

# ROBUSTNESS OF SINGAPORE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

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**“ Transportation is the center of  
the world!**

**It is the glue of our daily lives.**

**When it goes well, we don't see it.**

**When it goes wrong, it negatively  
colours our day, makes us feel  
angry and impotent, curtails our  
possibilities ! ”**

**– Robin Chase, Founder of ZipCar.**

# Background

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- Transportation - one of the real signs of a developed nation.**
- 11 media-documented cases of train breakdowns in Singapore in the first three months of 2015.**
- Huge impact on the day to day lives of Singapore residents.**
- Need for Network Analysis of the current existing Public Transportation Network.**
- Need for a Robust, Resilient-to-failures Public Transportation network.**

# Objectives & Deliverables

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- Network Analysis of current public transportation system.
- Understand robustness through removing selected edges.
- Analysis of real-time breakdowns that occurred in Singapore.
- Proposal of new nodes and edges to improve resilience to failure

# Assumptions

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- Train networks by SMRT and SBS Transit form core Singapore Train and Bus Network.
- Impacts of other public transportation is not considered for the model.
- Time taken for bus/train to stop at a station, Time taken for passengers to alight/drop off are not factored into calculation of travelling time.
- Non-peak hours travelling is not considered ; During peak hours buses travel on an average of 25 km/h
- Assumption related to distance
  - Commuters prefer to take public transport to reach a station if distance > 400 metres.
  - If distance < 400 metres, assumed that on an average people would walk to the station.
  - Short links between stations are represented by a 4.8 km/h walking speed.

- Waiting time due to switching mode of transportation
  - ▶ Change to Bus : 8 Minutes
  - ▶ Change to MRT/LRT : 3 Minutes
  - ▶ Change MRT/LRT at Interchange : 5 Minutes
- MRT/LRT Stations under construction, travelling time between them is 2 mins
- Optimal and uniform traffic conditions exist during the peak timings and the travelling time and waiting time estimations throughout the network.

# Data Sources

For Bus Routes Data

Transit Link Website



Geo-Spatial  
Information Data

Open Street Map



*OpenStreetMap*

Subzone Data  
Population Density  
Travelling Time  
Data



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*The Free Encyclopedia*



# Methodologies Overview

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## Robustness Measure

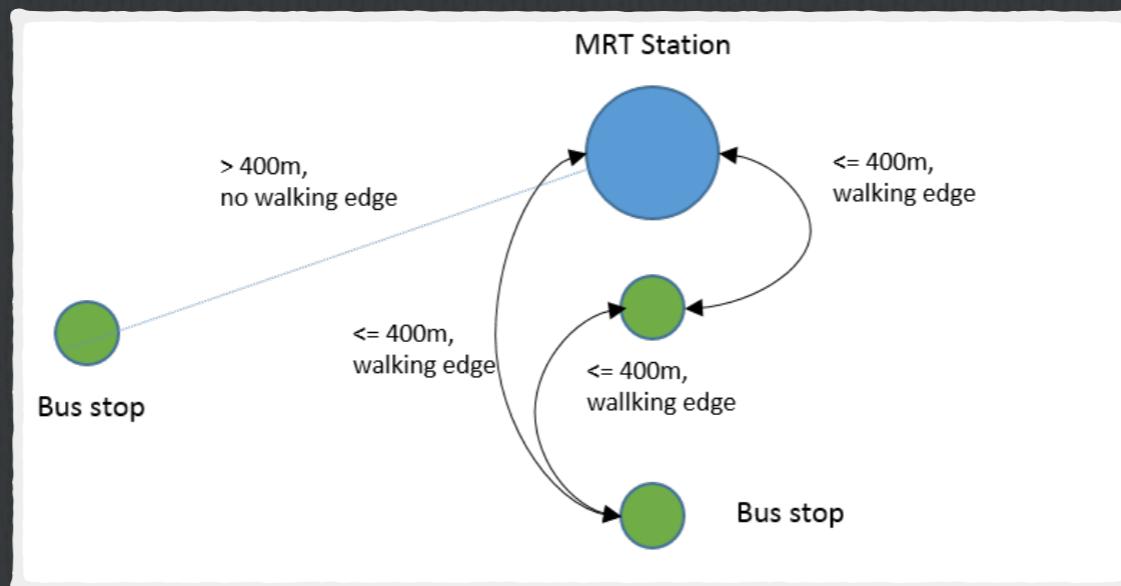
- ▶ Accurate quantification to network's well being.
- ▶ Ease of translation to the physical domain.
- ▶ Aptness of application to Different Strategies (i.e Spoke-hub network vs point-to-point network)

## Population Simulation

- ▶ Accounting for travel direction & magnitude of commuter flow.
- ▶ Commuters between each start,end pair can be calculated.

