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Amidst the Ocean

In order to make 40,000 people cross a bridge in an hour at 25 km/h, the bridge needs to be 138 m wide in case they do it by car, 38 m if by bus, 20 m if on foot and only 10 m wide if by bike. So this brief lapse of 10 minutes time could only be achieved otherwise by hyper-speed trains running at 100 km/h every 30 seconds. But the bike still beats, since it is the only means of transport resolving door-to-door connection. [source> Ivan Illich via la ciudad viva]

The Bridge Project is Do Ho Suh's recently inaugurated show at Storefront for Art and Architecture New York. It consists of a two year speculative research results about how to build a fantastic bridge linking his two cities, New York and Seoul. His study also focuses on the sociopolitical and environmental complexity of the ocean as a strategic building site. The bridge should join his two homes into one, with a transpacific straight line, but his perfect home would actually be located just in the middle of it; within a new space of projected desires where neither economic nor structural optimization are the defining elements of design.

...would he ride his bike back home?