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Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 4:50 PM
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Cc: Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Blocker, Keith; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Ushka, Catherine; Walker, Kristina; Diaz, Olgy; Daniels, Kiara; Bushnell, Joe; steve storms; darren@natedailynetwork.org; stacyoaks425@gmail.com; Rebecca Stith; Sean Arent; Yvonne McCarty; Donna Thompson; BARBARA CHURCH; City Clerk's Office; bill.sterud@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov; williamkupinse@gmail.com; CarlS@pscleanair.gov; Michelle Mood; Oneida; lespoguejr@gmail.com; Gemini Gnull; Marilyn Kimmerling; Twylia Westling; christine.cooley@cleanairpugetsound.net
Subject: Re: Record LU22-0197 City permitted for PSE LNG barging infrastructure without public review, despite repeated city claims that public review is necessary.

Please add this communication to the public record

City staff stated publicly, in writing, that an SEIS for PSE LNG is warranted when there is an INCREASE in scope.

City insisted that because the TOTE dock was not usable for barges and because the Hylebos Dock was scrapped due to lawsuit by the Puyallup Tribe, the scope was *decreased* and therefor NO SEIS was warranted.

NOW we see city has dramatically INCREASED scope with the permitting of the TOTE dock for barging.

From the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency LNG SEIS on greenhouse gas, we know that up to 74% of all that LNG is planned to be barged.

We know these barges need Coast Guard protection. We also know these barges would travel past dense populations along the shores of the Salish Sea.

- When will the city start the SEIS process on PSE LNG *due to this new massive increase in scope*?
- Have any of these communities along the gas route been alerted and informed?
- Who is financially liable for the costs due to Coast Guard protection?
- If your are deciding to ignore city's own written public statements and continue to refuse a proper SEIS - clearly warranted according to the city due to INCREASE in scope - what is the public's recourse to such malfeasance?
- Despite the city's declaration of a Climate Emergency, any and all fossil fuel expansions are permitted and approved. What was/is the purpose of the Climate Emergency declaration?
Emergency definition: **a serious and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action.**
- Who at the city is responsible to answer questions such as these and what is the time frame?
- I am signed up to city's SEPA notification list, but notification is simply not happening. How do you plan to remedy such oversight?

From city webpage on Puget Sound Energy LNG refinery:

Will the City Be Issuing an SEIS?

The City has received several requests to require a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) based upon the change in scope of the PSE LNG proposal. In short, PSE modified its own proposal through a stipulation filed with the Shorelines Hearings Board which removed the proposed work in the Hylebos Waterway—other than outfall maintenance, shoreline maintenance, and structure removal. (*See FAQ “What is Included in the Shoreline Permitting” for more information.)

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Subsequent to the Shorelines Hearings Board’s decision, the City asked for clarification from PSE related to the change in scope, in order to address continued concerns that PSE would be increasing activity in the Blair Waterway, and increasing truck traffic to distribute the LNG to additional customers.

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PSE provided a clarifying response. In summary, the infrastructure in the Blair Waterway is unique to the design of the TOTE ships and cannot be used for other ships or for bunker barges. Further, no additional truck traffic other than that described/analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will take place from the PSE site.

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In summary, changes in the PSE project scope have been reductions. SEIS are warranted when there are increases in scope or changes which would otherwise substantially affect the analysis in the FEIS. No such changes have taken place to date.

Claudia Riedener

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From: Vanna Sing <253thac@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 5:41 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Barbara Church
Subject: PSE expansion w.o public input

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- **Vanna Sing**
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- **The City lied** to concerned residents both in writing (and verbally in meetings) by not following through with its promises six years ago when they wrote: *"However, it is recognized by all parties that additional shoreline permitting and **public review**, as well as additional review by the Coast Guard (which has authority over vessels) would be required."* This is still posted on the City of Tacoma Website, under the [Frequently Asked Questions Prior to July 24, 2018](#) . This same promise was made in a letter from Peter Huffman to TC Broadnax (City Manager) on 1/4/2017 (see attachment).

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Edwin Allen Jr

What other permits or reviews will be required (and by who) for the increase of marine vessel fueling, bunker barge loading, in-water fuel transferring, etc. as a result of the new fueling infrastructure that is enabled by this approved Shoreline Permit? Please provide the specific agencies, type of permit/review, and points of contact for these agencies

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December 12, 2023
Carole Sue Braaten

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I am Requesting that the Jacoma Council
Extend the closing date for Seaport
Sound Plant Modernization Project - Final
Environmental Impact Statement ^{FIS} for
at least 4 months if not 6 months.

The document was put out in email on
Dec 4. I like many people do not check

my email daily received the document
725 pgs long on Dec 7, used the phone number
in the document to request a hard copy to read, the
contact number is wrong.

~~represent to~~ The Jacoma Council, ~~city~~ person Citizen
they represent and others with a normal
life can possible full read, look up
all laws, all the maps and other
information in the 10 days given to review
the document.

- 1 Everyone needs a hard copy in paper
not on line of a 725 page document
- 2 There a 74 abbreviation that readers
are ~~are~~ expected to remember while
reading the document.

- 3 One map shows the City of Jacoma
Pump Station owned by TPLU as
part of Seaport Sound properties
2916 Marien View Drive Jacoma.

- 4 The Geological Hazard Maps are layered one
on top of another. The document states that
there are no Landslide Hazards on the property but
directly across the street from 54 massive
petroleum ^{and other} products above ground tanks the Browns Point
hill rises 415 ft high and is a Landslide hazard

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Carol Sue Brosten

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5 All laws shown are not shown completely but describe by the Company doing the FEIS

6 The Seaport Second Plant Modernization Final Environmental Impact Statement ^{surround} ~~area~~ ^{mile} ~~of~~ ^{people} ~~people~~ ~~the~~ impacted and the FEIS should be the Second Draft Seaport Second Plant Modernization Environmental Impact Statement and should NOT be closed as the Final and Last Public Comment ~~time~~.

The impacts are far and vast and 10 days is not sufficient time for comments. Most was done during Covid-19 shutdown

PSE LNG - Revision Expansion
A New Environmental Impact State is Required by state law and there are no Revisions allowed by state law after 2015 PSE FEIS closed

Tacoma Council Meeting

Dec 12, 2023

To Council

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I am Qualified for the
City of Tacoma
Natural Resources Biologist
Regulatory Compliance Analyst

position I am a former T.P.U.
employee hire me at my 1989
wages or nothing allow me
to help the Tacoma Council

Thank You

Natural
Resource
Biologist
Regulatory
Compliance
Analyst

30 by 2030

we hope you will remember we
the ones who speak in poetry
our way to rhyme priority
on our need for tree canopy

30% by 2 thousand thirty
is what we all want it to be
yet our actions are needlessly
lacking the means to make it be

as you know from your past meetings
we are receiving strong greetings
to our petition asking you
to take the actions we must do

of the plus thousand so far signed
steadfastly, all are of one mind
do what you all know beneficial
as our elected official

yes to TMC 9.20
step one to fix our canopy
step two? fund new trees aplenty
to reach 30 by 2030

Tom Giske
12/12/2023
PUBLIC
COMMENT



three, give your staff what they need
to execute the plan you've agreed
four, protect each heritage tree
set by TMC 9.20

five, let home in Tacoma lead
higher tree density decreed
as companion to HiT
set a minimum canopy

six, create the tree commission
as agreed in your plan's mission
and seven, give incentive
to business to let trees live

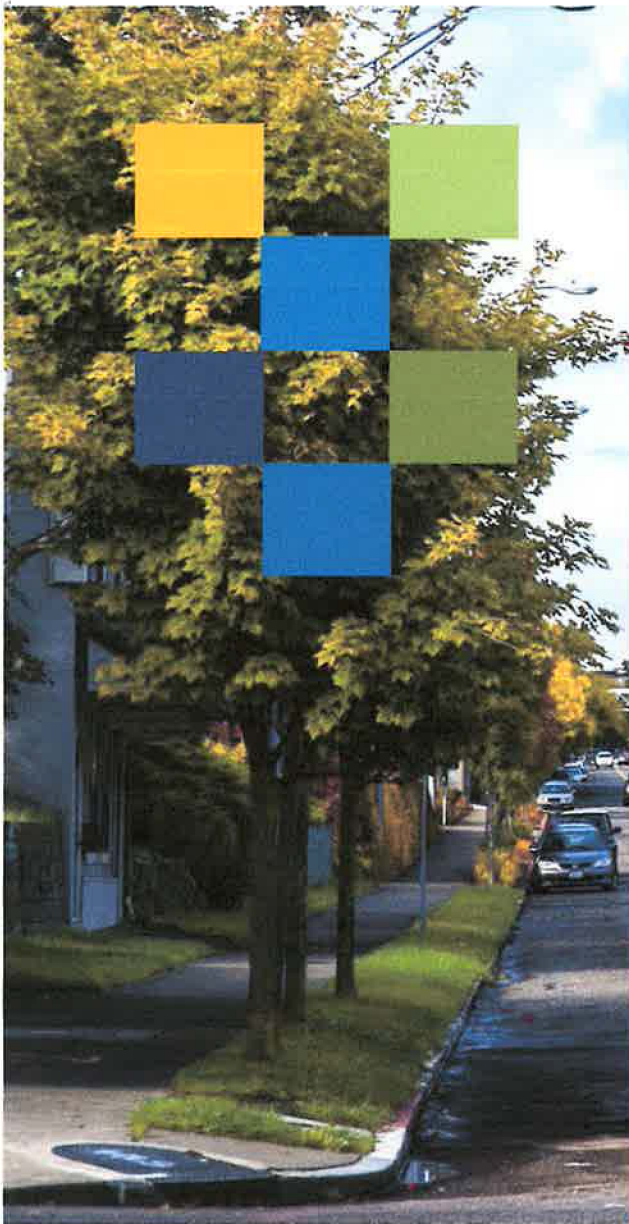
seven the magical number
9.20 merely the thunder
to announce that we take step one
on our way to number seven

it's time you ask Mike Carey
what is truly necessary
beyond TMC 9.20
to reach 30 by 2030

thg
12dec23

*Jon Gruber
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URBAN FOREST
MANAGEMENT PLAN
RESEARCH SUMMARY
- TACOMA, WA -
2019

