

Major

Recommendations

Catalytic Projects: I-94 Valley Gateway

Objective: The I-94 Valley Gateway is a new and visually engaging western gateway to the Valley with improved multi-modal connections for auto, bike, and pedestrians that provides direct and intuitive connections between the Valley and adjacent neighborhoods.

Strategies and Recommendations

- A reconstructed I-94 should maximize developable parcels to compensate for the resulting loss of existing parcels and businesses to freeway and connecting roadway rights of way.
- Right turn bypasses and other right of way remnants should be avoided where possible. These “elements” create negative pedestrian environments and become blighting influences due to haphazard maintenance.
- Organize a coordinated Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) team to create a design plan for I-94 that connects north to Clybourn and the near west side and south to St. Paul Avenue and Canal Street.
- CSS elements should include LED lighting elements, creative landscaping, attractive fencing, and an overall comfortable walking experience. The CSS elements for the I-794 project can serve as a model.
- Improved and more intuitive connections to the north will extend or redirect spillover Valley industrial and residential demand to the Avenues West and Near West corridors.



Decorative LED lighting provides aesthetics & pedestrian comfort to highway overpass