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Good morning.

Thanks for your efforts devising the next Long Range Transportation Plan. I write concerning project 223, the Orange Street Railroad Underpass, which is merely illustrative in the planning document.

Among Missoula's transportation infrastructure, with the Russell Street Bridge completed, the Orange Street Underpass likely combines the greatest degree of deterioration with the largest suite of modes and volume of traffic carried. As it exists, the passage for a bike or pedestrian is harrowing, and a failure that closed the underpass would snarl mobility across the city and the structure hardly seems in good repair.

An LRTP adequate to the concept of 30-year planning would not neglect this evidently needy and critically important connector. What gives?

Regards,
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