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I write to comment on cross town bike connector routes.
The Harriman overpass has been on the books for years. Building it removes a huge obstacle between east west bike and ped traffic.
The Franklin underpass looks better since it was painted. It remains inadequate, unsafe and unsanitary. Two bike cannot pass in the tunnel. A pedestrian and a bike cannot pass in the tunnel. If it has recently rained or snowed water pools on the sidewalk too deep to walk through. The tunnels smell like urine and if you ride a bike through pooled water the urine smell splashes across your back.
The greenwood underpass is not designed for bikes either.
The Harriman overpass needs to be built. If some thought were put into the design, the overpass could be a commercial attraction like the Highline park in NYC.
Bend has plenty of cars. It needs more bikes , transit and peds. If you design for cars you get more cars. If you design for bikes, transit and peds you get more bikes, transit and peds.
I encourage a long term commitment to the Harriman overpass.
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