# Data Transformation : Nodes and Edges

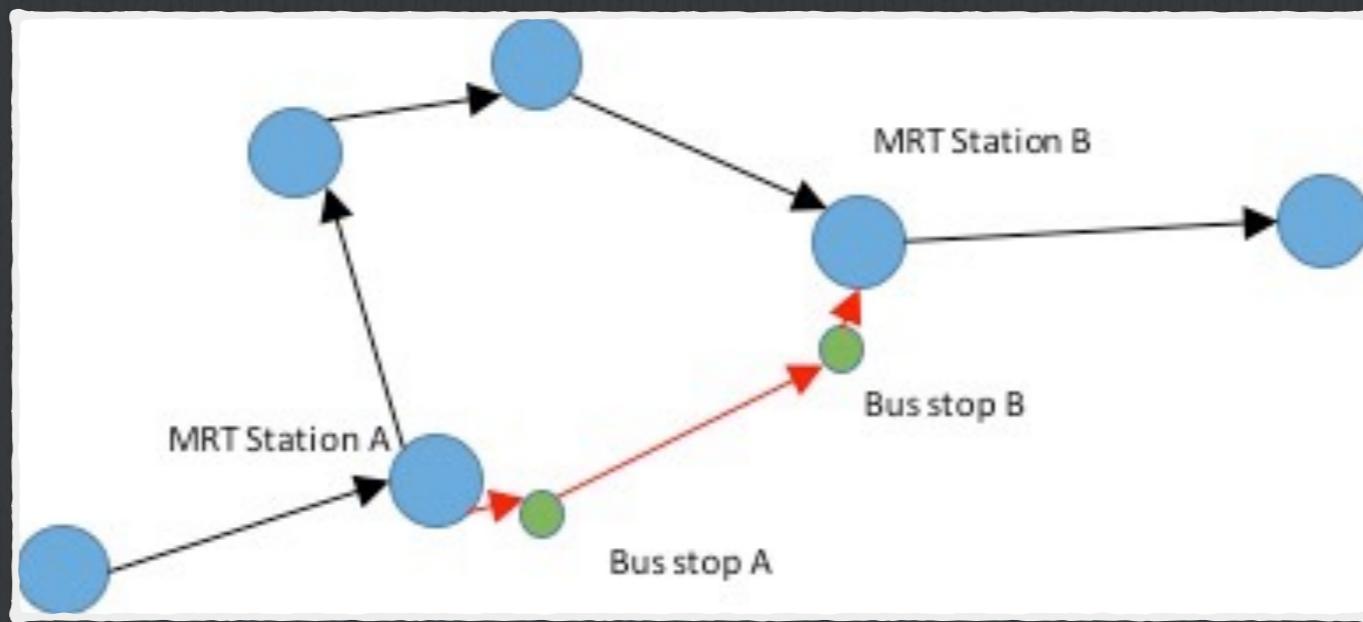
- Convert bus Nodes, Train Nodes, Walking Routes into Nodes & Edges.
  - ▶ Ordered the sequence of bus stops for each route and created start and end nodes using lag Value; Edge Weights created using bus speed of 25 km/h
- Link Trains and Bus Routes using Walking Edges
  - ▶ Distance between Nodes calculated using Haversine Distance and filtered for nodes  $\leq 400m$  apart; Edge Weights created using 4.8 km/hr walking speed.

