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## LETTER: Needlessly complicated transit system one of its problems

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**Dear Editor:**

Envy of Canada? I don't think so.

Instead of telling us who's stupid and who isn't when it comes to public transit, I suggest letter [writer Neil McGregor](http://www.nsnews.com/opinion/letters/letter-vote-yes-and-make-lower-mainland-envy-of-canada-1.1793918) (<http://www.nsnews.com/opinion/letters/letter-vote-yes-and-make-lower-mainland-envy-of-canada-1.1793918>) researches his home transit system. TTC offers a service from Pearson International to downtown Toronto, same distance as YVR to Capilano University, with one transfer, for \$3. The advertised trip time is 63-75 minutes.

TransLink's fastest link from YVR to Capilano University is an advertised 80 minutes with two transfers, costing \$9 full fare, \$7.75 if he pretends to be a senior or student.

The only way he pays \$2.75 is if he buys a book of 10 tickets and travels on a weekend or holiday.

And he'd better cross his fingers and pray there are no delays because his last transfer, if he uses the SeaBus, has a 30-minute window before expiry, 18 minutes if he uses buses from downtown, which is one of many complaints Vancouverites have about their public transit system.

It's needlessly complex. Obviously not fully understood by Mr. McGregor.

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