SUMMARY OF BENCHMARKING CATEGORIES

Comparisons to Washington Communities

- A. Washington Urban and Community Forestry Budgets
- B. Landmark and Heritage Tree Programs in Washington
- C. General Tree Regulations for WA Jurisdictions

Regional and Nationwide Comparisons

- D. Regional Tree Canopy Cover, Canopy Goals, and Public Tree Numbers
- E. Regional and Nationwide Urban and Community Forestry Program Benchmarks
 - Municipal Code and Policy
 - Urban and Community Forestry Operations
 - Urban and Community Forestry Public Outreach
- F. Current Urban Forest Management Activities in Tacoma
 - Tree Maintenance Demands on City Facility Grounds
 - City Tree Planting Archives
 - 2018 Urban Forestry Expenditures by Partners

Internal Benchmarking Research

- G. Tacoma Municipal Code and Policy Review



RESULTS

Understanding the urban forest policies, management approaches, budgets, and programs of comparable communities and nationwide averages provides comparative data to benchmark Tacoma's performance; present and future. While existing tree data describe the current condition, benchmarks offer guidance to bring Tacoma's urban forestry policies and practices into alignment with similar-sized cities in Washington and nationwide, enhancing urban forest management. A summary of research into policies and practices of these cities follows.

A. Washington Urban and Community Forestry Budgets

Budget data submitted by Washington cities to the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA award was analyzed as part of the benchmarking research. Eleven municipalities were selected to benchmark across the City of Tacoma:

Table 3. 2018 Washington municipal urban forest per capita expenditures and maintenance responsibility

Rank	City	2018 Population	2018 U&CF Total Budget	2018 Per Capita	City Maintains ROW Trees?
1	Bellevue	139,014	\$7,287,080	\$52.42	No
2	Longview	36,740	\$858,720	\$23.37	Yes
3	Olympia	49,928	\$914,740	\$18.32	Yes
4	Kirkland	86,772	\$1,568,690	\$18.08	No, except CBD
5	Renton	99,692	\$1,771,581	\$17.77	No
6	Seattle	724,764	\$10,168,821	\$14.03	Select Areas
7	Redmond	60,712	\$679,079	\$11.19	No
8	Vancouver	171,393	\$1,524,385	\$8.89	Select Areas
9	Bellingham	85,388	\$672,118	\$7.87	Select Areas
10	Tacoma	207,280	\$1,609,909	\$7.77	No
11	Spokane	212,982	\$894,620	\$4.20	Select Areas

Using Arbor Day Foundation data, not all costs associated with all urban and community forestry (U&CF) expenditures for the year may be included in the numbers, though, it is likely the numbers are relatively precise with true municipal expenditures.

"Maintains ROW Trees" is referring to systemic management of developed right-of-way tree populations, not reactive management to avoid or mitigate risk. "CBD" indicates Central Business District, commonly known as a downtown area or similar retail district.

There are 32 cities in Washington with dedicated municipal arborist staff, and/or urban & community forest staff, out of a total of 281 total municipalities. Of the 281 municipalities, 95 are designated Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, including Tacoma. Tacoma has been a Tree City USA for 25 years, the States 12th longest designated Tree City USA.

Compared to other Washington cities, Tacoma ranks 10th in terms of municipal urban forest per capita expenditures (\$7.77 per capita includes expenditures beyond the UF Program).

Table 4. Summary of Tree City USA communities and 2018 U&CF expenditures

City	Tree City USA	Years TCUSA as of 2019	Total Accounted U&CF Expenditures 2018	Population (2018)
Auburn	Yes	16	\$181,419.40	82k
Bainbridge Island	Yes	14	\$68,449.00	25k
Bellevue	Yes	28	\$7,287,079.82	139k
Bellingham	Yes	23	\$672,118.27	85k
Bothell	Yes	19	\$119,763.19	47k
Bremerton	Yes	23	\$85,904.67	41k
Ellensburg	Yes	36	\$59,030.86	21k
Everett	Yes	26	\$315,409.04	111k
Issaquah	Yes	26	\$173,880.10	39k
Kent	Yes	17	\$287,202.93	130k
Kirkland	Yes	17	\$1,568,690.07	87k
Lacey	Yes	28	\$260,964.73	51k
Lake Forest Park	Yes	16	\$264,697.86	14k
Longview	Yes	35	\$858,720.00	37k
Mercer Island	Yes	2	\$621,757.38	26k
Olympia	Yes	26	\$914,740.31	50k
Pasco	Yes	12	\$148,218.00	75k
Pateros	Yes	6	\$31,690.00	<1k
Redmond	Yes	20	\$679,079.42	61k
Renton	Yes	11	\$1,771,580.80	100k
Richland	Yes	21	\$241,598.76	57k
SeaTac	Yes	10	\$239,080.03	29k
Seattle	Yes	34	\$10,168,821.00	725k
Shoreline	Yes	7	\$278,515.27	57k
Snoqualmie	Yes	9	\$410,637.30	14k
Spokane	Yes	16	\$894,619.68	213k
Sumner	Yes	25	\$87,938.06	10k
Tacoma	Yes	25	\$1,609,909.35	207k
Vancouver	Yes	30	\$1,524,385.13	171k
Walla Walla	Yes	25	\$137,027.95	33k
Yakima	Yes	3	\$263,600.00	94k

Provides representation of population ranges (0-10k, 10k-40k, 40k-80k, 80k-100k, 100k-140k, 140k-220k, >220k)
k = 1,000

E. Regional and Nationwide Urban and Community Forestry Program Benchmarks

In 2014 an analysis of Municipal Urban Forestry practices, management, budgets and benefits was conducted by the University of Wisconsin and Davey Resource Group. The following table provides a summary of nationwide averages, western region averages, and Tacoma's current standings. These values provide a general estimate of what may be feasible for Tacoma in terms of public trees per capita, canopy goals, future funding, staffing levels, and operations.

Table 8. Hauer and Peterson, et al. 2014 - urban forest benchmark analysis

COMPARE BUDGETS & PROGRAMS		Average Across U.S.	Average Western Region	Average Population Group 100k - 250k	Tacoma
General					
Number of public trees		55,332	34,939	73,723	46,685
Public trees per capita		0.55	0.38	0.51	0.23
Canopy goals		44%	n/a	n/a	30%
Funding					
Total municipal budget, excluding school budget		\$200,316,126	\$205,786,179	\$331,018,081	\$2,700,114,363 (2-year)
Average annual tree care and program budget		\$801,595	\$675,314	\$1,368,607	\$1,609,909 (includes partners)
Average budget per public tree		\$37.5	\$33.72	\$44.85	\$34.48
Average budget per street tree		\$42.59	\$38.77	\$64.35	\$45.99
Average annual budget per capita		\$8.76	\$7.75	\$9.05	\$7.77 (includes partners)
Tree care and management program budget percent of total municipal operating budget		0.50%	0.40%	0.50%	0.07%
Program Management					
State License or Credential on staff		23%	n/a	31%	Yes
ISA Certified Arborist on staff		61%	n/a	92%	Yes
ISA Advanced Credential on staff		11%	n/a	26%	Yes
ISA Municipal Specialist on staff		15%	n/a	27%	Yes
How many cities have a public electric utility?		17%	n/a	n/a	Yes
Emergency management plan related to trees/UF?		55%	n/a	74%	No

(Table 8 continued)

COMPARE BUDGETS & PROGRAMS	Average Across U.S.	Average Western Region	Average Population Group 100k - 250k	Tacoma
Parks, Open & Green Space				
Acres park land	1010	637	1284	2,960 Metro Tacoma Parks, 496 City of Tacoma
Municipal Code and Policy				
Tree protection ordinances	89%	n/a	98%	Yes
Active enforcement of code?	64%	N/A	N/A	Yes
Tree Operations & Maintenance				
Systematic tree care vs Relative Management	55.00%	n/a	48.00%	Current: Relative
Number of trees planted annually	629	356	634	150
Number of trees pruned annually	2108	2813	3897	<100
Number of trees removed annually	467	226	593	<100
Number of trees treated for pests annually	265	245	339	N/A
Rotational pruning goals?	5 year	n/a	5 year	5 year
Tree Benefits				
Total value of publicly owned trees	\$68,665,110	\$74,841,722	\$98,460,117	\$935,038 (i-Tree*, 2019)
Community and Stakeholders				
Tree City USA	73%	n/a	96%	Yes
Have volunteers taking part in tree activities	65%	n/a	75%	Yes
Have volunteers involved in tree planting	85%	n/a	n/a	Yes

*A study in 2019 was conducted using the i-Tree suite of tools (www.itreetools.org) with City tree inventory data.

Tacoma has an estimated 46,685 public trees and a goal of 30% tree canopy cover. In contrast to other cities, the percent of tree care and management program budget compared to the total operating budget is well below average (0.07% compared to 0.40% western community average).