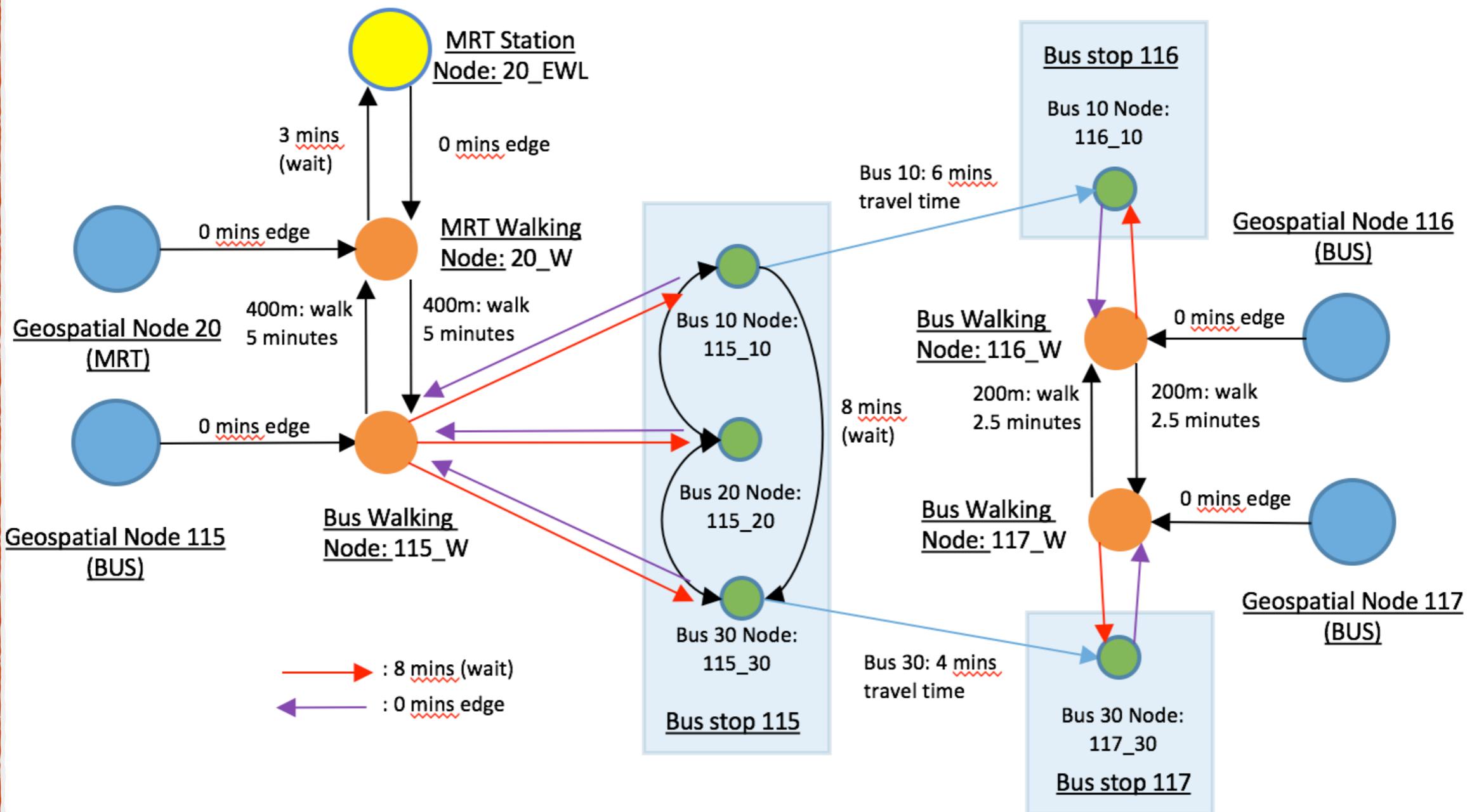


# Data Transformation : Why Model Waiting Time?

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- Model Waiting time for each route change to incorporate reality.
- Bus to MRT, MRT to Bus, MRT Interchange, Bus to Bus (Same Stop), Bus to Bus (Different Stop)





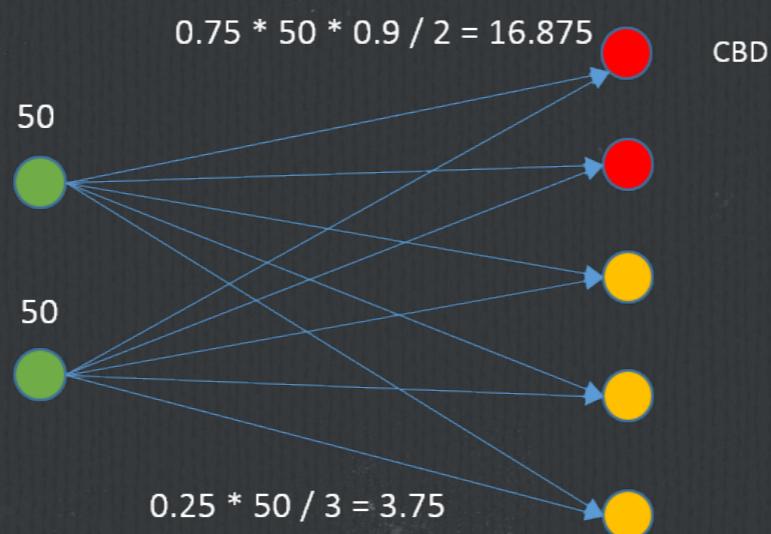
# Data Preparation

# Data Preparation : Modelling Commuter Count

- Working Population : Age 18 - 65. 75% travels to CBD, 25% to all other nodes
- Uniformly Distributed across all node pairs.

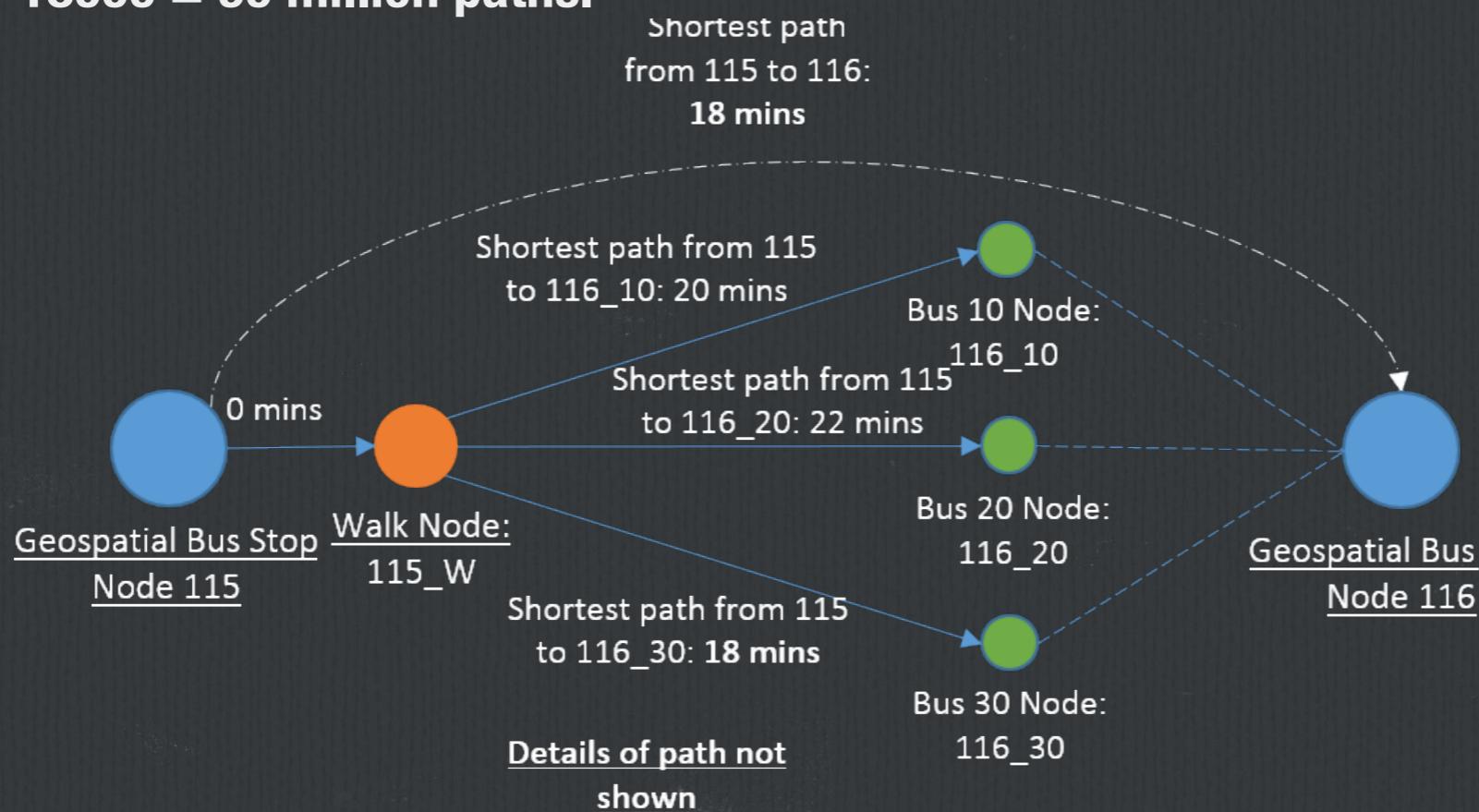
$$\text{commuter count}_{\text{start}=\text{subzone } i, \text{ end}=\text{CBD node } j} = 75\% \times \frac{\text{subzone } i \text{ working population} \times 90\%}{\text{subzone } i \text{ node count} \times \text{total CBD node count}}$$

