



November 16, 2021

Kevin Quinn, Chief Executive Officer
TransLink
400 - 287 Nelson's Court
New Westminster, BC V3L 0E7

Dear Mr. Quinn,

Re: Transport 2050 – Draft Regional Transportation Strategy

On October 25, 2021, Delta Council considered a staff report on the Transport 2050 Draft Regional Transportation Strategy and the proposed Fast and Reliable Transit Network with this strategy.

I am writing to request that through the process, TransLink provide clarification on the extent of the Express/Interregional service and connections to key urban growth centres in Ladner Village and Tsawwassen Town Centre, as well as employment centres in Tilbury, Annacis Island and Tsawwassen First Nation. Delta recognizes the joint benefits of an improved transportation network to service the Tsawwassen First Nation, ensuring equity and integration of the overall transit system.

I am also pleased to advise that Delta is in the process of finalizing a Cycling Master Plan. Once available, we will forward the Delta Cycling Master Plan to TransLink staff for consideration of incorporating the recommendations into the draft Transport 2050 Regional Cycling Network Map.

Our communities are embracing transit and improved service connections would help in providing access for everyone as envisioned with Transport 2050. We appreciate the efforts made to progress the new transportation strategy and look forward to continuing to work with TransLink on finalizing the Transport 2050 plan.

I also want to express Council's gratitude to TransLink staff for the Council workshop on November 4, 2021, which outlined the third phase of consultation on Transport 2050. Their workshop presentation was very informative and generated some excellent questions and dialogue on regional transportation planning. Of importance was the discussion on the re-implementation of express bus service from South Delta and Tsawwassen First Nation to the downtown Vancouver core.

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This connection is key to generating additional commuter transit ridership in these communities, in particular ahead of future construction on the new George Massey Tunnel Crossing Project. I along with our City Manager, Sean McGill, look forward to meeting with you to continue discussion on this important initiative.

Yours truly,



George V. Harvie
Mayor

cc: Chief Ken Baird, Tsawwassen First Nation
Delta Council
Sean McGill, City Manager
Steven Lan, Director of Engineering