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The downtown development project under consideration is a terrible idea based upon bringing in tax revenues and is not a good long term benefit to the citizens of the wonderful city of Missoula. Long term the project will bring in more buildings, more shops, more traffic, more population, and all the other related negatives that cities like Boise, Idaho have had to endure. Planner Dale Bickell thinks making a city 'good' is like playing the Sims video game - just keep making addition after addition after addition... pretty soon quaint, beautiful, liveable Missoula will be another horrible overcrowded place with one hour commutes, 250,000 people, sprawl, and redundant shopping all over the place. Preserve the jewel that is Missoula. Keep it cozy, no 20-story buildings, big city stadiums, etc. Once the Missoula that everyone loves today is built up like Boise it's never ever coming back.

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