$$\text{commuter count}_{\text{start}=\text{subzone } i, \text{ end}=\text{nonCBD node } j} = 25\% \times \frac{\text{subzone } i \text{ working population} \times 90\%}{\text{subzone } i \text{ node count} \times \text{total nonCBD node count}}$$



# Data Preparation : Shortest Commute Time

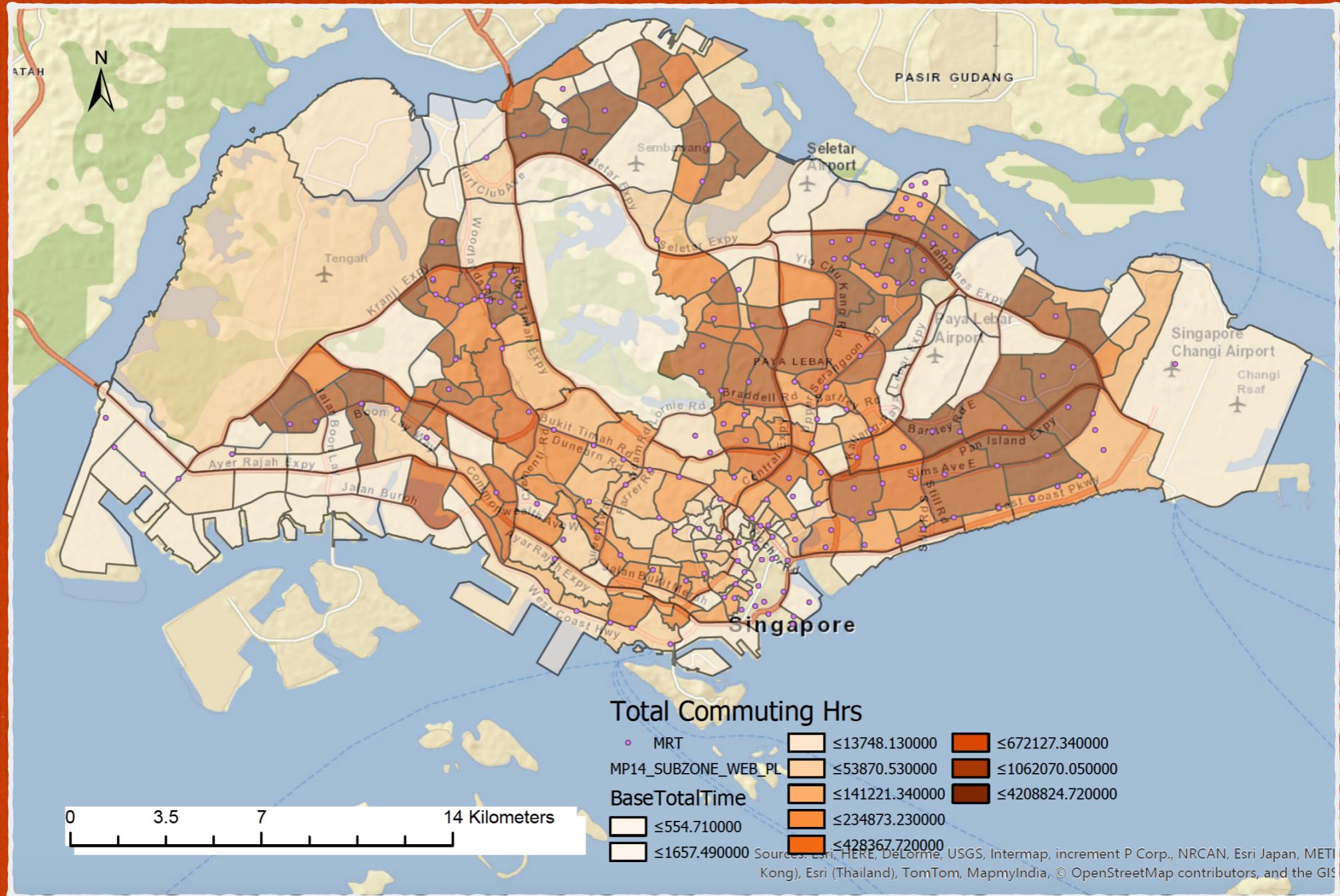
- Only for actual geo-spatial nodes pairs.
- Djikstra's Algorithm for shortest path (uni-directional, weighted)
- Intermediate nodes as end nodes to derive geo-spatial end nodes (no incoming edges).  
 $5000 * 18000 = 90 \text{ million paths.}$



