

To: Mayor Don Wesley  
City Council  
County Board  
Planning Commission

From: Fred Retzlaff

Date: July 18, 2001

Subject: Recommendation on East Beltway

I support the planning staff recommendation to deny E-F-1 Beltway. I think that the officials having chosen not to build the Far East E-F-1 were very wise because it would cause the city to drift too far to the east.

It would make more sense and it is not too late to make a series of over and under passes on 84<sup>th</sup> Street, which was planned as a freeway. (Along my property I donated the land to get the 84<sup>th</sup> Street easement). Lincoln, Nebraska has a reputation for being a red light city that has slowed traffic. With my proposed system, (the under and over pass system and an access road), the north-south traffic problem would be eliminated.

Anytime you put a paved road away from the city; the city will leave the downtown core and move out; a good example is Gateway. We are losing millions of acres of valuable land to concrete and we cannot afford that. Please keep this in mind.

I support the planning staff recommendation to deny the E-F-1 Beltway.