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Dangerous Tunnel

To The Commercial Appeal:

With all of the pros and cons that have been aired regarding an I-40 tunnel under Overton Park, I have seen no consideration given to one very important safety aspect.

An explosion or fire involving a sensitive load of such material as LP gas or gasoline, when well on its way through the nearly mile-long tunnel, could result in a catastrophic loss of lives.

Since the tunnel involved is one way, all of the vehicles behind the accident would surely be trapped. Escape for all but the hindmost people involved would be impossible due to heat, fumes and lack of oxygen for breathing.

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