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Submission: Living in Concord and working locally for 17 years, I used my car as transport to and from work. More recently I changed jobs and am now work in Kensington. Keen to use public transport, which require bus, train and bus, to and from work, I have commuted these last 7 months.

A normal week's commute cost is \$60, as I max out every day. And yes, reducing this cost by adding four 'short' trips early in the week halves this cost. If this incentive to minimise cost changes, I will be reverting to car travel again. It is more expensive for me to travel by public transport, than by car, even considering fuel, parking fess and car maintenance. Travel time by car is also less than it takes using public transport.

Having used transport systems in New York, London and European capital cities, Sydney's Opal system is so much more expensive. In the 7 months I have used public transport, I have found the trains and buses, clean, efficient and punctual. Communication on the trains are excellent and timely.

I want to to be able to continue using public transport, as a sustainable transport option within my city. However, if the changes become too expensive for me, I will revert to my car.

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