Hauer & Peterson, et al. 2014 *Municipal Tree Care and Management in the U.S.*

Cities comparable in size to Tacoma (100,000 to 249,999 people) spent \$9.05 per capita on urban forestry.



Between 2011 through 2015, the City of Tacoma spent an average of \$1.31 per capita on the urban forestry program. If Metro Parks expenditures are included, urban forest expenditures in Tacoma total \$1.96 per capita, approximately 1/5 of the national average for cities the size of Tacoma.

Hauer & Peterson, et al. 2014 *Municipal Tree Care and Management in the U.S.*

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

In communities throughout the United States, funding for urban forestry primarily comes from the General Fund, making up 71.2% of the national average for funding. From 2011 to 2015, 61% of Tacoma's urban forestry funding came from the Surface Water Utility fee and 35% from Metro Parks Tacoma.

According to the 2014 report from Hauer, R., Peterson, W. et al., cities spend half of their urban forestry budget on tree pruning and tree removal. About 14% of municipal budgets go towards tree planting. 8% of the budget is used for supervision and 6.6% is used for administrative work. Most of the remaining 23% is used for various operating expenditures.

Between 2011 and 2015, the City of Tacoma spent an average 26% of the urban forestry budget on pruning and removals, 55% on planting, 5% on staffing and 14% on various operating expenditures. The exceptionally low tree maintenance budget (for pruning and removals), compared to national averages, prevents the City of Tacoma from having a systematic tree care program involving regularly scheduled tree maintenance.

In the 2014 report, 63% of communities have systematic tree care on a continual basis, with an average pruning cycle for each municipally-managed tree of 6.6 years. Systematic tree care is directly related to a significant reduction in tree failures affecting public health and safety.

F. Current Urban Forest Management in Tacoma

Tree Maintenance Demands on City Facility Grounds

The inventory of trees on City facility property assessed 1,950 trees on 69 sites and included a technical report for the inventory. Not all properties owned by the City were completed nor were any portions of right-of-way that the City is responsible to maintain (such as medians). An inventory and assessment on the 52 remaining City-owned facilities and the portions of the ROW the City is responsible to maintain is still required.

To develop strategies for the care of City-owned trees, existing conditions were reviewed and summarized in planning Element #4, High-Level and In-Depth Data Analysis. To establish tree maintenance baselines and benchmarks, the trees on City-managed facilities were closely analyzed in this planning element (#3, Urban Forest Benchmarks).

The City is exploring options to complete tree inventories on City-owned properties and facilities. A City-staffed arborist crew could address tree maintenance needs, starting with high priority/highest risk tasks and progressing tree maintenance as funding follows. The current inventory results recommend maintenance for the majority of the trees inventoried (1,045) and about 3% require removal (68 trees).

Table 9. 2015 tree maintenance needs and responsibility for 69 inventoried City Facilities

Activity	City Facility					Total
	Public Assembly Facility	Tacoma Utilities	Public Works Grounds	Tacoma Library	Public Blank	
Prune	129	126	371	113	268	1,007
Remove	4	4	8	4	48	68
Remove Stake	0	0	0	0	19	19
No Action	32	174	193	50	396	845
Total	165	304	572	167	731	1,939

For detailed information regarding the specific maintenance needs by City facility, see Appendix C.

City Tree Management Archives

In addition to efficient tree maintenance, this Plan's strategies address tree planting. By evaluating past planting efforts, specifically by the Environmental Services Department, and cross-examined with available and proposed budgets, realistic and achievable tree planting targets can be developed. The following provides a summary of past tree planting activities. This list identifies trees planted in public rights-of-way and excludes tree installations completed by development and redevelopment.

Table 10. 5-year urban forest management activities for all City partners (2013-2017)

	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	\$	Total Trees	\$	Total Trees	\$	Total Trees	\$	Total Trees	\$	Total Trees
Trees Planted	\$247,217	1,842	\$144,731	1,313	\$42,230	1,163	\$173,558	1,672	\$199,725	731
Trees Maintained	\$112,159	3,000	\$51,801	3,526	\$144,315	3,526	\$220,447	--	\$229,831	--
Trees Removed	\$61,955	314	\$15,990	192	\$28,310	52	\$4,587	29	\$10,462	28
Management	\$414,425	--	\$390,301	--	\$613,255	--	\$242,118	--	\$244,400	--
Utility Line Clearance	\$391,168	--	\$670,423	--	\$659,746	--	\$684,570	--	\$862,134	--
Capital Improvement	\$931,468*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sub-Totals	\$2,158,392		\$1,273,246		\$1,487,856		\$1,325,280		\$1,546,579	
Volunteers' Value (TCUSA)	\$48,670	4,700	\$42,430	1,588	\$45,937	2,077	\$30,526	1,404	\$26,225	--
Total	\$2,207,062		\$1,315,676		\$1,533,793		\$1,355,806		\$1,572,804	
City popul.	202,010		203,446		205,159		207,948		211,277	
City per capita spend	\$10.93		\$6.47		\$7.48		\$6.52		\$7.44	

*Construction of City tree nursery

5-YEAR URBAN FOREST ACTIVITY TOTAL



6,721 trees planted
10,052 trees maintained
615 trees removed (view 2018 on next page)

AMOUNTS INCLUDE CITY PARTNERS
(OEPS, TPU, METRO PARKS, PW)



From: Devin Kelly <outreach@tacomadsa.org>
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Cc: Leaders
Subject: Solidarity with City of Tacoma leadership in response to recent white supremacist attacks

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Dear Mayor Woodards, Tacoma City Council Members, and Lead city staff,

We're writing to express our solidarity with each of you, and appreciation of Mayor Woodards and your communication staff's adroit response to recent racist, antisemitic and openly white supremacist attacks over Zoom. While we may have our political disagreements, we recognize our shared commitments to anti-racism in Tacoma, the already arduous and emotional nature of your work, and the incredible pressure that comes with having to maintain grace in the face of hateful speech and behavior.

Tacoma is a deeply working class, diverse and integrated city. We appreciate that the council and city staff work daily to reflect these realities and values from the dias and beyond. We remain resolutely committed to anti-racist principles and to building the broadest united front of Tacoma's multi-racial, multi-generational and spiritually diverse working class in response to fascism and White Supremacy. May we all work to reflect these values in our words, policies and actions. Tacoma is too great for hate.

Yours in struggle and solidarity,
The Tacoma & Pierce County Democratic Socialists of America Steering Committee.

Sean Arent
Jennifer Barfield
Zev Cook
Ann Dorn
Ty Moore
Devin Rydel Kelly

From: Steve Diamanti <steve.diamanti@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 3:40 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Increased focus of city council and public safety and engagement of community needed

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I'm concerned about the recent uptick in violent incidents involving vehicles and firearms around Hilltop Heritage and Grant CEA schools. The increasingly brazen nature of these incidents which include reckless driving, intimidation of staff, brandishing of firearms, and aggravated robbery of TPS staff clearly show that more effort and focus is needed on public safety. Furthermore, it demonstrates that criminals are increasingly seeking to terrorize, intimidate and disrupt TPS staff, educators and our children. This is unacceptable.

There is an underutilized asset that the city of Tacoma and TPD have failed to leverage to reduce crime, concerned citizens. I would like the city of Tacoma and TPD to work toward innovative ways to leverage and engage with the community to address public safety. Programs like neighborhood watch, national night out, etc. were originally created to reduce crime but have not been effectively or proactively implemented in the city of Tacoma. I would like to hear comments from the city councilmembers, mayor and police chief on their plans to engage the community to more effectively address the public safety issues plaguing TPS and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,
Steve Diamanti,
Resident of District 1

From: Tess Flores <tessmcperson5340@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 12:05 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Cat declawing ban

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for a proposed ban on cat declawing in the City of Tacoma (Ordinance No. 28923). As a concerned member of our community, I believe that it is crucial for us to take a stand against this inhumane practice and protect the well-being of our feline companions.

I urge you to support the proposed ban on cat declawing in Tacoma to ensure our community's cats live a life free from unnecessary pain.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tess Flores

From: William <williamderiso151@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 12:28 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Don't Declaw cats

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Good afternoon,
I writing in support of declawing cats. It is inhumane and debilitating.

From: Marian Schwartz <mariangs180@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 4:07 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: LNG expansion

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- Hello. My name is Marian Schwartz and I live in Tacoma. 98407
- I **strongly oppose** the expansion of the project to allow additional dockside refueling and additional types of ships to bring in natural gas to the Puget Sound waterways.
- This could pose major environmental risks, and additional health and safety concerns for all the people who live in or near the area.
- It also poses major risks to all of the wildlife that inhabit the waters.
- For these reasons, a supplemental EIS should be initiated.
- Without a supplemental EIS, the city will be proceeding with a plan that many people opposed initially, and certainly oppose its expansion.

Considering global climate change, we should be reducing the use of fossil fuels, not increasing their use and production. We should definitely not be risking the sort of pollution that always accompanies this industry.

From: me <medfordgrad@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 7:32 AM
To: City Clerk's Office; Woodards, Victoria; Walker, Kristina; Hines, John; Blocker, Keith; Bushnell, Joe; Daniels, Kiara; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Ushka, Catherine; Diaz, Olgy
Subject: Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Expansion for fracked gas bunker barging

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Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Walker and Council members Hines, Rumbaugh, Blocker, Ushka, Bushnell, Daniels and Diaz -

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This is a substantial change in scope to the original EIS that was not adequately studied in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). As a Shoreline Permit revision, this could pose major environmental risks and serious health and safety concerns for people who work and live in Tacoma and beyond. Given that we're almost 10 years down a path that is not the same as the original 2014 path, this 'decision' **cannot** be made without public comment, input and a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

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I formally request that a Supplemental EIS be initiated to study the environmental, health and safety impacts of this increase in scope.