# **Data Preparation : Total Commute Time**

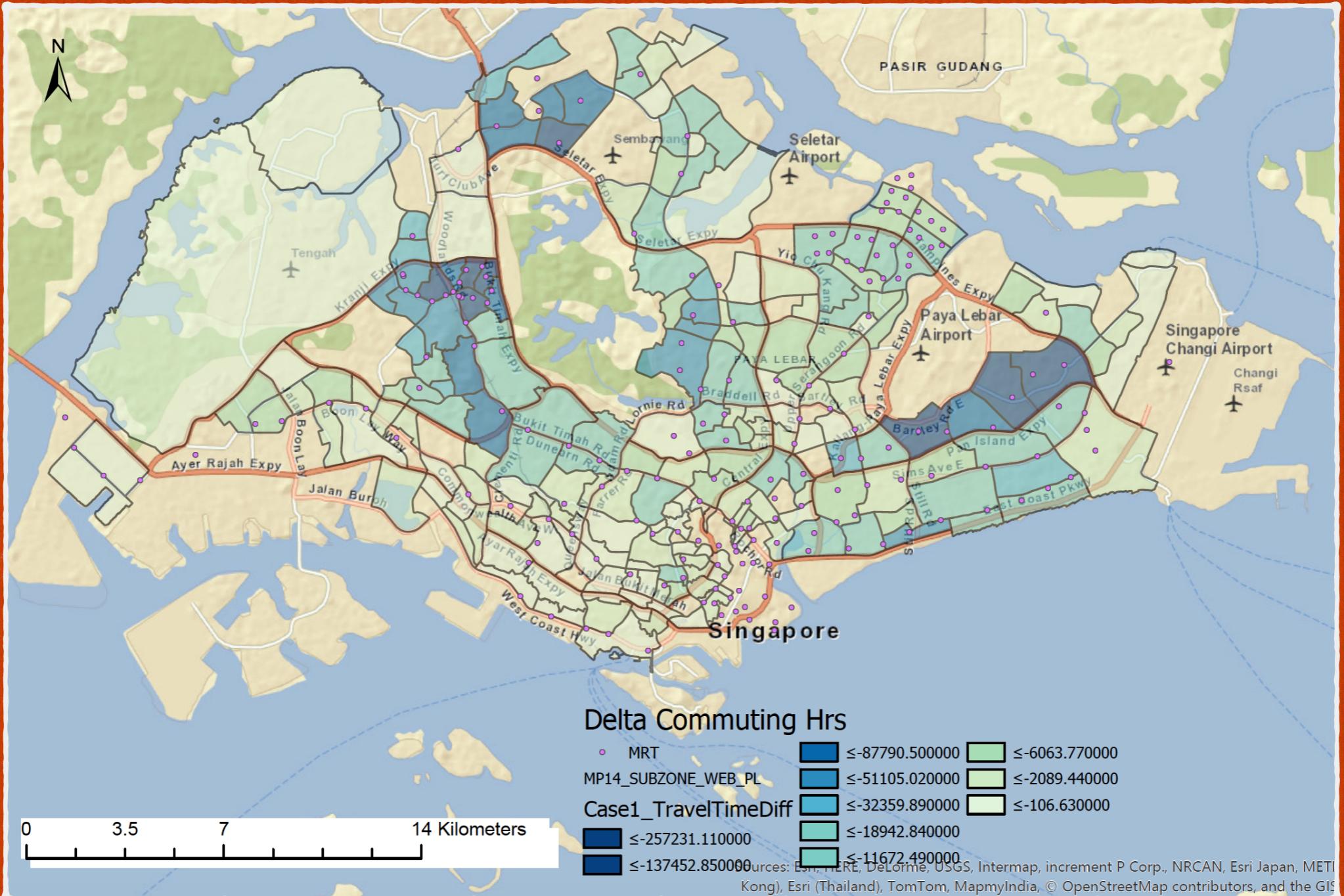
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- Merged commuter count distribution and shortest commute time using start and end geospatial nodes.**
  
- Total Commute Time is the summation of the product of commuter count and shortest commute time of all the node pairs combination.**



- Slightly Correlated to Subzone Population
- Nearer to CBD, Less Commute Time
- ArcGis and ArcMap
- Tampines East, Tampines West & Woodlands ↗ CT

