From:	Mirtha Becerra
To:	JOHN WOLVERTON; Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Cc:	Aaron Wilson
Subject:	RE: Comment for Public Works Committee March 24th Meeting, on LRTP
Date:	Wednesday, March 24, 2021 12:18:22 PM

Thank you John.
They will be added to the public record.
Mirtha

From: JOHN WOLVERTON <yodelingdog@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 10:32 AM
To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site <Council@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Subject: Comment for Public Works Committee March 24th Meeting, on LRTP

Dear Public Works Committee,
As you review the Long Range Transportation Plan plan update today, please consider my comment (pasted below) that I sent to TPCC last week.
Thank You,
John Wolverton

March 16th, 2021
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Dear TPCC,
We must limit and eliminate 'big project' spending and focus on maintenance of what we have already overbuilt. If we do not step-up maintenance asap, the costs mount exponentially and will ultimately become an unbearable financial burden.
Additionally we must develop a much sharper focus on enabling many small low cost, new projects that benefit neighborhoods (and indeed should be neighborhood driven). Such smaller projects are easier to modify or undo if they prove to be not-quite-enough or detrimental. However I'll submit that many small projects will never amount to the detrimental effects that large road building projects have had on our community's health and on truer forms of neighborhood connectivity.
Thus it is far beyond the time to remove from the LRTP "Illustrative Projects" list, the idea or any initiative to build a hugely expensive Russell Street bridge over the railroad yard connecting to I-90.
Thank you for reading and for your service to our town.
John Wolverton
8th Street