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Submission: Hi, I believe the Opal fare system for changing modes of transport could be a lot smarter. I think the ultimate objective is to get people using the public transport system taking cars off the road. To do so, we need to be encouraging people to use more public transport. For changing transport modes, I think we could simply charge for the longest single mode, in addition to a flat fixed charge for the other modes used in the same journey. So for example, if a person travels 10km by train and transfers to a bus and travels for 5 km by bus, we simply charge for the 10km train ride as its the longest by distance. We then charge a small flat fee of say \$0.50 or a \$1 for the bus ride. Going by the same example, if a person travels 20 km by bus and 10 km by train, we charge them for the 20km bus ride and then the small fixed charge for the 10 km train ride. I think this is a smarter and fairer system than charging the complete price of each modes of transport that happens today. It doesn't reward loyal public transport commuters. At the end of the day, we want to make Sydneysiders productive by getting them to their work or other destinations quick, encourage them to use public transport to do the same and make them feel happy about using public transport. I believe a system which does that no matter how it does it would be welcome by the commuters who use the transport network everyday.