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I wonder if the ride free area policies need to be examined. Perhaps it needs to be changed to a reduced fare zone (say 50 cents, or a dollar). Or maybe the border of the area needs to be shrunk. It seems like you leave a lot of money on the table with the ride free area, whereas a reduced fare may be enough incentive for people not to drive in the downtown area (plus it would solve the freeloading problem). I hope that the trolley service (i.e., busses with overhead lines) does not go away. This is an amazing benefit - not having the noise and exhaust - and a cool thing that really differentiates Metro from other bus systems. And I don't even live in an area of the city w/ this service - I just think it's good overall for the city. I think the third streetcar should be put into service in South Lake Union. It doesn't make any sense to me that it is just sitting there not being used. Thanks.

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