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Karen Elrick
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Dear Ms. Elrick,

Re: Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 686-2023 – Anmore South

We received your referral letter dated February 26, 2025, and thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 686-2023 – Anmore South.

We appreciate the outreach and provide our comments based on:

- TransLink's legislated mandate to review major development proposals for regional transportation implications, and to support Metro Vancouver's Metro 2050 Regional Growth Strategy.
- Policy direction in [Transport 2050](#), the Regional Transportation Strategy, to work with partner agencies in advancing shared regional objectives and integrated land use and transportation planning; and
- TransLink's [Transit-Oriented Communities Design Guidelines](#), a tool to support the planning and design of communities that integrate land use with sustainable transportation.

Key Comments: Alignment with Regional Transportation Plans

- We understand the proposed OCP amendment would require an amendment to Metro 2050 to extend the Urban Containment Boundary and re-designate the land from Rural to General Urban.
- Given our mandate to support Metro 2050, TransLink's regional transportation plans are based on the region's growth being located within the [Metro 2050 Urban Containment Boundary](#), and the region's higher levels of growth being located in Urban Centres, Frequent Transit Development Areas, and along the Major Transit Growth Corridors.
- Transport 2050 ([Action 1.2.3](#)) speaks to expanding frequent local fixed-route transit service so that by 2050 nearly all residents within the Urban Area (i.e. the Urban Containment Boundary) are within a 5-minute walk of frequent, all day, everyday service. These improvements depend on funding and regional priorities. The Anmore South subject area is currently located outside the region's Urban Area.

- The Access for Everyone plan (Transport 2050: 10-Year Priorities) includes a doubling of bus service in the region and expansion of service in new areas. The subject area is identified on [Map 1 of the plan](#) for 'enhanced service to a natural area' (Belcarra Regional Park). Typically service enhancements to natural areas are seasonal, often summer weekends only.
- Existing (year-round) transit service currently operates along Sunnyside Road and 1st Avenue approximately every 30 to 60 minutes, connecting to Moody Centre Station. The rural nature of the area and its location at the edge of the region, however, make it difficult to meet the conditions for transit-oriented growth, as identified in the [Transit-Oriented Communities Design Guidelines](#). It could therefore be a long time into the future until TransLink might be able to consider higher frequency transit service to the area, given funding limitations and other regional priorities.

Additional Considerations

- Through TransLink's Local Government Funding (cost-share) Program, [funding has been awarded](#) for an extension to the Sunnyside Road multi-use path (MUP), to better connect Anmore's existing trail systems and trails between Port Moody and Anmore. For any potential future development in this area, TransLink recommends providing good connections to the MUP and 'Comfortable for Most' cycling and walking infrastructure, to ensure residents have safe access to active transportation and transit.
- Per Section 21(1) and 21(2) of the [South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Act](#), TransLink approval is required for any road alterations that would reduce the capacity of any part of the [Major Road Network](#) (MRN) to move people or would prohibit the movement of trucks on any road other than Provincial highways. TransLink would like to collaborate with Anmore on any future changes to the MRN that might be triggered by proposed developments in the Anmore South area.

Continued Collaboration

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 686-2023 for Anmore South. We look forward to continued coordination with the Village of Anmore. Please feel free to contact me at JuYoung.Kim@translink.ca should you have any questions or wish to discuss further.

Regards,



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