

Chapter 9: Next Steps & Future Considerations

Next Steps

Implementation of *Beyond Coulee Vision 2040* (BCV2040), the metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) for the LAPC planning area, is critical to address future land use and transportation issues facing planning area communities. BCV2040 identifies goals, objectives and strategies for the LAPC and planning area communities to implement to achieve the [BCV2040 vision](#) for the planning area.

Chapter 6 proposes short- (1-5 years), mid- (6-10 years), and long-range (more than 10 years) project, planning, and policy objectives and action strategies designed to move us toward realization of the Vision. Many of the action strategies are necessarily continuous and on-going and will require additional staff resources to accomplish and maintain.

Immediate next steps include:

- ⇒ Resolving the Coulee Region Transportation Study. The results of this study will impact the scope of the USH 53/12th Ave Extended project listed in the transportation improvement program.
- ⇒ Working with the Policy Board and planning area communities to make the LAPC more effective.
- ⇒ Improving public outreach, education, and inclusivity.
- ⇒ Aligning project selection with performance measures and targets.

Future Considerations

The trends discussed in chapters 3 and 4, studies and plans prepared by our departments of transportation, and the impact of COVID-19 have highlighted topics for consideration during the planning process for the 2025 metropolitan transportation plan update:

- ⇒ The development and integration of connected and automated vehicles (CAVs)⁴⁷
- ⇒ Impact of internet purchases on delivery services and brick and mortar retailers
- ⇒ Increased conversion of personal and fleet vehicles to alternative fuel vehicles
- ⇒ Transportation options for an aging population

⁴⁷ *Connected and Automated Vehicle Strategic Plan* (2019), Minnesota Department of Transportation; *Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Testing and Deployment* report (2018), Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

- ⇒ Increase in telecommuting and downsizing of business footprints
- ⇒ The loss of big box retailers and opportunities for reuse
- ⇒ Housing affordability and the spatial mismatch between work and home
- ⇒ Climate change and extreme weather events

This list is by no means all-encompassing nor is it set in stone. The public process for the 2025 plan will ferret out these and other issues that may arise.

Conclusion

BCV2040 is a planning document for all communities in the LAPC planning area. It is intended that planning area communities consider the document's goals, objectives, and policies when preparing plans and making local land use and transportation decisions. LAPC staff will work to complete the projects, programs, and activities detailed in BCV 2040. Staff will continually look ahead to identify and address transportation and land use challenges facing planning area communities.