# Baseline Commute Time

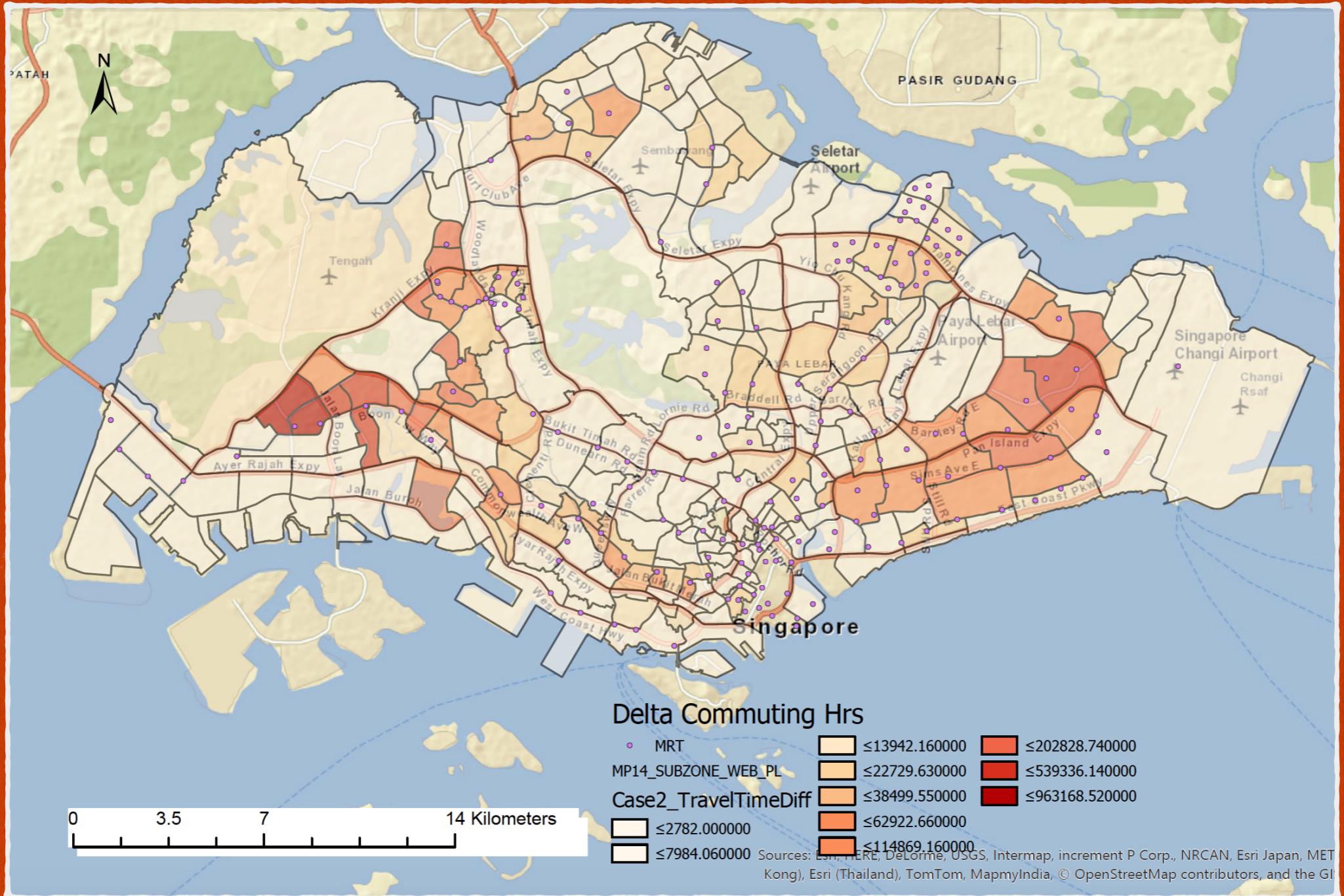


- Proposal had Improved Subzones Inline with Baseline Scenario needs
- Usage of Delta Commuting Hrs
- Thomson East Coast Line and Downtown Line
- Jelebu, Tampines East, Tampines West, Woodlands South have improved Commute Time ↓