Thank you for reading and considering my concerns.

Judy Ferguson
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Tacoma, WA 98422

From: maggie walker <magwalk@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 12:14 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Constituent Concerned about PSE Expansion Without Public Input

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To whom it may concern,

I would like to formally comment on the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) shoreline permit revision application which will be discussed in the Tuesday 12/12 City Council Meeting. My understanding is that this "revision" application is actually a significant expansion of the project scope. I am particularly concerned because there has been no opportunity for public comment, nor has it been adequately studied in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), and it could pose major environmental risks and serious health and safety concerns for people who live and work in Tacoma and surrounding areas.

Myself and other concerned citizens would like to formally request the following:

- A supplemental EIS be initiated to study the environmental, health, and safety impacts of this increase in scope.
- Explanation behind what specifically prevented the City Planning Department from notifying the public that this application was being considered and educating the public on the process prior to the decision being made on November 28th.
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Thank you for your consideration and for your time.

Best Regards,
Maggie

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Maggie Walker
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Tacoma, WA

"Instructions for living a life:

- *Pay attention*
 - *Be astonished*
 - *Tell about it"*
- ~ Mary Oliver*

From: lisa boehm <lisasboehm@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 5:55 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Citizen concern, PSE expansion

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Vashon Island who recently learned of PSE's LNG expansion and I am absolutely horrified by the shortsightedness of the Tacoma City Council. This is a decision that has the potential to be environmentally disastrous for the entire region. You are not just impacting your constituents—the negative impact of this decision could impact the entire ecosystem of the puget sound. Have we not learned?? I am writing today to join in with my neighbors across the water and formally request a supplemental EIS, and for the city to provide the criteria used & approved to get this permit, as well as provide the input from the Puyallup tribe & other relevant parties regarding this decision.

Thank you,
Lisa Boehm

From: me <medfordgrad@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 8:03 PM
To: City Clerk's Office; Woodards, Victoria; Walker, Kristina; Hines, John; Blocker, Keith; Bushnell, Joe; Daniels, Kiara; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Ushka, Catherine; Diaz, Olgy
Subject: Fw: Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Expansion for fracked gas bunker barging

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Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Walker and Council members -

I have shared my concerns below with the City Manager Pauli, Director Huffman and Ms. Schultz regarding the Shoreline Permit revision and the intention to provide LNG bunker barging in the Port. **I request a 'Pause' in the 21-day appeal period, which expires on or about December 19th, so that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) can be prepared to thoroughly study the environmental, health and safety impacts of this proposed expansion.** Please include this request in the public record.

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From: Don Massie <papadon.massie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 7:45 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: LNG Facility Expansion...

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I wish to state for the record, having previously worked in the design and construction of LNG storage and fueling facilities, that LNG is a much cleaner and safer fuel than gasoline.

Thanks you,

Don Massie

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: David Lambert <lambertdavid39@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 10:13 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comment regarding LNG project

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Dear city clerk:

I am a member of 253 The Conversation here in Tacoma and work in Tacoma. I am providing a comment on the proposed LNG project on the Tacoma Tideflats and wish to express that I am appalled that the Tacoma City Council is still deciding on whether to have this project go through or not. I am especially upset that the Puyallup Tribe has not, in my view, been able to have sufficient say in the determination of this project particularly as the 1989 Land Claims Settlement in Congress enabled the tribe to have formal authorization of what is done with their land. As you know, in 2019, the City Council agreed that harm to the South Sound region would be substantial and yet here, in 2023, the tribe is still trying its best to stop the project. My wife and I visited the Native American Indian Culture Smithsonian Museum this summer and took several hours going through the museum witnessing one treaty after another with American

Tribes being broken by the U.S. Government. There is a huge painting done in the late 1800's titled "Manifest Destiny." The current City Council's position looks like an extension of the shameful colonial movement across the U.S.

At the very minimum, I urge the Council to call for a Supplemental EIS be done to assess the environmental, safety, and health concerns such a LNG project would pose.

Sincerely,
David Lambert

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Joanna Macy: "Gratitude is the antidote to greed." "The necessary new version of the American dream is not to get rich, but to realize that we are already rich (Rick Hanson)."

From: Vicky Stanich <vicpetric@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 10:43 AM
To: City Clerk's Office; Woodards, Victoria
Subject: PSE LNG expansion

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Dear Members of Tacoma City Council and Mayor Woodards:

The LNG expansion poses significant risks to the environment, health, and safety of our city, and waterways. A Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is imperative to thoroughly study these impacts. “City Manager Elizabeth Pauli and PDS Director Huffman have found a way to circumvent the public process designed to inform and protect us from such developments.” According to an article in Tacoma Weekly “ the City did not alert the public and stakeholders of PSE’s “permit revision” request back at the beginning of 2023, nor did they update their PSE LNG website in any way, nor did public input get allowed at any time before Huffman’s permit approval decision on Nov. 28. All these omissions reflect an unacceptable lack of transparency and accountability.” The environmental impact and risks could have far reaching effects, not only in Tacoma but in neighboring towns, cities, and our waterways. I strongly support a thorough supplemental environmental impact statement to transparently inform the public about Puget Sound Energy’s agenda for LNG and its transportation of LNG.

Sincerely,
Vicky Stanich
Lakewood, WA

Sent from my iPhone

From: Desiree Douglass <dld@douglassconsulting.net>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:58 AM
To: City Clerk's Office; Pauli, Elizabeth; shuffman@cityoftacoma.org; Schultz, Shirley
Cc: Desiree Douglass
Subject: Comment on City of Tacoma approval of PSE Expansion of LNG Refinery

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To the City of Tacoma City Council:

I agree in full with Barbara Church's letter titled: Tacoma LNG: Broken Promises. <https://tacomaweekly.com/tacoma-lng-broken-promises-p6569-117.htm>. Ms. Church reminds us all of when the City made their promises to the Puyallup Tribe and to the residents of Tacoma that PSE's refinery would not be expanded for fueling new dockside non-TOTE vessels and for bunkering. We remember when the City insisted that if PSE applied for such an expanded use, there would be public input, additional environmental review, and additional permitting. Ms. Church presents the City's promises in multiple documents from 2016 onward, including references to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the project. Not only were these statements promises, they were legal limitations on the project future expansions that are written into the FEIS.

The Puyallup Tribe and community organizations represented by Earthjustice are still in court appealing the original permits for the LNG refinery. Allowing this expansion is premature. The City's issuance of an approval for PSE's expansion not only betrays the promises they made, but it is a breach of the City's responsibility to uphold Treaty Law and as the SEPA lead for the project.

I appreciate the research that Ms. Church and 350 Tacoma have done to bring this debacle to the public's attention so we can respond to the City in a timely and congenial way. As an environmental planner who prepares SEPA documents and used to work on EIS's, I am grateful for the research and documentation that they have gathered to help citizens understand the history and stand up for their right to environmental review and public input on any expansion of PSE's LNG refinery, especially for the purpose of bunkering LNG to barges for sale.

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This new construction and operation of the new bunkering equipment is a scope increase that has not been adequately studied in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), and could pose major environmental risks and serious health & safety concerns for people who work and live in Tacoma & beyond. This is a substantial change in scope to the original FEIS and Shoreline Permit.

I join others to formally request that a Supplemental EIS be initiated to study the environmental, health and safety impacts of this increase in scope. I join others to demand a pause in the 21-day appeal period to allow time for an SEIS to be prepared. Finally, I join Ms. Church and others to request City Council pass an expedited resolution requesting the City Manager to instruct PDS immediately to undertake an SEIS or contract a third party to do the same.

Sincerely,

Desiree Douglass



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From: Jordan Van Voast <jordanvvv@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 1:10 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: no expansion of LNG facility

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Dear publicly elected decision makers,

Please respect democratic process, fulfill past obligations and promises, respect Puyallup treat rights and respect the rights of future inhabitants of the planet threatened by the climate emergency to deny continued expansion of the PSE LNG project:

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- The PSE refinery was a project that hundreds of community members paid attention to and testified against (some still speak out at Citizen Forum to this day), yet the community was not made aware of this expansion. It has been very clear to the City that there is high community interest in this project, yet there was no transparency in the process used to provide approval. There was nothing related to this project scope increase on the city’s LNG website prior to Nov. 28th. **What specifically prevented the City Planning Department from simply notifying the public** that this application was being considered and educating the public on the process prior to the decision being made on Nov. 28th?
- Intentional public deception, empty promises of future scrutiny, and avoiding proper analysis of health, safety & environmental impacts are unfortunately a consistent pattern of behavior for the City of Tacoma. A pattern that continues to foster injustice, the buildout of polluting projects & environmental racism. (We are seeing similar tactics currently regarding the South Tacoma Mega Warehouse.)
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departments were consulted? **We formally request to see the input from the other departments and the Puyallup Tribe regarding this application.**

- What other permits or reviews will be required (and by who) for the increase of marine vessel fueling, bunker barge loading, in-water fuel transferring, etc. as a result of the new fueling infrastructure that is enabled by this approved Shoreline Permit? **Please provide the specific agencies, type of permit/review, and points of contact for these agencies.**
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From: Mark Vossler <mark@wpsr.org>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 1:58 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: PSE LNG Expansion

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Dear City Council Members;

We continue to be extremely concerned about the adverse human health impacts of PSE's LNG project. This project commenced with restricted public comment and continues to proceed and expand without public input. The shoreline permit revision application represents an expansion in the scope of the project. Building additional infrastructure to allow additional fueling and docking will increase ship traffic and therefore increase the level of environmental and health risks. A Supplemental Environmental Impact Study is called for to evaluate the health and safety consequences of this increase in project scope. When this project was initially approved additional shoreline permitting and public review were promised to occur prior to any expansion of infrastructure. Given that the original permits are under legal appeal expansion of the project seems to be quite premature and should be delayed for public input and a complete supplemental EIS.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Peggy J. Printz <peggyjprintz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 3:05 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: PSE's LNG expansion for fracked gas bunker barging

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Thank you,

PeggyJ Printz

WA state resident

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From: ANDREA O'FERRALL <andreaoferrall@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 3:08 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: the lack of public comment and critical impact analysis regarding PSE's LNG expansion for fracked gas bunker barging

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Dear City Council,

I am writing concerning the lack of public comment and critical impact analysis regarding PSE's LNG expansion for fracked gas bunker barging.

