

A very expensive design plan state and federal money was expended to elevate I-480. Now I can quote again. "The intent of the study was to identify public and/or private development potential of property acquired but not needed for the highway. The study proposed several commercial enterprises at various locations." And get this, those of you who are interested, "No development was to ensue", so despite the promises of economic development from I-480 the government report shows that no development ensued, and as a matter of fact, the development in Omaha was away from I-480, not around I-480 but away from it and it has turned into a barrier that has split an area north of the freeway from the downtown area. Now following a negotiation period the state and federal governments agreed to elevate the highway and to change several ramp locations to accommodate the newly prepared downtown plan and create opportunities for development under and over the highway. These design changes with their associated additional costs were included in the highway package on the understanding that they could foster the potential development of the adjacent and underneath areas. Then if you go to page 41 of that report, you will see that no development occurred and what they have to do with that land instead of economically developing it, was to put in mini parks and parking lots, temporary parking lots because all the things that were promised by the planners and those who were trying to get construction contracts, money for those who do the building, their promises did not pan out, so here is what has happened. And I will go to the two accomplishments that this report states. "There are two significant joint development accomplishments evident in the Omaha I-480 situation. The first is the major alteration of highway plans in response to locally originated land use consideration. The second accomplishment is the decision taken jointly by the city and state to carry out temporary parking improvements to the available property when it became clear that it was not going to become commercially developed." I-680 did not bring development. I-480 did not bring development and now you are going to say that I-580 which has now become the freeway which starts nowhere and ends nowhere is going to bring development, that is insane, it is irrational and it can only happen in the topsy turvy world created by racism where good becomes bad, right becomes wrong, justice becomes injustice, weak becomes strong. But I will fight you every step of the way, and I will have more time to discuss the issue. So even if you adopt Senator Newell's motion right now to kill the amendment....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.