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Update on the Status of the Airspace Modernization for YVR

This notice is intended to provide an update on the status of proposed airspace changes in support of safe, efficient, and environmentally conscious operations surrounding Vancouver International Airport (YVR).

Following the robust public consultation undertaken in late 2022/early 2023, NAV CANADA continues to work alongside YVR to evaluate the valuable feedback provided by communities regarding the proposed airspace changes around Metro Vancouver and Southern Vancouver Island.

While a public consultation report was initially anticipated for spring 2023, our review work is still underway, and we remain committed to taking the time necessary to fully consider the feedback we received. Our goal is to deliver an optimal airspace design that supports safe operations and long-term growth in demand for air travel in the region, and mitigates noise where feasible.

In doing so, a balanced approach is being utilized to take into account a range of inputs including – first and foremost – safety requirements, efficiency, environmental impacts (both noise and emissions), all while ensuring any new approach paths are built against federally regulated design standards.

As our review proceeds, we are committed to providing appropriate updates and, ultimately, sharing a public-facing consultation report that will summarize input received, airspace design recommendations, implementation timelines, and next steps.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents, elected officials, businesses and industry stakeholders who took the time to provide feedback, which is a key component of our review.

Any questions or comments can be directed to consultation@navcanada.ca.