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This is not right.
In community,
Andrea O'Ferrall

Every carbon gram you choose to not emit is an act of grace, a gift to all future humans and life.

From: Judy B <judyann.bey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 3:37 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Written Comments Tree Ordinance Dec 12
Attachments: N10 and Yakima.jpg; N10 and Yakima 4.jpg; N10 and Yakima 3.jpg

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Dear Council Members,

I am following up from my comments from last week. A copy of that email is enclosed. Also a link to a Dec 7, opinion piece by Matt Driscoll on tree preservation.

Last, I submit photos that show the result of our right of way protections on Yakima and N10 for Heritage Trees that are referenced in the article. Right next to the parcel under development are the remaining 100 year old trees that used to also line the developing parcel :

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Dear Council Members,

The city completed the work of assessing Tacoma's Tree Canopy in 2018 and developed a comprehensive and ambitious plan to improve our tree canopy and provide the benefit of a healthy tree canopy for all residents - UFMP adopted 2019. The current code - 9.20 - includes an appreciation and recognition for Heritage Trees - 9.20.40. However, the trees nominated receive no additional measures of protection under- 9.20.220, nor any extra valuation in fines or enforcement for unlawful removal under- 9.20.50. The city definition in this ordinance of a Heritage Tree : ..a Tree,..., because of exemplary size, age, cultural and or historical significance, ecological value or rarity, is considered irreplaceable - 9.20.140. A Tree defined as "irreplaceable " should receive additional layers of protection. The city has done the difficult work of assessing our tree canopy and developing a plan to improve that tree canopy for all residents. The current ordinance stops short of improving on that foundation by not taking action to protect some our most important and iconic assets.

Please consider adding additional protections for Heritage Trees and increasing fines and enforcement for their protection. The city has identified protection of Heritage Trees as an important goal under the UFMP adopted in 2019. You have the opportunity to move us towards that goal.

Judy Beylerian
Member TUFF
Tacoma resident







From: Iris Antman <antwomaniris@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 3:44 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: No to Expanding Function of the Tacoma LNG refinery

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Dear City Council folks,

Please do not say yes to the expansion of Tacoma's LNG facility use. Actual refueling and docking has not been explicitly permitted. And this is what this shoreline permit revision application will enable. This expansion of use has not been adequately studied in the FEIS and could pose serious health and safety concerns as well as major environmental risks.

I think a Supplemental EIS needs to be initiated to study the impacts of this proposed expansion.

Plus, the City Planning Dept. did not notify the public of this new application process and so has short circuited the ability for the public to offer comment.

The Puyallup Tribe and community organizations represented by Earthjustice are still in court appealing the original permits for the LNG refinery. Allowing this expansion to go forward is premature.

Thank you,
Iris Antman

From: Georgette Reuter <gee.reuter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 3:42 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: To the Mayor and City Council Members for Dec. 12, 2023 Meeting
Attachments: Email to City Council 12.12.23.docx

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Please forward this email to the Mayor and City Council members for tomorrow's meeting.

Thank you,
Georgette Reuter

Dec. 11, 2023

Dear Mayor Woodards and Members of the Tacoma City Council

I am writing this letter to express my full support of the passage of TMC 9.20

The passage of the new Tree Ordinance will provide a good first step in a series of steps that will be necessary to provide Tacoma with the urban forest that we citizens so deserve to have. This Ordinance will help provide protections for our ROW trees and trees on public property and is a vital step that will help to us to reach the City's goal of 30% tree canopy by 2030.

Tragically, under Tacoma's outdated 100 year old tree ordinance, there continue to be many examples of ROW trees that are being needlessly destroyed within all areas of our City - including the North End and South End. Recently, I've seen the remaining stumps of 2 huge, healthy trees that have been cut down: a huge Silver Maple on 1403 North Cedar, measuring 6 feet across and a big Black Walnut tree on 3601 South K Street, measuring 3 feet across. Sadly, the loss of these two trees will adversely effect the quality of life of each of the neighborhoods where they once stood.

As you are all aware, the City of Tacoma declared a "**Climate Emergency**" in 2019. As with any emergency situation, there is the need to immediately take steps to respond to what is happening. Thus, I am asking you to act quickly in response to the dire consequences of climate change within our City.

Research has proven that one of the most effective ways for cities to combat climate change is for them to have a healthy, substantial urban forest. And at 20% tree canopy, Tacoma has a long way to go to achieve its goal of 30% canopy.

The **2030 Tacoma Climate Action Plan** calls for a series of actions that include "protections for public health". Knowing that trees provide such health benefits as: offsetting the rising temperatures in cities (high temperatures can be deadly) and cleaning our air from pollutants (pollution leads to many disease, including heart and lung disease), why aren't we doing more to protect our existing trees?

Please pass the Tree Ordinance TMC 9.20. And, going forward into 203, let's be committed to protecting *all* of Tacoma's urban forest. We next need to protect our mature trees that exist on private property and plant thousands more each and every year until 2030 and beyond.

Thank you for all you do to help make our City a wonderful place to live!

Georgette Reuter

Board, North End Neighborhood Council

Tacoma Urban Forest Friends

From: Courtney Davis <c.davis622@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:01 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Hines, John; Rumbaugh, Sarah; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Bushnell, Joe; Daniels, Kiara; Diaz, Olgy; Walker, Kristina
Subject: Writing in support of ORD28926:

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Hello,

I am writing to you today in support of passing ORD28926. I spoke at the city council meeting last week and will speak again this Tuesday in support of protecting and increasing our tree canopy in the city of Tacoma. This is a great first step, but it is only a first step to achieving what was promise to us by city council: a 30% tree canopy by 2030.

Thank you,
Courtney Davis

From: Stacy Oaks <stacyoaks425@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:03 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: PSE Comment for 12/12 Council Mtg

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City of Tacoma,

We cannot express enough how disappointing and frustrating it is to watch Puget Sound Energy's LNG bunker fueling infrastructure being approved without public comment or detailed analysis of what the environmental, health and safety impacts could be from the bunker barges of LNG that will result.

While the infrastructure itself is not a danger or major source of pollution, we need the City of Tacoma to look at the whole picture. In reality this expansion will mean more barge traffic in the Salish Sea. Barges filled with potentially explosive gas. A gas that mostly comes from the destructive process of fracking, and that has been widely demonstrated to be more greenhouse gas intensive than traditional marine fuels when lifecycle emissions are counted.

Beyond the expansion itself, it feels like a betrayal after so much public outcry around PSE's LNG refinery, that this expansion of possible uses would be done without public input. Especially when multiple City officials reassured concerned residents, both verbally and in writing, that an expansion for bunker barging beyond TOTE would need both public comment opportunity as well as environmental analysis.

Unfortunately we are seeing parallels to this tactic of pushing off public concern with promises of future scrutiny popping up in response to concerns about Bridge Industrial's South Tacoma mega warehouse.

We are formally requesting that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement be done to analyze the environmental, health and safety impacts of this increase in scope. We formally request that the City provide the criteria that was used and how PSE met the criteria. We formally request to see any input from other departments/agencies and the Puyallup Tribe that was considered in the decision to approve this expansion as a simple "revision".

Thank you. We look forward to your response.
Janeen & Stacy
on behalf of 350 Tacoma

From: Jason Line <jason.line@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:09 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Tree Ordinance ORD28926:

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Hello,

I am writing to you today in support of passing ORD28926. This is a great first step, but it is only a first step to achieving what was promise to us by city council: a 30% tree canopy by 2030.

Thank you,
Jason Line

From: Sally Perkins <sally@practicalsolutionstacoma.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:14 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Community Forum written testimony on the PSE Shoreline Permit "revision"
Attachments: 2023 12 12 PSE letter Comm Forum.pdf

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Dear Ms Emery, please accept this public comment for Community Forum for December 12, 2023, regarding the PSE Shoreline Permit "revision."

Thank you very much.

Sally Perkins
sally@practicalsolutionstacoma.com
District 3

December 11, 2023

To: Nicole Emery, City Clerk; Mayor Woodards, Members of the City Council
From: Sally Perkins, District 3
Re: Comment for Community Forum for December 12, 2023
PSE Expansion Without Public Input

I am writing to object to yet another administrative decision within the City of Tacoma that blocks public comment, fails to address legitimate environmental concerns, and once again violates the City's stated commitment to environmental stewardship.

