.com	email	But I'm also hoping you'll see that killing 130 poplars for some vague ideas is also going to tear this community apart. It already has if you read social media. And once a government loses their respect from the people they govern, it loses its ability to govern. You'd be heroes to just let this plan to be focused to support the trees, not senselessly kill them.
017	11/7/2021	Joni Blanchard		jonijobone@hotmail.com	email	Madrona tunnel coming into town beyond Mill Road. I'm not advocating what-so-ever those trees get wiped out, but, seriously - maintenance IS so important and has obviously been neglected along that dangerous stretch of trees. The living healthy Madronas stand firm at their precarious looking angles, so, please don't touch those!!
018	11/7/2021	Karen Anderson		karenlanderson736@gmail.com	email	What would the design of the expanded boatyard entail? How would it translate into jobs, specifically? There is no relationship between the tree removal on the south side of Sims and the north side of Sims due to public safety. These should be analyzed as two different options. Enhanced accessibility to the boatyard - It is not clear what this means. The proposal to have a narrow sidewalk adjacent to a block wall with a small landscape strip adjacent to the street is unacceptable and does not appear to conform to the 1993 Gateway Development Plan concept for Sims. I would prefer to see a more natural edge to Sims. I support the planting of native species.
019	11/9/2021	Charles Law		clawthree@gmail.com	email	full-sized [fruit] trees will sequester between 220 and 260 pounds [of CO2] annually. acre-sized apple orchard can fix as much as 20 tons of CO2 from the air each season, while it releases 15 tons of oxygen, and provides over 5 billion BTUs of cooling power. The idea of discharging CO2 into the atmosphere from destruction of hundreds of trees should be considered.

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020	11/9/2021	Joan Fabian		fabianily@gmail.com	email	<p>1) native species are likely to suffer or not adapt to climate change. What species will thrive in the Sandy soil on the boatyard side? Special consideration should be made that irrigation or lack of water in our microclimate as well as sea water intrusion need be studied.</p> <p>2) Can the trees be removed only on the boat yard side and leave the others on the lagoon side and experiment with heavy trimming of existent trees on the lagoon side.</p> <p>3) Lombardy poplar do thrive after extreme cutting. Please look into it.</p> <p>Perhaps this use of wood could be considered an opportunity to offset tree replacement budget or establish a viable long range green belt? Or ongoing trash collection as a lot blows over from the boat yard and is rarely cleaned up.</p> <p>4) poplar wood is the wood used specifically in the making of wooden shoes in the Netherlands.</p>
021	9/27/2021	Forest Shomer		ziraat@olympus.net	email	If more people know about the allergenic downside of poplars and birches (the latter being one of the four most common trees planted here around 40-50 years ago), some may change their minds about wanting to retain the poplars, and also help swing the public toward a more diverse and 'cleaner' urban forest. Something like 20% of the general population has strong reactions with allergenic trees—and don't even realize that.
022	11/2/2021	Andrea Heland		rubymaxlily@gmail.com	email	There is no problem to fix here. Have you seen the condition of our roads? Plenty of work there.
023	11/17/2021	Fred Weinmann		fweinmann@cablespeed.com	email	A city is not a natural area preserve and should not be thought of as such. I believe we should be looking for something attractive as an entrance to downtown. One suggestion would be flowering cherry trees.
024	11/19/2021	Julie Jaman		jjamubi@gmail.com	email	The City administration, the Port and the PUD are proceeding with a capital project that does not reflect the vision, goal statements or policies in the Port Townsend Comprehensive Plan, Tree Conservation Chapter 19.06, the Gateway Development Plan, the Strategic Plan 2019-2022, the Port Townsend Urban Forestry - Trees In The ROW and Brochure, the Parks and Recreation Functional Plan. It is unknown if the PUD or Port have followed planning policy with their part of the project including permitting for commercial expansion that may involve chemical pollution of water and air. Do not cut trees in December.
025	12/1/2021	Steve Mader		stevefmader77@gmail.com	email	I totally and completely support the Sims Way and Boat Yard Expansion Project as described on the City's website
026	12/9/2021	Tom Myers		tommymyers393@gmail.com	email	Go for it! Plant native trees that FIT! Avoid "straight lines" if at all possible. https://www.arboday.org/trees/righttreeandplace/
027	12/10/2021	Linda Tilley		artbytilley.com lindatilley44@gmail.com	email	It just simply seems like the wrong time to invest the money in this project when so many of Port Townsend's roads are falling apart as well as other infrastructure issues.
