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Bear with me for a very OUT of THE BOX consideration. I believe since the Westbay yards project appears to be moving forward this has to figure into the planning for the Estuary and traffic patterns. The concept is that construction trucks (that will be in use for several years during the Westbay development) and general vehicle should not wrap toward the West SW side of the estuary. My proposal is that an East-West bridge be reconstructed off Westbay Dr to join with Eastbay drive so that traffic circumvents downtown. I believe a much smaller, pedestrian and bicycle bridge could be placed where the current 5th ave arterial is proposed.The Westbay to Eastbay bridge would reduce injury and fatality incidents through downtown by eliminating the downtown corridor as a major throroughfare that invites speeding commuters in the downtown core.The scenic view from that bridge would encompass the Olympics and the Capitol dome. Entry and exits from Eastbay to Wesbay could accomodate port access and large truck to Westside coming off and going toward the freeway from Plum St.