The particular focus for this concern is the recent administratively-interpreted "revision to the Shoreline Permit" that PSE currently holds for the LNG plant. City staff have unilaterally decided that the current Shoreline Permit held by PSE can be "revised" without criteria for revision, without acknowledgement that the so-called "revision" is actually a change of project scope, and without acknowledgement of the environmental risks that this expansion of scope will create.

This administratively-interpreted "Revision" is also in direct contradiction to multiple previous City assurances about the need for "additional permitting and public review, as well as Coast Guard review." Those assurances were untrue.

And there is no evidence that City staff carried out any meaningful conversation or consultation with the Puyallup Tribe, whose concerns about environmental risks to the Salish Sea are well-documented, although routinely ignored by the City.

This situation is an unfortunate continuation of the City's disregard for its environmental commitments, the health and well-being of its residents and their environment, and as far as I can tell, its relationship with the Puyallup Tribe. It parallels the very unfortunate administrative decisions made by the City in the case of the South Tacoma Warehouse project.

Where does the Council think this kind of decision fits in the "Belief and Trust" strategic plan priority? With what seem to be largely performative statements about the environment? Do you think we don't notice that we are being gaslighted and misled?

Perhaps the Council thinks this kind of decision is "not in our lane." Well, let's unpack that.

The Council actually does not have one lane, it has THREE lanes. When the Council gets told by staff to stay in your lane, you need to stay in all THREE LANES.

- Lane #1: Making the initial policy, whether by ordinance, resolution, or proclamation.

- Lane #2: Following up with City staff to be sure that the policy is being implemented the way the Council intended when you passed the policy in the first place.
- Lane #3: Evaluating the impacts that the policy has had, to assure that the results that the Council expected are actually occurring.

I understand that only ordinances have the force of law. But the City uses resolutions and even proclamations all the time to guide City staff work and planning. If you are using them to guide City work, then they are worthy of implementation oversight and evaluation by the Council.

Once again you have used the cover of administrative action to avoid carrying out your stated policies. But you can fix this oversight and restore some confidence in your commitment to environmental protection, public process, and the City's relationship with the Puyallup Tribe by doing the following:

- Initiating a Supplemental EIS to study the environmental, health and safety impacts of this increase in the scope.
- Directing City staff to use City policy regarding environmental protection in their administrative decision-making, or explain to the community why they are not.
- Inviting the Puyallup Tribe to comment publicly on PSE's proposed revision to its current Shoreline Permit.

2023 has not been a good year for City leadership's credibility on a number of topics. Your follow-through on the above three items could start to restore credibility to some degree.

Long term, I strongly recommend that the Council initiate processes to carry out all three of the Lanes described above. If the Council were doing oversight of policy implementation and evaluation with rigor and discipline, City residents might feel that City accountability is more effective.

From: Michelle Mood <moodm@kenyon.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:19 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Public Comment Dec 11, 2023

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I'm writing to express my surprise and dismay at the decision by the City PDS Director, City Attorney, and City Manager to allow Puget Sound Energy to expand its LNG infrastructure, creating infrastructure for bunker barge fueling and additional dockside vessel refueling. This is troubling because of what it means for the City Council's ability to guide the city to an environmentally just and sustainable future.

City promises about PSE LNG are well documented from 2016/2017 – if any promise put in writing by City officials can be tossed aside because the state law doesn't constrain them, then 100% of what we've been told about any construction permit in Tacoma can be tossed out when state law doesn't constrain them.

This characteristic of PDS decision-making does a disservice to the vision and leadership of the elected city officials. Apparently, you elected officials need to pass ordinances to support your resolutions and plans, or your vision will not be put in place. That's because resolutions and plans are not binding. Pass ordinances to force city officials' decisions to be in line with, for example, your Anti-Racist Systems Transformation Resolution, or your Climate Action Plan. You can even pass an ordinance that would require permit revisions to be limited to certain thresholds, above which a new permit process would take place.

If any authority is telling City Council they don't have the authority to make ordinances that shape development permitting, that is a violation of the separation of the legislative power of the elected officials. The legislative authority is solely held by you, as opposed to the city appointed officials, who have sole authority over implementation and in turn can't have interference from you. The unelected officials don't have the authority over you. You determine their actions.

Currently, the expansion of the Puget Sound Energy LNG infrastructure has been permitted with no public review, despite documented assurances that "it is recognized by all parties that additional shoreline permitting and public review would be required" from PDS Director Peter Huffman, PDS planner Shirley Schultz, and on the City's website (<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=113653>).

The infrastructure expansion was allowed through a "permit revision."

Think about how all the construction in the city limits could change based on a permit revision of existing projects. We've been told many things would require a new permitting process for, example, the Bridge Industrial 2.5 million square foot warehouse construction planned next to my home in South Tacoma – but perhaps none of that would need a new permit – it all could change via mere "permit revisions." If you and your constituents are unhappy with the Bridge Industrial warehouse planned already, how much worse things could be when additional changes – promised to trigger new reviews – are slipped in with NO review, NO public notice, and NO public comment. Do you want that laid at your feet? You will be entirely responsible if that happens, for you have the ability to forestall it via ordinances.

The City needs to make ordinances to control outcomes to fit better with their mission to protect residents and meet the goals of their resolutions and plans, to forge a more equitable and sustainable future. Please act now.

Dr. Michelle S. Mood (she, her, hers)
(c) 740-233-6333

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#covidsucks

From: john c <ixora@harbornet.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:35 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: PSE LNG expansion permit to the Blair Waterway

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To the mayor, city council and city manager of Tacoma,

The city's recent approval of the PSE LNG refinery's expansion to fueling barges on the Blair Waterway without public input looks like another sad instance of the city bowing down to the corporate money interests at the expense of the public and the planet. The industry wants to use the Blair Waterway for refueling and usher in LNG-laden bunker barges. The city blithely approved it without public comment. Yet, this aspect of the project was not even addressed in the FEIS of the project, so should it be approved without public input? No! What, has the public been silent or unaware? No, the city has gone to court multiple times on this project and is well aware that the public and the courts agree: there needs to be greater transparency and public input in the permitting process. This proposed expansion, NOT EXAMINED AT ALL in the FEIS, will likely create ecological, health, and safety hazards that have not been analyzed. We need at least a Supplementary EIS to investigate these effects.

After the methanol refinery debacle Tacoma city government pledged further scrutiny and public participation, but has failed to deliver. The permit modification for this LNG bunker fueling facility was sanctioned without public involvement, grossly eroding the public procedure and confidence. Despite clear and present public concern for the PSE LNG refinery project, this enlargement of it was waved forward as if the public had no interest, which we all know is obviously not the case. The city's recurring pattern of misleading, unfulfilled promises, and evasion of thorough environmental impact assessments exacerbates inequity and environmental discrimination.

We call upon the city to withhold this permit, and open public comment on this project, so that the people's voice can be assessed and incorporated. The Puyallup Tribe and multiple public environmental organizations are still contesting the original LNG refinery authorizations in court. Why would the city come to the fallacious conclusion that expansion of its use was not worthy of public input? The city's approval of this fossil fuel distribution hub without public input is a poor choice and needs remedy, as the long term effects will otherwise be detrimental and chronic, and not just local but also regional and yes, global. We are in a "Climate Emergency" and the approval of this project, without any public comment, is a blatant discrepancy.

Keep in mind also that in 2019 the Tacoma Human Rights Commission requested that the city initiate a supplemental EIS review of the community risks the LNG refinery imposed. In a six-page evidence-packed argument, the Commission noted that the permitting agencies responsible for the project failed to adequately address potential catastrophic risks, as well as failed to engage the Puyallup Tribe of Indians in meaningful consultation — a blatant violation of their legal rights — and that the project would put tribal members and others at serious risk, including detainees at the ICE-operated Northwest Detention Center. Did the city act on this? No, the request was summarily dismissed.

And because of commitments the city made with the declaration of a "Climate Emergency" in 2019 to stop expansion of fossil fuel industries in the port, this project expansion should have been summarily rejected. For that reason, also, this permit needs to be withheld, at least until the public is given a voice in addressing the risks and costs of this project.

John Carlton
Tacoma Resident

From: oneida226@rainierconnect.com
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:53 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Expansion

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In the notice email dated 11/28/23 from Shirley Schultz, she states that for a decision on a Shoreline Permit revision application "There is no public notice or comment period available for the decision." The entire permit application process was completed without any opportunity for the public to provide input or even know that the application was under review. To allow this to be approved as a simple revision to the existing Shoreline Permit evades the thorough environmental review that should be required for such a scope increase. It undermines the public process and violates public trust.

Also, in the notice email dated 11/28/23 from Shirley Shultz, she asserts that "both the state law (Washington Administrative Code) and local regulations (TMC Title 19) give the recipient of a Shoreline Permit the ability to request revision to an active permit provided certain criteria are met." We request that the City provide the criteria that was used and how PSE met the criteria.

Furthermore in the notice email dated 11/28/23 from Shirley Schultz, she asserts that "This decision was based on input from other departments and followed consultation with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians." Which other departments were consulted? We formally request to see the input from the other departments and the Puyallup Tribe regarding this application.

Six years ago the City assured public review by residents both in writing (and verbally in meetings) when they wrote: "..., it is recognized by all parties that additional shoreline permitting and public review, as well as additional review by the Coast Guard (which has authority over vessels) would be required." (See FAQ's Prior to July 24 2018: Project Description and Scope of City website.) This same promise was made in a letter from Peter Huffman to then City Manager, TC Broadnax on 1/4/2017.

This new construction is a scope increase that has not been adequately studied in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), and could pose major environmental risks and serious health & safety concerns for people who work and live in Tacoma & beyond.

