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Great insight Commissioner. Thank you.

As Wayne Gretzky says: "I go to where the puck will be". Missoula needs to think beyond traditional programs and ideas. How can we prepare for the massive changes to our built environment and take advantage of the innovations we can develop and institute? We have to think way beyond "outside of the box".

Missoula County Commissioner Josh Slotnick: Requiem for dreams, or not

Coming with a livelihood already intact or money in-hand is now actually a prerequisite for moving to Missoula, or you can't come at all. The place just costs too much to move here and then figure it out.

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What is the University of Montana Tech Transfer doing to develop companies that require better paid employees? The Montana Workforce Accelerate Rapid Training (SMART) Program is great but what companies have been launched from R&D at the U.?

Self-driving vehicle tech company Aurora announces facility to be built on Montana State University Innovation Campus

The modern, two-story facility will include research and development laboratories, a world-class manufacturing space and clean room facility, and more. In collaboration with MSU,

Aurora also plans to open a new, state-of-the-art lidar test range.

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Why are we following the terrible concept of huge concrete structures for parking when autonomous cars are coming faster than anyone ever expected and there are options to permanent parking structures?

“Confessions of a Recovering Engineer: Transportation for a Strong Town.” – 6/7 – Online

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Argo touts driverless operations in Miami and Austin, Texas – Is your city prepared?

An autonomous vehicle technology company that partners with Ford and Volkswagen says it has started driverless operations in two of eight cities where it is developing its technology

Missoula Parking Commission to explore citywide expansion, new parking garage – How about vertical parking structures?

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