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California Street Bridge Dedication

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- Thank you Mayor Kadas for that kind introduction. And thanks to Geoff Badenoch (bad an aw) for acting as our emcee.

- Today, after a fifteen years, Montanans from all walks of life will once again be able to do just that when they come to Missoula and walk across the California Street bridge built exclusively for pedestrians. Oh and they can bike too.

- As we stand here today about to dedicate the California Street bridge, I can't help but think of how important it is to take into account quality of life issues like clean air and our environment when we talk about highways and transportation.
This bridge was built using funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program. This is a program I fought hard to fund as the chief Democrat on the committee responsible for transportation policy.

We got a huge increase - 60 percent - in highway funding for Montana. It gives me great satisfaction to see projects like this completed. It makes all that work seem worthwhile.

Bikers, walkers, and runners deserve a good transportation system too. As a runner myself, I know how valuable a good unbroken trail can be.
• Often times we find ourselves building up stress as we drive on our highways and roads.

• Today we are dedicating a bridge that will help us relieve some of that stress.

• So thank you, and enjoy this bridge. I know I will.

Has anyone seen my running shoes?