How should Anchorage balance
Connections and Complexity?

Connected Network

Spenard · Nunaka Valley · Muldoon

Connection point

Downtown · University · Mall

You have to make a transfer, but you get shorter waits and more choice in when you travel.
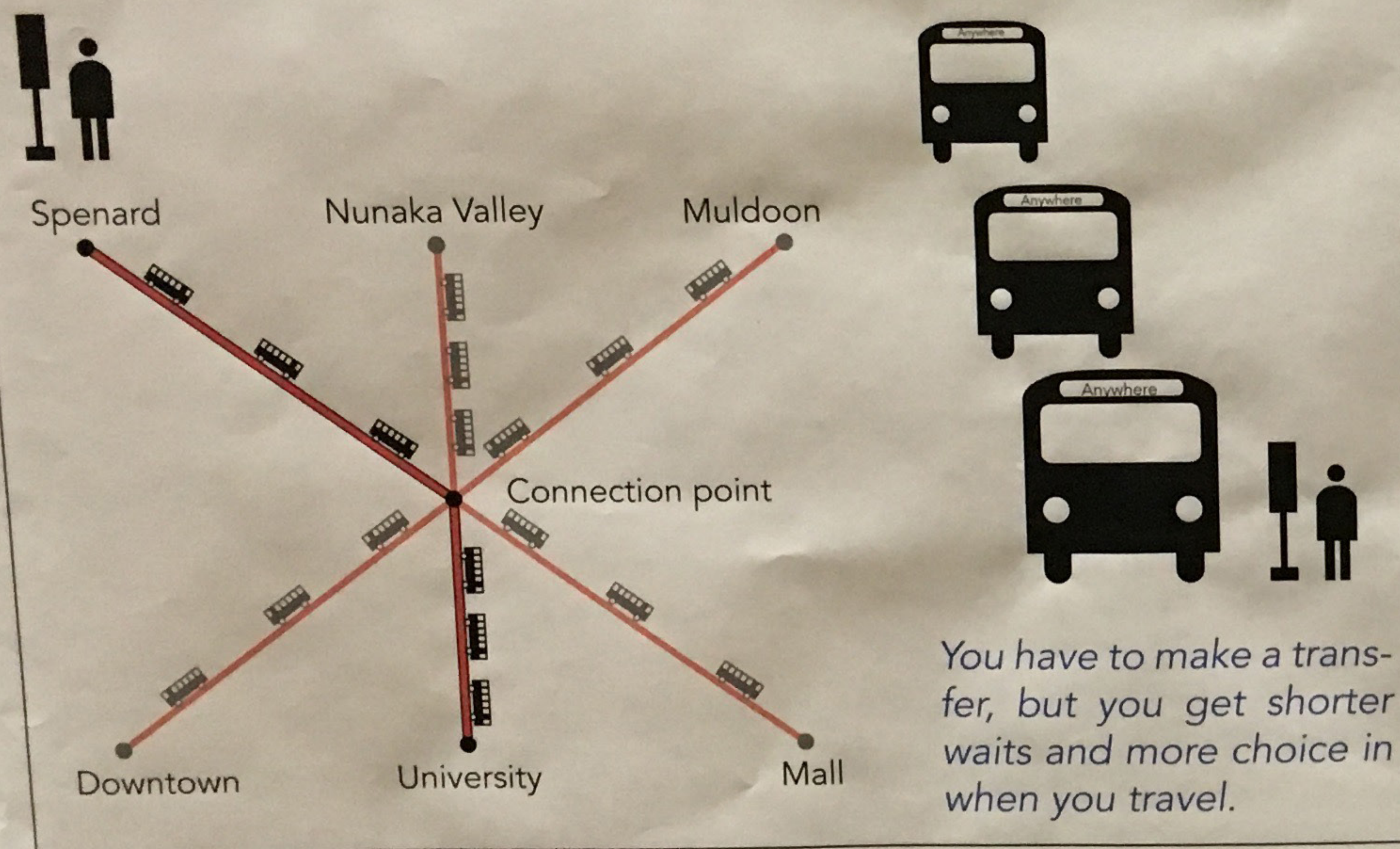
You can run fewer routes, so you can make each of them more frequent and reliable. Many trips require a transfer, but people have more choice in when they travel, and waits are short.

