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For the record....

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Kim –

I just became aware of this resolution before the commission on 8/15 and I apologize for the late comments. There are 2 concerns I do not see mentioned in the plan. Since the plan is intended for guidance for next steps and future work, I want to raise them for consideration at this stage. Both of the comments relate to the roundabout that is currently under construction at the intersection of Florida Ave and Alt Hwy 19.

1. In all the material that was presented regarding the plans for the roundabout, the FDOT and county representatives advised that westbound traffic on Nebraska should be preferentially turning on 11th street and then south on Florida to intersect Alt Hwy 19 at the roundabout. (Since the roundabout has become functional, I have been doing that and it works well.) However, the plans for parking and traffic through the downtown area (11th Street & Florida Ave) are based upon traffic observations prior to installation of the roundabout. Parking design in the area affects the traffic flow. Also, they do not address traffic through the area and it is very likely the two objectives will conflict. I suggest that the guidance should explicitly mention consideration of traffic management on 11th Street, Florida Ave, and Alt Hwy 19 as one of the parameters to be balanced in future designs for the area. (Since the Strategic Action Plan was developed prior to the roundabout, this would be a natural addition to the guidance reflecting the changed conditions.)
2. The plan references “gateway monuments.” In some of the plans, “gateway monuments” have been shown in the middle of the roundabout. Having used the roundabout numerous times by now, I’d suggest that visibility across the roundabout be given a priority over a central monument. That visibility is very good at this time since the construction is still underway and the middle is barren, and I believe that visibility greatly enhances the safety of the roundabout.

I hope these comments are useful and can be considered.

Tom