# Proposed Nodes Analysis

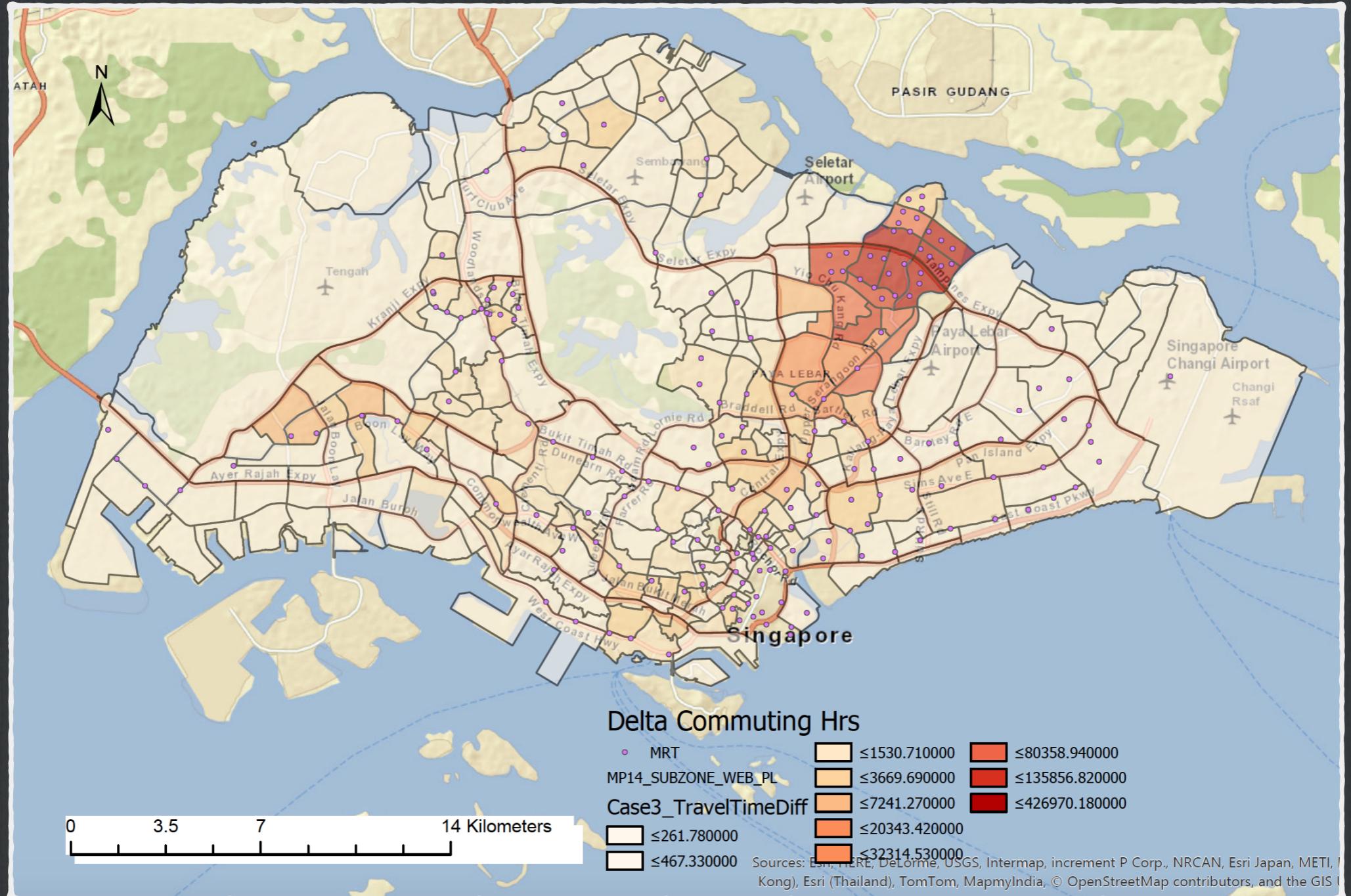
# MRT Breakdowns Analysis

Affected Nodes		Date of Occurrence (DD/MM/YY)	Affected Hours	MRT Line
From	To			
Jurong East	Bugis	03/03/15	1.50	 East West Line
Woodleigh	Punggol	19/06/13	2.50	 North East Line
Bishan	Marina Bay	15/12/11	5.58	 North South Line



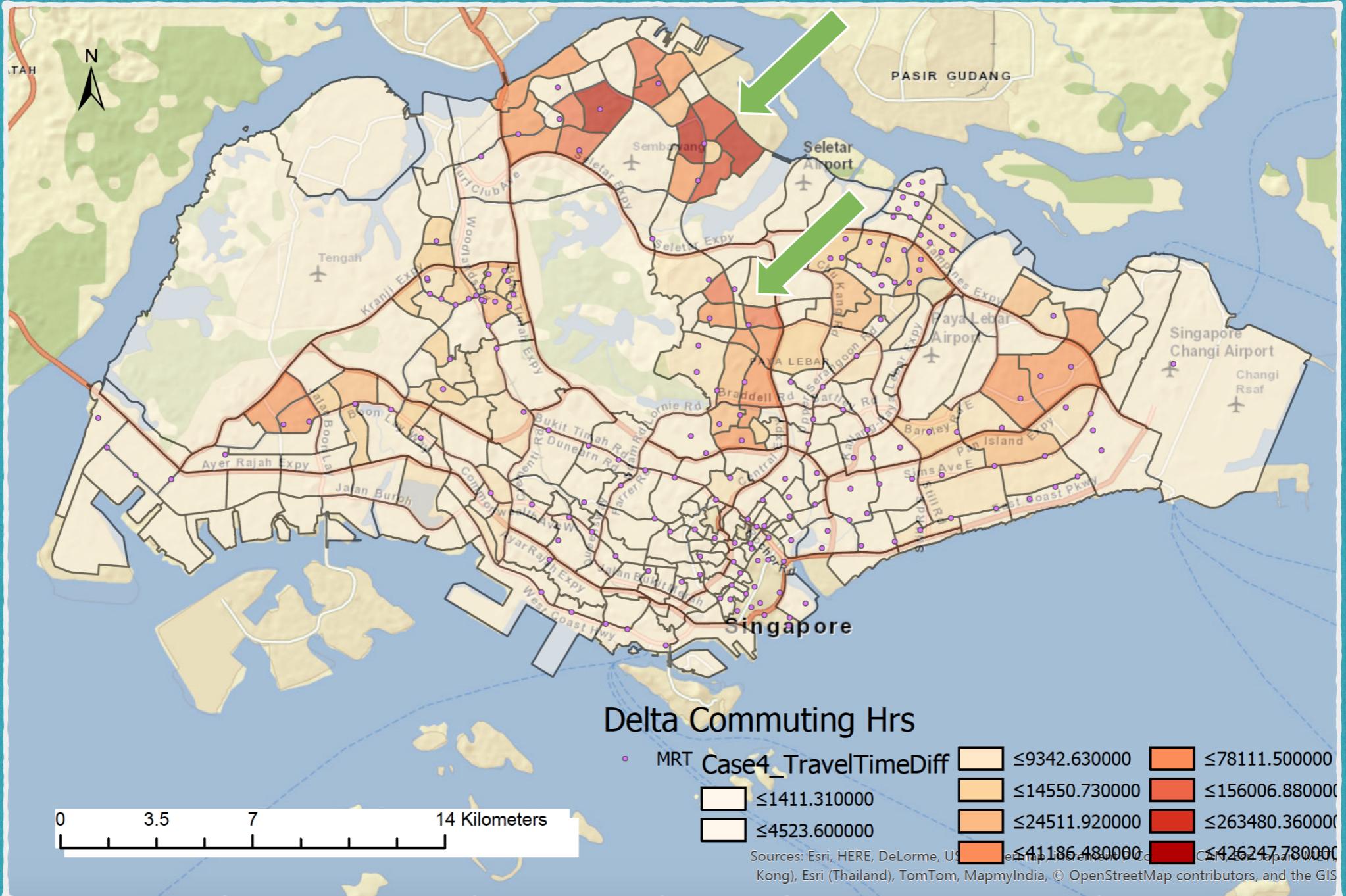
# Jurong East - Bugis Breakdown Analysis

- MRT Stations from Jurong East to Bugis were affected recently due to track fault
- Vitality of East-West Line
- Subzones East and West of the Island most affected.
- Jurong West Central had the highest impact of the breakdown of about 46%



