

## Office of Mayor George V. Harvie City of Delta



September 1, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Quinn,

## Re: Transit Service Levels in South Delta

We are writing TransLink to highlight some of the important growth initiatives taking place including the industrial lands development within Tsawwassen First Nation and the anticipated revitalization of Ladner Village in the City of Delta. These areas serve as both employment districts, as well as destination points for the region as a whole. Tsawwassen First Nation and the City of Delta strongly believe that these areas would benefit greatly from the provision of improved transit service now and in the future.

It is vital across the region to have equitable access to transit service in order to provide an integrated system that everyone has the opportunity to use. Together, Delta and Tsawwassen First Nation believe it is important to provide our growing areas with transit now, in order to foster within our communities the ability to rely on a strong transit system moving forward.

Although we understand that TransLink is dealing with significant financial challenges associated with the pandemic, we are hopeful that ridership will return and the opportunities for transit expansion will become available. Future transit service improvements to these areas are identified in the Southwest Area Transport Plan and we would appreciate that these service improvements be prioritized in any future service plan enhancements.

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Tsawwassen First Nation and the City of Delta welcome the opportunity to work together with TransLink on the provision of improved transit service that will serve both our communities now, and in turn, help create strong levels of ridership moving into the future.

Thank you for your consideration of our joint request.

Yours truly,

George V. Harvie

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Chief Ken Baird

Tsawwassen First Nation

cc: Braden Smith, Chief Administrative Officer, Tsawwassen First Nation

Delta Council

Sean McGill, City Manager

Steven Lan, Director of Engineering