

REPORT

Climate Action, Planning and Development

To: Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council
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From: Jackie Teed,
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Item #: 2023-99

Subject: **Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: 2126 Seventh Avenue (22nd Street SkyTrain Station)**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council grant a noise exemption to TransLink from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 from 10 PM to 7 AM starting March 1st, 2023, to November 30th, 2023 including Saturdays, but, excluding Sundays and Statutory Holidays, to modify the 22nd Street SkyTrain infrastructure to increase egress from the station.

PURPOSE

To request that Council grant an exemption to TransLink from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 from 10 PM to 7 AM starting March 1st, 2023 to November 30th, 2023 including Saturdays, but excluding Sundays and Statutory Holidays to modify the 22nd Street SkyTrain infrastructure to increase egress from the station.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

City staff consider an exemption of the Construction Noise Bylaw to be reasonable for the following three reasons:

1. Given that SkyTrain is a key transportation system linking riders from New Westminster to multiple business centers.
2. Given that SkyTrain operational constraints dictate construction to occur during nighttime hours; and

3. Given that increased ridership demands larger trains requiring modified infrastructure.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial impact to the City is anticipated by granting the exemption. If the exemption is not granted, the project will likely be delayed which may result in financial impacts for the applicant.

OPTIONS

There are two options to consider:

1. That Council grant a noise exemption to TransLink from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 from 10 PM to 7 AM starting March 1st, 2023, to November 30th, 2023 including Saturdays, but, excluding Sundays and Statutory Holidays, to modify the 22nd Street SkyTrain infrastructure to increase egress from the station.
2. That Council provide staff with alternative direction.

Staff recommend Option 1.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Notification to Immediate Neighbourhood
Appendix B: Area of Construction work

APPROVALS

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