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Submission: The overhaul of the fee structure, should be just that, rather than a poorly justified fare hike. People should be encouraged to use as many modes of public transport to avoid using their cars as much as possible and not be penalised for it. Fare's should be calculated by overall distance traveled, regardless of the efficiency of the mode of transport, which is a resultant of poor planning by our government rather than an individual's choice in which they must pay for. Efficiency will increase with greater usage and if averaged out over the entire public transport network, should be easily balanced with the fare 'reform' planned.

I currently have a bus stop two doors from my house, which can take me to and from the closest train station (1.6km away). However I elect to walk the distance or drive and park at the station, as the short 5 minute bus ride increases my 22km train ride fare by 43.5% The bus runs, regardless of whether I catch it or not, and more often then not, it drives past me almost completely empty whilst the streets around the train station are completely full with commuters parking their cars for the day. Lower fares, more people using supporting modes of transport, equates to higher efficiency.

At the very least, stop punishing those who need to use multiple modes of transport, as they are doing the right thing by using public transport in the first place which is better for the community and the environment. Even better still, one single low fare per journey, regardless of modes of transport and distance travelled (this might also help with housing demand and pricing, with people happier to live further away from the CBD due to a better and more supportive public transport network).