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Dear fellow New Yorkers,

Look at the big picture. The bridge needs to be replaced and its going to be costly no matter which option is chosen. We can spend much money and get a limited bridge with no options for expansion, or, we can spend additional much money to build a replacement bridge that has the capacity and robustness to service our future needs.

Full passenger rail service should be included in any bridge planning. Commuter service, interstate service and national service are going to be important in the future. Connecting our existing north-south routes to a northern east-west corridor is something that will have to be done eventually.

Don't worry about the rail connections now. Plan a new bridge with room for at least three and hopefully four standard tracks. The capacity will be there, and, if there's a problem with community resistance, the extra space could always be used for light rail, bus or truck routing.

Eventually we will need the full rail and we'll already be on the way.

Plan in the same way the way visionaries who planned our water supply did. They nailed it!

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