Complex Network

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You don't have to transfer, but if you miss your bus it's a long wait until the next one comes.
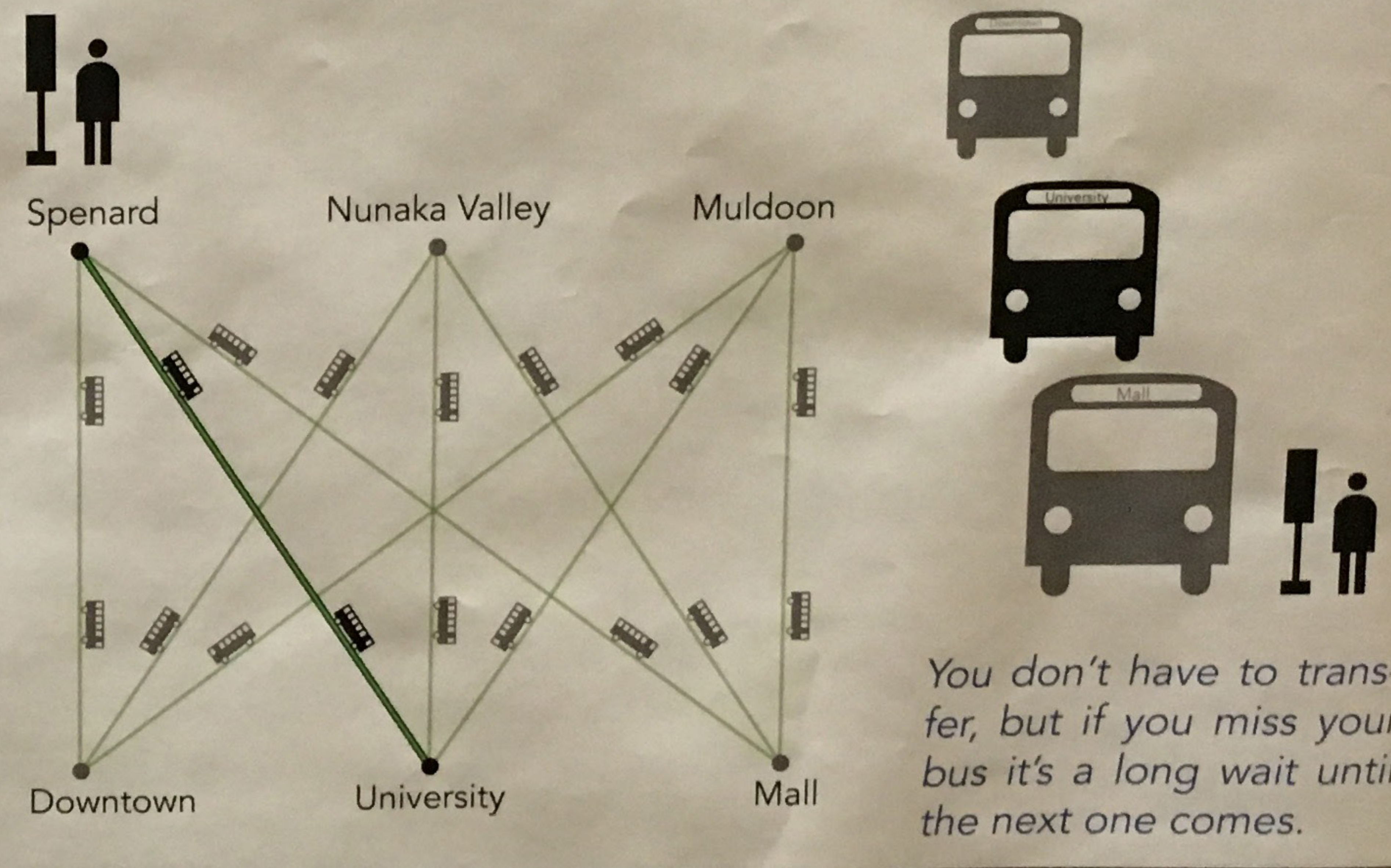
You can run buses from everywhere, to everywhere, but each route is infrequent, and less reliable. Fewer trips require a transfer, but people have fewer choices in when they travel. Once you account for much longer waits (at the start or end of a trip) total travel times are actually longer than in the "Connected Network" at left.

Place a sticker along this spectrum to show how YOU think People Mover should balance connections with complexity.

More Connections ←————————————————→ **Higher Complexity**

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