



Key Request:

The City of Delta urgently requests your leadership and support in addressing the funding shortfall that threatens public transit services in Delta. We ask that you work with TransLink to establish a new funding model that prevents the potential transit service cuts, particularly the reduction of crucial bus routes and HandyDART services. These cuts would severely impact residents, including students, seniors, essential workers, and individuals with limited mobility, who rely on public transportation for their daily needs. Immediate action is needed to ensure continued, reliable, and accessible public transportation for Delta.

Background:

The City of Delta is deeply concerned about the potential transit service cuts outlined in TransLink's July 24 report, *Potential Transit Impacts*. If a new funding model is not developed, these cuts will drastically reduce bus services and HandyDART availability, posing a significant threat to the accessibility and reliability of public transportation in Delta.

These reductions would negatively impact thousands of Delta residents who depend on public transit for essential activities such as commuting, attending medical appointments, and social engagements. For many, particularly those with limited mobility, the bus is their primary or only means of transportation.

Reliable public transit is vital to the social and economic well-being of Delta. It supports local businesses, reduces traffic congestion, and contributes to environmental sustainability by lowering the city's carbon footprint. Any

reduction in services will have widespread negative effects on the entire community, diminishing the quality of life and impeding economic activity.

Delta Council urges that a solution be found to ensure public transportation remains accessible, efficient, and reliable. We are confident that, with your intervention, we can address the current budget constraints and work together to maintain these essential services for the residents of Delta.