

# REPORT

## Climate Action, Planning and Development

**To:** Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council  
**Date:** March 27, 2023

**From:** Jackie Teed,  
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Planning and Development  
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**Item #:** 2023-193

**Subject:** Construction Noise Bylaw Exemption Request: 22nd Street SkyTrain Station - Amending Report

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### **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 January 31st, 2024 including Saturdays and intermittent Sundays, but excluding Statutory Holidays, to modify the 22nd Street Skytrain infrastructure to prepare for longer trains.

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### **PURPOSE**

To request that Council grant an exemption to TransLink from Construction Noise Bylaw No. 6063, 1992 to enable the specialized installation of a new maintenance walkway and a steel emergency egress stairway. The modifications will allow the platform to accommodate longer trains in anticipation of increased ridership. TransLink is asking for consideration to work intermittent Sundays and to extend the term of the Noise Relaxation to January 31, 2024 which is an amendment to their original request in February 2023.

### **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 January 31st, 2024 including Saturdays and intermittent Sundays, but excluding Statutory Holidays, to modify the 22nd Street Skytrain infrastructure to prepare for longer trains.
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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