

I have been a commuter of the Washington DC metropolitan area for over 5 years, and I do not understand why more has not been done about the traffic and congestion problems.

My belief is that the public transportation system in this city is ridiculously inefficient. In order for someone who does not live inside the city to get to another suburb, the only route for that person to take on the subway is to go to the city center and then out again. Washington DC is no longer just about the city center; the community involves the areas outside the city. Businesses and residents find it difficult to be based inside or very close to the city because of the steep rent, and people are more and more finding that they must commute. I believe that if the public transportation system were more efficient in many ways, less people would be on the roads. Instead people take to their cars with the glimmer of hope that there will be a commute free of accidents and congestion.

Which brings me to my next point. The traffic congestion in Washington DC metropolitan area is disgustingly dense—and it boggles my mind that people question why. THERE IS ONLY ONE BRIDGE TO CROSS THE POTOMAC RIVER ON EACH SIDE OF THE CITY. Any roads built to alleviate congestion have to funnel together for the river crossing. Something must be done about this SOON.

Thank you for your time,

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