We formally request that a Supplemental EIS be initiated to study the environmental, health and safety impacts of this increase in scope.

From: Dr Elly <drelly@sound-decisions.org>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:57 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: PSE permit revision to expand LNG facilities

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Dear Mayor Woodards and Councilmembers,

The permit revision from November 28 slipped by me or I would have written sooner. I very much support the work the city is doing on climate initiatives through the Climate Action Plan and other venues. It is then disappointing when a decision like this one is made by the city to expand LNG facilities and promote an increasing flow of natural gas through our port. We know that even though natural gas burns cleaner than bunker fuel, its GHG emissions from well to wake show it is not a better fuel, https://theicct.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/LNG-as-marine-fuel-working-paper-02_FINAL_20200416.pdf, because of methane leakage all along the way as reported in the International Council on Clean Transportation Report. Encouraging the increased use of LNG at our port runs counter to the Port's and the City's net zero goals and just makes it more challenging to get to where we need to be.

Besides the GHG emissions concern, there is also the concern of increasing the chance of accidents both major and minor in a port that is small and near residential areas. We have a lot of cherish here on, near, and in the water. Continuing to work on restoration, clean habitat, clean air, while still maintaining our vibrant port is really important. This seems to be a step in the wrong direction for the purpose of allowing PSE to sell more fossil fuels. The goal is to move off of them, not encourage increased sales of fossil fuels.

I would like to see city permitting procedures and approvals follow the city's philosophies with regards to both DEI and climate justice. Until that happens, what the city does in practice will not match what the City Council advocates for in its resolutions and plans. Profound changes such as this take time and effort to accomplish and do well, yet the city and all its departments need to be aligned with a common purpose when it comes to DEI and climate justice. Otherwise we will continue to see fits and starts and we who live here will remain uncertain what the actual priorities are and who gets to decide that.

Thank you for all you do, but there is always more to do isn't there? May this be a priority, speeding up the aligning of philosophy with permitting.

Elly Claus-McGahan

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From: Cathie Raine <cjrrd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 5:01 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Comments for 'Community Forum' part of the Agenda of the 12/12/23 City Council Meeting

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Dear Deputy Mayor Walker and City Council members:

I am wrting to request that the City Council members support for a 'Supplemental EIS'(SEIS) to be initiated to study the environmental, health and safety impacts of the increase in scope with the PSE's expansion for fracked gas and bunkering of barges.

The Planning and Development (PDS) staff (Ms. Shirley Schultz and Director Peter Huffman) had previously assured Tacoma residents (in 2016) that further study and public comments opportunities would occur with any future LNG expansion plans. Now, the PDS Dept is stating that the WAC "does not include an opportunity for public notice or comment prior to issuance of the decision". However, there is nothing written that prevents the PDS staff..or, City officials..from initiating a SEIS or from allowing a public comment period to be available now.

The PDS Dept needs to be held accoubtable for previous statements!

Cathie (Raine) Urwin

From: Mandeera Wijetunga <mwijetunga@pacificenvironment.org>
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2023 4:59 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Pacific Environment letter to the Tacoma city council regarding PSE's Proposed Tideflats LNG Facility
Attachments: PSE LNG expansion comments letter (1).pdf

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Hello,

Please accept the attached comment letter from Pacific Environment regarding the PSE's proposed LNG fueling infrastructure project.

We believe given the current climate emergency; the Tacoma city council must consider the extreme environmental impacts of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) before moving forward with any expansion projects associated with LNG.

We hope to engage further with you on issues surrounding this project and we urge you to provide space for the Tacoma community to voice their concerns regarding the adverse environmental impacts.

Looking forward to a fruitful relationship with the Tacoma city council.

Sincerely,
Mandeera Wijetunga

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12/11/2023

Tacoma City Council
City Clerk
747 Market Street
Tacoma, WA 98402
Submitted via email

Re: Puget Sound Energy Liquefied Natural Gas Fueling Infrastructure Expansion

Dear Tacoma City Council Members,

On behalf of the Pacific Environment, we are reaching out to show our opposition to the recently announced expansion of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) fueling infrastructure expansion at the Blair Waterway Dock.

Pacific Environment is an international environmental non-profit dedicated to protecting communities and the environment around the Pacific Rim. We work to get ships off fossil fuels and have consultative status at the International Maritime Organization, the United Nations entity that sets global shipping laws.

Like many other local environmental organizations and activists, we were dismayed to see the announcement from the City of Tacoma dated November 28th regarding the LNG fueling expansion without any input from the public. This is unacceptable for a public agency and shows a lack of transparency and accountability.

We are already experiencing the effects of climate change, and methane (CH₄) slip associated with LNG poses an existential threat to global climate. As you already know, Methane is a potent greenhouse gas with [86 times the climate warming potential](#) of carbon dioxide over a shorter timescale. [A new study](#) found that **it takes as little as 0.2% of gas to leak to make natural gas as big a driver of climate change as coal**, so even near zero release during

extraction, production, and transport significantly contributes to global warming. Also, an [investigative report](#) by Transport and Environment carried out using optical thermal imaging, shows undocumented methane slips from currently operating LNG-powered ships. Also, [Bloomberg recently covered](#) T&E's newest report that expands on their previous research on LNG-powered ships. **The potent climate impact of LNG means LNG is not a “cleaner” alternative fuel, and investment in the fuel or any supporting infrastructure will only accelerate climate disaster.**

The tide is turning on LNG. A report by the World Bank titled [“The Role of LNG in the Transition Toward Low- and Zero-Carbon Shipping”](#) finds that LNG is likely to play a limited role in the decarbonization of the shipping sector. The report recommends that countries should avoid new public policy that supports LNG as a bunker fuel, reconsider existing policy support, and continue to regulate methane emissions – due to the uncertain benefits, additional capital expenditures/risk of stranded assets, risk of technology “lock-in,” and a high potential for more damaging GHG emissions through methane leakage associated with LNG asset development.

Announced revision to Shoreline Substantial Development Permit indicates the development of a 1. Eight-million gallon, non-pressurized full-containment LNG storage tank, 2. Approximately one mile of distribution pipeline in unincorporated Pierce County, 3. Approximately four miles of distribution pipeline that will extend from the city of Fife into Tacoma.

This new construction is a scope increase that has not been adequately studied in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and could pose major environmental risks and serious health & safety concerns for people who work and live in Tacoma & beyond. This is a substantial change in scope to the original FEIS and Shoreline Permit. **We formally request that a Supplemental EIS be initiated** to study the environmental, health, and safety impacts of this increase in scope.

Sincerely,
Mandeera Wijetinga
Climate Campaigner - Pacific Northwest
Pacific Environment

From: Claudia Riedener <ixia@harbornet.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 11:07 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fw: Record LU22-0197 City permitted for PSE LNG barging infrastructure without public review, despite repeated city claims that public review is necessary.

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Hello,
I am sending emails to city council, but no answers or replies have come from it, not for many years.
I want to at least make sure these are in public record.
Can you please include this for tonight's meeting?
If I cc cityclerk@cityoftacoma.org on communications, will that ensure they are made public record?
It sure feels like all citizens input falls into a giant abyss, never to be noticed or answered.
thank you
Claudia

Claudia Riedener
253-274-0655

----- Forwarded Message -----

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Date 11/30/2023 10:51:35 AM
Subject Record LU22-0197 City permitted for PSE LNG barging infrastructure without public review, despite repeated city claims that public review is necessary.

I know.
None of you on the council care to hear from me or anyone with environmental concerns.
I know.
None of you on the council will bother to reply, or explain why city staff, city legal have for years been allowed to spread misinformation/lies about the permitting process regarding PSE gas refinery on the Puyallup Reservation.

City permitted for PSE/TOTE LNG barging infrastructure without ANY public review/involvement, despite repeated city claims that such a public review is necessary.

City claims some 6,700 folks got notified of the LNG barging permit back-room deal outside the public's eye. Yet most of us

deeply concerned about climate and undue corrupting fossil fuel influence over local politics *have not received the courtesy of a note.*

After many years, the tide-flats subarea plan is completely stuck in the muck, having done its job to announce loudly to industry that they have years to expand and increase oil, gas and any other toxic endeavors - and that's just what we got, despite of - or more likely because of the meaningless, useless, toothless city declaration of "climate emergency" years ago.

We can plainly see the lies, the deception and the corruption.

You all can continue to let it fester, or you can attempt to clean up the situation.

Sure, you can also throw up your arms and say you have nothing to do with anything, just keeping a seat warm.

The choice is yours, and the responsibility also.

City planning's own words: ***"It is recognized by all parties that additional shoreline permitting, environmental assessment, and PUBLIC REVIEW, as well as additional review by the Coast Guard would be required for any work not currently within the scope is shoreline permit"***. (Check screen shot from city's 'PSE LNG' webpage below).

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Date 1/10/2023 10:45:06 AM

Subject Re[2]: Record LU22-0197

Thanks for the reply!

I can't quite tell you how many times we were told that PSE could not be able to fuel barges or ships because that TOTE dock configuration would not allow for it.

City routinely said there would be NO barging, we have that in writing.

We were also told anything else would require a new permit with public input. City planning's own words: ***"It is recognized by all parties that additional shoreline permitting, environmental assessment, and PUBLIC REVIEW, as well as additional review by the Coast Guard would be required for any work not currently within the scope is shoreline permit"***. (Check screen shot from city's 'PSE LNG' webpage below).

