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Are Metro counselors so out of touch with reality that they can't see the need for a new bridge? I think each of them should have to go live either on Hayden island or in Vancouver and do the current commute into the city. While that is not how they choose to live, it is how some do, or how circumstances cause people to live that commute. The live where you work ideal is just that, IDEAL. Naieve, not always possible and an ideal. This is america, not a social engineering project. After the counselors and any one else involved in this decision has spent at least a month living with the reality of mile long traffic lines (with the ensuing pollution cloud loss of economic apportunity for the area), a bridge that still has to be raised for boats, then they might be ready to look at what is truely needed...a new bridge with lots and lots of lanes (let's copy Seattle and the Peace Bridge in Canada and have some of those lanes switch for commuter traffic), a lane for light rail, and area for people to walk and bike over, high enough in the air that sailboats, commercial traffic do not have to add to an already deplorable problem. While we're at it lets add in a high speed ferry to shuttle between Hayden Island and the mainland to connect to the light rail.

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