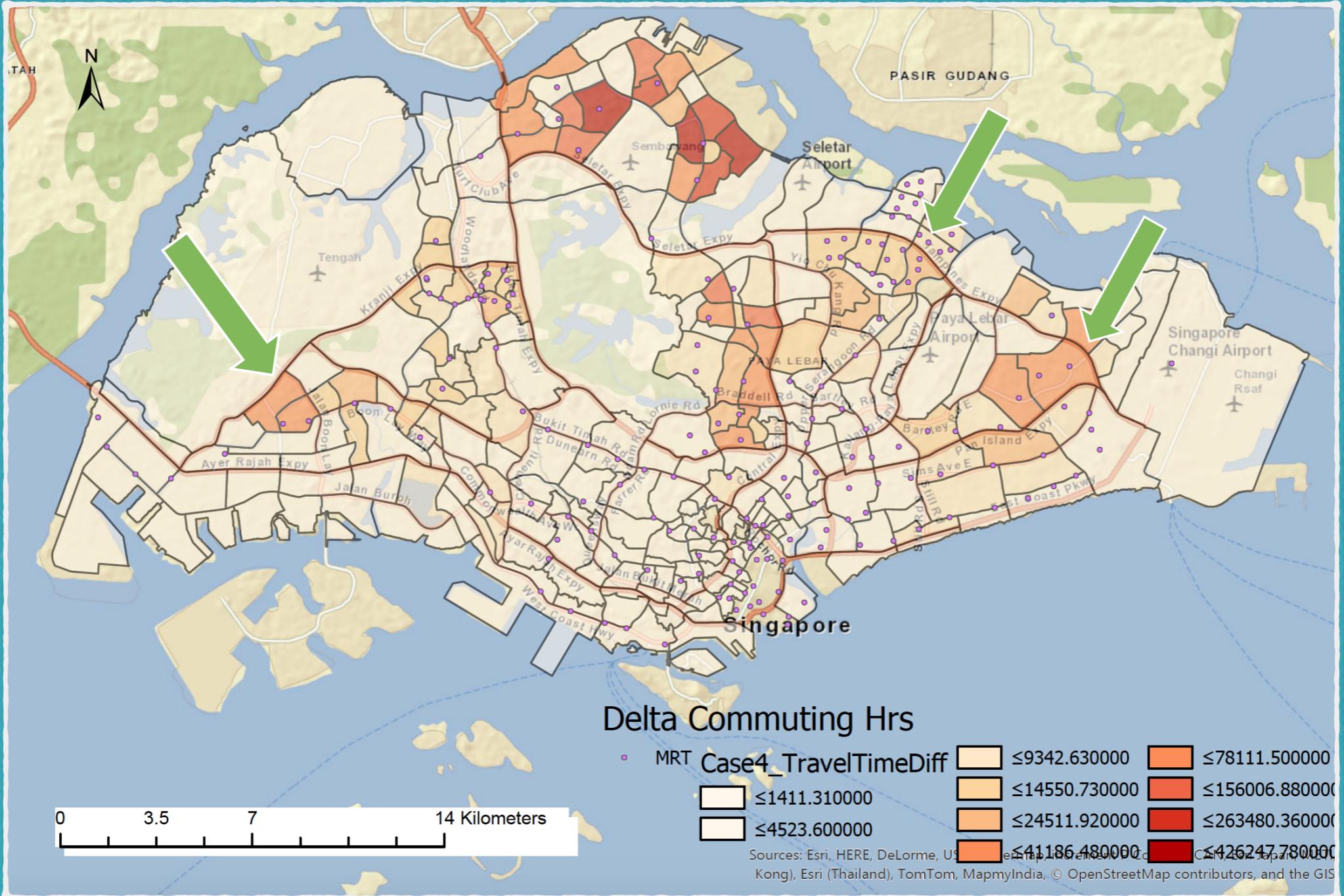
# Woodleigh - Punggol Breakdown Analysis

- Increase in total commuting time only in the North Ease subzones
- A total increase of 20-40% of commuting time



# Bishan - Marina Bay Breakdown Analysis

- Darker shades indicates heavier impact on total commuting time
- Heavy impacts north of Bishan, where there is large population and they intuitively take train to CBD
- Heavy impacts in vicinity of Bishan



# Bishan - Marina Bay Breakdown Analysis

- Heavily populated subzones at extreme east/west are impacted at the 'last mile': commuters change to bus at the city hall/raffles place train inter-changes
- Circle Line commuters who change to NS line at Bishan to take bus totally

# Limitations

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- ‘Response Reactions’ not factored
  - ▶ New bus services mirroring train services not factored (but it takes time for these services to be up)
  - ▶ Over-estimate impact
- Transportation capacities not factored
  - ▶ Bus services typically have lower capacities compared to train
  - ▶ Under-estimate impact
- Human behaviours not modelled
  - ▶ Typical commuter more likely to stay and wait till fault is corrected
  - ▶ Under-estimate impact
- Assumes commuters have full transportation information and can arrive at shortest path
  - ▶ Scaling effect on total commuting hours

# Future Extensions

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- Permute Train Nodes Breakdown**
  - Calculate at impact on total commuting hrs for all breakdown scenarios
  - Propose critical edges for transportation companies and security agencies to focus on
- Proposal of New Transportation Nodes/Edges**
  - Framework developed by project can be a base to evaluate efficacy of new nodes/edges
  - Stratify island into grids, identify grids with high **Population : Transportation node ratio**, randomly generate nodes/edges, assess impact
  - Transportation planner to zoom into grids with high potential
- Higher Resolution Starting and Destination Node Pairs**
  - Government may have address and workplace information of residents, and also whether they drive (own a car)
  - Use this information for calculation of total commuting time for better accuracy

**Thank You !**

**Questions ?**