

**Lincoln/Lancaster Planning Commission Hearing**  
**South and East Beltway**  
**July 11, 2001**

My name is Robert Retzlaff and I am also representing my mother Theresa Retzlaff and my sons Matt and Jon. My mother lives on 141<sup>st</sup> and Van Dorn and I live near Bennet.

I am appearing to support the Planning Department's Recommendations. I especially agree that the East Far Route should be denied because this route would not serve the goals of the Comprehensive Plan as well as either of the other two routes.

My mother owns the historic Forest Brook Farm located on Van Dorn between 141<sup>st</sup> and 148<sup>th</sup> Streets. I am the 3<sup>rd</sup> and my sons are the 4<sup>th</sup> generations to farm this land.

We have responded and written several letters regarding the historic boundaries and negative impacts that the EF-1 beltway would have on our farm, but they have gone unanswered and our concerns are unresolved. We strongly disagree with the boundary determinations in the DEIS. The boundaries of our farm are flawed because they do not incorporate the parcel of land that retains its historic integrity, which was actively managed, occupied, settled or manipulated during the historic period that is related to the significance of our farm.

Because these boundary determinations are flawed our family along with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Preservation Association of Lincoln, and our neighbors hired an experienced and nationally recognized certified historic consultant from Minneapolis to research and document her findings regarding the boundaries of our farm. She has determined that the boundaries should include the entire 79.96 acre parcel not just the historic farm buildings. Her report is included in the notebook of DEIS comments that you received from the planning department. On the request of the National Trust and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation her report will be submitted to the Keeper of the Register for a boundary determination.

This is significant because the EF-1 corridor runs right through the middle of our farm. This would require the taking of historic property and therefore according to federal law there would be no federal funding for this route if there are other feasible routes. I have prepared a map marking our farm in blue for your consideration.

Because the beltway cuts through the middle of the farm we would be unable to get our cattle from the farmyard to part of their pasture. This would really negatively affect our livestock operation.

In addition the overpass on Van Dorn would infringe on our farm and any additional traffic, noise, visual, or cumulative impacts of the beltway would only further damage the farm.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak. We agree with the planning staff recommendations and urge you to support these recommendations as well.

Robert, Theresa, Matt, and Jon Retzlaff

Exhibit 10  
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