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At a time when redundancies are rife for grey haired employees thereby wiping out incomes, while costs across the board are rising and pension funds are crashing, when eyesight and other faculties are beginning to wane, seniors need support. Keeping seniors active and participating in the community is vital for everyone. Encouraging the use of public transport is absolutely necessary.

If we are to keep active and self sufficient as long as possible, we need low cost and frequent access to transport. And, remember that seniors are far more likely to be in the volunteer workforce. Pulling the rug out from under seniors by effectively removing transport subsidies worked for over the course of a lifetime is grossly unfair.

Seniors who can afford to continue using private transport will do so. Those who cannot afford private transport will find \$3,000 a year for public transport far too expensive. Imagine what it would be like to find you can no longer afford to move about freely. How would this affect your well being and level of self sufficiency? Think what an extra \$45 per week in transport costs would mean to a person on a fixed income. This would easily be the difference between engaging in volunteer work and finding it too costly to participate, keeping or dropping medical appointments, visiting friends or staying home.