028	12/13/2021	anonymous		butterfly@olypen.com	engagept	Why does the Port have to expand toward Sims Way when there's not enough land there to put any boats? Why do the many have to pay for something that will only benefit the few?
029	12/12/2021	Russell Hill		rhill3795@gmail.com	email	If care is taken by the design team to strategically re-plant replacement trees, and incorporate other items to enhance the arrival experience in PT, folks will get over it much sooner. I believe a couple of these pieces of equipment (and maybe a couple more sprinkled along the Larry Scott trail near the Boatyard) would provide a great "personal experience" and would promote more use of the new walk path. I would imagine the maintenance costs of this type of equipment would be minimal, but perhaps worthy of inquiry to justify. https://playworld.com/fitness-wellness/lifetrail#gref
030	12/10/2021	Steven Yanoff		syanof@yahoo.com	email	I support the new "gateway" vision including poplar tree removal/replacement. I wonder if some of the native species of Kah Tai can be seen as a model for re-vegetating this section. With careful landscaping they could be attractive as well as beneficial to our region's wildlife and ecology, such as madrones, maples, bitter cherry, willows, and various shrubs and grasses (unfortunately there are non-native species there as well).

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031	12/9/2021	Andrea Hegland		rubymaxlily@gmail.com	email	Who is proposing to remove the trees on the south side of Sims Way? When are you proposing to do this? What permits will you be securing? When will you be securing permits? Will you be conducting environmental review.
032	12/6/2021	Julie Jaman		jjamubi@gmail.com	email	An environmental impact statement would provide the community an opportunity to review the project more in depth allowing provision for information and alternatives not yet considered. The particulars about chemical fumes and dust are needed in order to make a community friendly plan. At a minimum, there should be at least three landscape design options . Sketches/concepts, one with re-planted poplars, should be provided for public input with consideration given to attributes i.e. functions, costs and overall design and aesthetics. Recognizing topographical opportunities and retaining existing vegetation are beginning points for good design." Look in the adopted Gateway Development Plan, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Parks, Recreation and Tree Functional Plan. The community has supplied vision and guidance for our small town aesthetics as we proceed into the future.
033	12/7/2021	Andrea Heland		rubymaxlily@gmail.com	email	At a time when we need to be healing, you are tearing out this community's soul so the Marine Trades and Port can make more money.
034	11/22/2021	Charles Law		clawthree@gmail.com	email	We need to start considering which species are most likely not to die off due to our climatically uncertain future. i.e.: good at adapting to the heat and cold, the floods and powerful winds that are coming. According to studies, the most important trees for carbon sequestration are in large, mature forests, not young urban trees, street trees etc.
035	12/14/2021	Steven Yanoff		svanof@yahoo.com	email	I support the multi-agency plan. I would like to see it revegetated/landscaped to relate to our Pacific Northwest natural heritage, and proximity to Kah Tai lagoon and the shoreline.
036	12/15/2021	Karta John Miller		susanmiller@olympus.net	engagept	Regarding the poplars on Sim's Way. Why not, the city of Port Townsend buy that 20 acres and trade it to the port for Sim's Way frontage and it's win-win for all.
037	12/15/2021	Steven Yanoff		svanof@yahoo.com	email	I listened to the December 15 discussion about the Sims Gateway live on KPTZ. Thanks to everyone for doing this, it is a good project. Eron Berg recounted a conversation in his breakout group about using this as an opportunity to consider ways to improve the health of the local ecosystem, specifically rejoining Kah Tai with Townsend Bay through an active estuarine connection.
038	12/30/2021	Val Johnstone		valjohnstone@aol.com	engagept	Recommend: Acer Rubrum "Columnare" Red Maple
039	12/21/2021	Kathy Knoblock		toddk@msn.com	email	I am angry about the decision to remove the poplar trees from Sims Way. I am angry because of the reasons given, and the lack of communication of a plan to replace the trees. So of course, we are letting them expand. Why aren't we requiring them to expand safely?
040	1/13/2022	Debbie Jahnke		dbjahnke@att.net	email	Comments on information provided to public
041	2/12/2022	Cliff Moore		meamoore@comcast.net	email	consider this idea: take the trees on the Port side, but on the Kai Tai side, take one third of the trees and replant with native species. In five years, take another one third of the trees and again replant with native species. Five years later, take the final one third.
042	2/14/2022	Patti Hoyecki		phoyecki@yahoo.com	email	supportive of the poplar tree removal and have participated in the virtual meetings, listened in on the radio. I write to nominate a tree type for planting if that becomes part of city/group efforts now and in the future. The Western Red Cedar is native, long lived, well suited for that soil type and our weather.
