

CHAPTER 7

Further Planning And Concluding Comments

The results of the work described in the previous chapters is an integrated land use and transportation plan which will guide growth and development in the county through the year 2020. It provides a framework to help determine where new housing and employment will be located, which areas are to be preserved, and which transportation improvements will be necessary to best serve the needs of Dane County. This land use and transportation plan also seeks to provide a framework within which more detailed land use planning and transportation planning efforts can be undertaken. When adopted by appropriate units of government, this plan will replace the current Regional Development Guide and the Regional Transportation Plan.

Some of the other planning efforts which will need to be undertaken following actions on this plan include:

1. Development of detailed community and neighborhood land use plans in accord with the guidelines and policies of this regional Land Use and Transportation Plan;
2. More specific transportation corridor planning and design, ranging from Major Investment Studies (MIS) of capital intensive transportation projects to smaller facility improvements;

3. Detailing of local area transportation plans for outlying villages and cities within Dane County;
4. Detailing of bikeway corridor and facility plans and design standards, particularly for outlying villages and cities;
5. Continued monitoring of development and travel-related trends to assess whether the goals, objectives, and policies of this plan are being realized.

Following adoption of this plan by appropriate units of government, the plan will be subject to an annual review process until the next major review of the plan is undertaken in five years. The annual review will consist of a public hearing conducted by the RPC each year to receive and consider any suggested changes. In this manner, it is expected that this plan will be kept current and be a useful guide and framework for land use and transportation planning in the Dane County region.

