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Title: Howard St/Upper Sims Way Subarea Plan Kick-off

The wait is over! The Howard St/Sims Way Subarea Plan kick off is here! Let your voice be heard to shape the future of Port Townsend's Howard St/Upper Sims Way. What type businesses do you want? What should the neighborhood look like? Artisan businesses? Housing? Restaurants? The City wants to hear from you.

Starting in 1993 with a vision, the City's Gateway Corridor Plan led the way for nearly 25 years of focusing on public infrastructure improvements. In the last couple years alone, millions of dollars have been invested into this area, including the current construction of Howard Street expected to be completed by the end of August! Public infrastructure improvements, like expanded or upgraded sewer, water and electric services, represent a cornerstone to becoming business ready and open for development opportunities. For more information on Howard Street improvements, visit: <https://howardstreetextension.wordpress.com>

To fully capture economic opportunities, we must be business ready! To get there, we will build on the public infrastructure investments with a clearly articulated vision and plan for this area. This Subarea Plan will specifically address the community's vision and needs, and ensure success through clearly articulated development standards and regulations.

Over the next couple of months, the City will meet with a Task Force of area stakeholders, representing diverse interests: land and business owners, housing, environmental, to name a few. In addition, open Community Workshops will be held for the general public to ensure all voices are heard. Details of the first Community Workshop:

What: Community Workshop - Howard Street & Upper Sims Way Subarea Plan

When: Wednesday, June 28th at 5:30-7:30pm

Where: The Cotton Building – 607 Water St.

Meetings aren't your thing? No worries. An on-line survey will go live this summer so your voice can be heard.

Success of this vision relies on a partnership that includes you and your voice!

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