043	2/14/2022	Joni Blanchard		lonijobone@hotmail.com	engagept	Where is the Long Term Tree Management Plan? What are the plans for the cut trees? Who does one become a stakeholder? Reconsiderwiping out the Kah Tai Poplars.
044	2/15/2022	Gail Workman		marksyounglady@gmail.com	engagept	Have you seen the gigantic poplar on San Juan that fell apart? It will be much cheaper to cut these poplar trees now than later when they are much bigger, rotting from the inside, and posing a serious hazard. The sooner we get started planting trees that are appropriate for our area, the sooner those trees will mature into their full beauty.

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045	2/18/2022	Richard and MaryAnn Moore		ptmoores1@q.com	email	We are forwarding this Zoom educational webinar opportunity that we will be attending next week.
046	2/22/2022	Johnny	Ms Johnson's eighth grade class		mail	The hearts on the poplars comment
047	2/22/2022	Robin Jahnke			public comment	Stormwater drainage needs to be developed
048	3/6/2022	George Randels		gr321@olympen.com	email	Remove poplars on port side but leave trees on lagoon side.
049	3/8/2022	Mary Elayne Dunphy		medunphy@comcast.ne	email	I urge you to insure more dedicated care for the existing trees and preserve this iconic landscape.
050	3/20/2022	Joni Blanchard		ionijobone@hotmail.com	email	Clarification of accessment report: poplars would not likely be killed if trenching done by Port fence line, safe option if heavy equipment stayed off of the main roots closer to tree on the Port side.
051	3/21/2022	Linda Lebrane		lebranemusic@yahoo.com	engagept	Save the poplars
052	3/14/2022	Kelly Drake		kellydrake22@gmail.com	engagept	I wonder if it would be possible to bury the power lines without removing the trees? One more question is how does the boatyard expand if you're just replanting new trees?
053	12/13/2021	anonymous		krdmps@hotmail.com	engagept	How will the City of Port Townsend protect the vital industry that is the heartbeat of this town?
054	4/6/2022	Brent Vadopalas		brent@vadopalas.org	engagept	It is not logical to both remove trees and underground the power lines. illogical to expand the boatyard before tackling these serious environmental issues. The public infrastructure grant could be spent in a more productive way than the proposed gateway project.
055	5/2/2022	Andrea Hegland	Gateway Poplar Alliance	info@poplaralliance.org	engagept	Provided a copy of the April 23, 2022 Gateway Alliance Slideshow along with comments that the project can be done without cutting down the poplars, the city has no economic analysis for cutting the trees, the parks board is the public forum, the city has arranged the parks board to be in favor of removal of the poplars, the stakeholder committee is in favor or removal of the poplars, the city has always intended to remove the poplars and the public process is not transparent.
056	5/5/2022	?	Gateway Poplar Alliance	info@poplaralliance.org	engagept	Can you clarify the purpose for the stakeholder committee and defined scope of work.
057	5/7/2022		Gateway Poplar Alliance	info@poplaralliance.org	engagept	It appears that the 9 member Stakeholder Committee that is supposed to have an open mind about our Gateway Poplars already has a predetermined bias against the Poplars. A majority are already on record to cut our community trees down. The City's website still says that one of the project goals is to cut the trees down. · Replacement of Lombardy poplars, an emerging and eventual need for the City The Port informed us that the selection process for the Stakeholder Committee was an open one, available to the general public. We were also told that all options were on the table. We subsequently requested copies and/or documentation of that notification to the general public for this committee formation...and the City was unable to provide us with any announcement for openings that was made available to the general public. The Stakeholder Committee members appear to have been hand picked and with an existing bias against our poplars. The Parks Board was able to choose 4 of the 9 members, and the City indicated from the outset that the Admiralty Audubon would be invited. The Port was guaranteed a spot as well. The general public was not allowed to serve on this hand-picked committee, which has been stacked with anti-poplar votes. We expect our elected officials to engage in truly democratic.
058	5/16/2022	Vicki Legman		vickilegman@gmail.com	email	Thank you. Been doing some reading and poplars are short lived trees. They're beautiful, but removal seems to, sadly, make sense.
059	2/19/2022	Robin Ornelas			public comment	Please preserve the poplars. They are one of the reasons that I wanted to move to Port Townsend.