When I made a public records request for Puget Sound Energy barge related docs last year, city legal swamped me with **tons** of city documents regarding a North-end historic neighborhood delineation??? - which has exactly ZERO relations to barging. Now that's just inexplicable silliness and wasteful busywork on city's part.

I am also curious how PSE, or Tacoma LNG, can apply for a permit on public property where TOTE is holding the lease. Sure, PSE got a 1\$ easement for that cryogenic gas pipeline under our public land. But PSE does not own/lease/operate that TOTE dock. We understand city/port/USACE do not have any official warranty deed to that PSE LNG site, that was proven in Pierce County Superior Court. Surely the lease/ownership situation is clear on the TOTE site, or is it?

PSCAA PSE LNG SEIS study said up to 74% of all that PSE fracked gas would be barged.

It is highly inappropriate and deceitful to now entirely cut the public from any input on a climate-disastrous project that would allow for **81,0303,000,000 gallons of nearly pure methane** per year (87 TIMES more climate harming than CO2), barged through our sensitive Salish Sea shoreline communities ever year **for DECADES**. That's years after city declared a "climate emergency", which by now we can probably all agree was a mere publicity stunt to ceremoniously send Indigenous

Water Warriors and Climate Youth and packing.

It's become increasingly disturbing to follow the ever-present lies and obfuscations - in regards to anything PSE gas - that permeate not only the political leadership, but also departments like planning, legal and clerks office. Sure, you might not feel this to be the case, but we have the records to prove it. The continued silencing of the public and the refusal to include dedicated and engaged residents, exclusion of the general public - with such massively devastating, polluting projects - illuminates that these lies and deceptions are well coordinated, designed to protect extremely wealthy multinational fossil fuel interests, and not mere mistakes.

This all bodes terribly ill for the Tideflats Subarea Plan. It's understood that fossil fuel excess, PSE, US Oil and fossil-fuel funded politicians with much self interest have comfy seats at the table - while Climate Youth, Indigenous Water Warriors and health specialists are 100% excluded - but who will bare the brunt of city's will to become the PNW forever toxic gas station on the bay.

Best
Claudia Riedener

City statement from LNG webpage:

City planning department response September 2016

- PSE has the authorization to request development permits for one loading arm and one loading platform at the TOTE site.
- This includes one cryogenic pipe from their liquefaction facility, a fueling arm, and the requisite water-side facility for the fueling arm (including containment).
- The configuration of the fueling arm is unique to the TOTE ships, and a conventional bunker barge could not be fueled using this infrastructure.
- The TOTE site does not have moorage facilities or shoreline permit approval for construction to accommodate a bunker barge.
- On the Hylebos waterway: stormwater outfall repair and improvements as well as demolition of the deck on the existing pier, shoreline vegetation, some grading/graveling, and security fencing, all of which are environmental mitigation measures.
- It is recognized by all parties that additional shoreline permitting, environmental assessment, and public review, as well as additional review by the Coast Guard (which has authority over vessels) would be required for any work not currently within the (now reduced) scope of the shoreline permit.

City legal:

From: Victor, Steve(Legal) <svictor@ci.tacoma.wa.us>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 3:18 PM
Subject: RE: Supplemental EIS on barging LNG

Dear Ms. Riedener,

Thank you for your interest in this matter. To date construction of the PSE LNG Plant is in full compliance with all Tacoma permit requirements, and the array of other federal and State permitting agencies continue to monitor compliance with their own permit requirements. The plant has not yet operated.

As you point out, the Puget Sound Clean Agency's (PSCAA) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) analyzes emissions from potential future expansions of operations that are outside the scope of the existing permit. That is normal for an environmental analysis, which typically include a broad range of activities, not all of which will actually be pursued.

It is important to understand that for PSE to engage in any of the additional activities whose additional air emissions were evaluated in the PSCAA SEIS, PSE will need additional permits, not just from the City but also from a number of federal and State agencies. If PSE pursues additional activities, we will consider the need for additional environmental review associated with any new permitting. If you have other specific concerns, I am happy to discuss them.

Steve Victor
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From "Schultz, Shirley" <SSchultz@cityoftacoma.org>

To "Claudia Riedener" <ixia@harbournet.com>
Date 1/9/2023 1:34:26 PM
Subject RE: Record LU22-0197

Hi, Claudia –

The application was complete the first week (ish) of December. I'll check to make sure Accela is updated.

This is a request for a revision to a shoreline permit – there's no public comment period or review for this type of request; however, parties of record to the original shoreline permit will receive a copy of the revision letter when it is issued. Appeal provisions will be included in the letter.

Shirley Schultz, AICP (she/her)
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Note upcoming time away: I will be out of the office from the afternoon of December 19, 2022 to the afternoon of January 9, 2023.

From: Claudia Riedener <ixia@harbournet.com>
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 12:56 PM
To: Schultz, Shirley <sschultz@cityoftacoma.org>
Subject: Record LU22-0197

Record LU22-0197

I came across this application but there is not date indicated on it.

When are public meetings and comment periods?

Why are people who commented and engaged with this for many year kept in the dark?

best

Claudia Riedener

From: Mary Beth Kovanen <mbkovanen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 11:06 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City Council

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I AM IN SUPPORT OF ORD28926 (TREE ORDINANCE
9.20 UPDATE)

Peace,
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DEC 6, 2023

TO: MAYOR WOODRUFFS, CITY MANAGER PAULI, CITY ATTORNEY BALCHA, AND ALL MEMBERS OF TACOMA'S CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: MICROCHIPPING ORDINANCE FOR CATS & DOGS

This is an envelope to the cat declawing ordinance, more & more cities and states are requiring microchipping of cats & dogs (see attached "CORNELL CAT WATCH" newsletter).

Every locality has their specific take on this issue. I like the City of Snohomish, WA SH. Microchip Ordinance passed just last week! Along with requiring microchipping of cats and dogs the City alone away with pet licenses - citing low compliance. The purpose of a pet license TAG is to return pets to their owners - Animal Control utilizes a MICRO-CHIP reader to accomplish the same purpose. Only a fraction of pet owners get a pet license. And with a highly mobile society pets with more-in-and-out of municipalities - but a micro-chip will be constant.

So put a unique stamp on a Tacoma Microchip Ordinance" I would propose a voluntary microchipping (OPTIONAL) for retentive pets!

Sincerely,

Michelle Reich

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TACOMA, WA. 98405-4025



THIS JUST IN

New Las Vegas Microchip

Ordinance for Pets

In August, all dogs and cats must be microchipped

Since Hawaii passed a pet microchip requirement law in 2021, additional states/municipalities added similar regulations, including California, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas. And now, effective August 1, 2024, all dogs and cats over the age of 4 months residing in the city of Las Vegas must have a microchip.

Las Vegas pet owners must register their contact information and microchip numbers with the microchip registration company and Animal Protection Services through the animal pet licensing program. If there's a change in ownership, information must be changed within 30 days.

The new requirements do not apply to an animal whose owner has resided within the city fewer than 30 days or to an animal brought into the city temporarily for a show or exhibition.

Breeders will be required to comply with the new ordinance. They need to ensure that all dogs and cats offered for sale have been microchipped before being transported to a pet shop or sold.

Violations of the ordinance can result in a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment up to six months, or a combination of both a fine and prison. ■

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Handling Stranger Danger

People working on the house can stress your cat



Most cats think a stranger working in "their" house is a reason to hide—but not all of them! A few figure the person needs close supervision.

Cats aren't crazy about having new people in their house to begin with. But workers—be they contractors helping with your renovation, window washers, appliance repair workers, or landscapers—can bring on a whole new level of feline stress.

Workers can be stressful for cats for a variety of reasons:

- ▶ Unfamiliar people
- ▶ Loud noises from equipment
- ▶ Strange smells
- ▶ Invading the cat's space
- ▶ Changes to the home environment

If you know people are going to be doing work in or around your home, planning ahead can help to keep your cat calm and relaxed.

Tips for Success

Stick to normal routines as much as possible. Feed your cat his regular meals, and try to keep playtime and bedtime on schedule, too.

Consider synthetic pheromones. A diffuser or collar product such as Feliway, Comfort Zone, or Relaxivet can help to keep your cat calm. All these products are designed to mimic the feline facial pheromone, which is soothing to cats. Discuss your choice with your veterinarian.

Keep your cat confined. Let workers know that you have a cat, and consider putting signs on doors or windows that must stay shut to prevent kitty escapes.

Provide a buffer from loud noises. It may be helpful to shut your cat in a room away from the activity that is stocked with everything he needs. Play calming music or leave the television on as background noise to help drown out startling sounds.

Consider crate training. Large dog crates are an excellent—and portable—way to keep your cat safe and secure in a pinch. You can deck out the crate with everything your cat needs, including a litter box, and set it up in a quiet room or even a hotel if you need to make sure

your cat stays safe while work around the house is being done.

Know Your Cat

All cats have unique quirks. Some cats enjoy watching landscapers at work from their favorite window perch, while others may act like they are in a home-invasion movie. Some cats play with window washers, chasing the squeegee as it moves across the glass, while other cats may attack the alien in the window.

For routine work, adjust how you manage your cat based on previous experiences. If your cat panics about the lawnmower, plan ahead for mowing days and set him up in a safe spot where he can't hear the mower ahead of time. Preventing your cat from experiencing the stressor is much easier than calming him down after he is already upset.

For new things, think about your cat's personality and how he typically reacts to changes. If he typically observes new people or events from a distance but then warms up, he will likely be fine. If he tends to disappear for days, stop eating, and/or urinate throughout the house when something unusual happens, you will want to either try some of the management strategies above or consider boarding him until the work is done. ■