060	2/19/2022	Darlene Schanfal		darlenes@olympus.net	public comment	I am disappointed that the City staff proposes to remove the Poplars on Sims Way. Those older and still healthy trees add character and a beauty to the area, which otherwise looks totally industrial. If the height is a problem, a trim is sufficient. Why would you even spend City funds on an unnecessary project when they can be put elsewhere? Please leave the trees alone.

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061	2/20/2022	Larry Eifert		larryeifert.com	public comment	How is the city, county and port going to take care of what they have been entrusted with? Will they take the easy way out and cut the trees, cutting a riff through the town that will maybe not be repairable? Will you help make it look like a strip mall by planting more Mall-Ready trees that look like every other place in America? Will people like Nancy and I drift away from here to be replaced by Mall-Ready home buyers?
062	2/20/2022	Melinda Bryden			public comment	I just wanted the City of Port Townsend to know that my husband, Ron Hayes, and I support cutting down the Poplar trees along Sims Way. It makes economic sense. As relatively long term residents (1999), we would like the City to know that it has our support.
063	2/20/2022	Rachel Ganapoler			public comment	I'm opposed to your plans for cutting the beautiful trees lining the gateway to our town.. they should be maintained, not destroyed! This plan is short sighted and that money could be spent elsewhere.. I'm sure you can come up with another worthless round about.. or you could fill pot holes or try to beautify the town by maintaining the existing trees.. ya know.. like the ones that were removed on main street . Yes, I'm pissed at your decision.. we want the trees to stay.. those trees!!
064	2/20/2022	Lois Venarchick			public comment	The poplar trees along Sims Way literally transformed my life with their beauty, color and most importantly, the calming, I can breathe, peaceful way into town. Although you might dismiss this comment thinking it just too out there; I have driven into PT most of my adult life on a near daily basis. Nothing removed the stress I feel, and the beauty I see, than these two rows of stately poplar trees. I can only imagine the feelings they evoke in visitors and newcomers alike. In addition Port Townsend, " use it up, wear it out, fix it up or do without. " Stop spending money on things not needing to be done, directly contributing to the unaffordable town we are becoming. Save the trees!
065	2/21/2022	Sheri Suryan		smithsuryan@gmail.com	public comment	Please don't cut these beautiful trees down! They are such a welcoming sight as people drive into Port Townsend. They block wind from the sea and provide shade to Khai Tai Lagoon for fish and other wildlife. Sadly no other trees will grow to that extent in my lifetime. It would be such a shame to cut them down. What a void there will be and will be permanently! It's not worth high speed internet to kill these trees! Please rethink other possibilities and let them survive!!
066	5/22/2022	Laura Snodgrass		laurafound@yahoo.com	engagept	I just want my opinion to be heard. I know you have heard all of the arguments for and against. Please do not cut down the poplars.
067	5/20/2022	Mark McCauley		mmccauley@co.jefferson.wa.us	email	Looking out off my deck just now - from the hill between the hospital and Safeway - removing the poplars is going to substantially alter my view and not for the better. My view is world class and one reason the house is valued so highly. I won't oppose the plan but thought you might want to hear an unvarnished opinion from an interested resident who will adversely impacted by the current plan. I love the poplars as does my wife.
068	5/25/2022	Kaci Cronkhite		kacicronkhite@gmail.com	engagept	I support the Port's boatyard expansion and PUD under grounding of power lines. However, I also support saving the poplar trees. Those poplar trees have proven time and again how resilient they are... through negligence, drought, floods, boatyard toxins, highway toxins, brackish mingling with Kai Tai lagoon, and when PUD has chopped them down to stumps on the boatyard side of the road across from Safeway. They're tough as well as iconic. How much water are the trees currently drinking? When they're gone, where will the water go? Will the new trees and surfaces manage water and mitigate toxins as well? Will new trees be so hardy? At what comparable budget? IF you must remove poplars from the Port side of the road, at least keep the ones on the Kai Tai side and use the money for improved maintenance: thinning, pruning, root barriers. Lastly, please ensure that all new surfaces and landscaping maintains or improves the environmental impacts of poplar removal: No concrete, no plastic, just green space and plantings that would parallel the work of those trees.

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069	5/26/2022	Lisa Flores		laflores99@yahoo.com	engagept	I am among the many who have lived here in Port Townsend for more than 40 years. I love the entry to our town. There is no valid reason to cut down these beautiful specimens. I have read all of the opinions. Perhaps there is a danger ... as in anything else of any validity in the world. I am also a climate refugee from the California Wildfires, where we lost ALL of our trees to the deadly devastation,,,,, we had no choice in the matter. Here you have a choice. Use it wisely.