In 1992, the City of Rapid City began a process called Vision 2012 - a program of long range planning for the future of our community.

Building on the progress made following the 1972 flood, the City extended the half cent sales tax by a vote of the citizens, to provide a stable funding source to continue the progress and improve the quality of life for our citizens.
Looking Back: 1972

- On June 9, 1972, heavy rains caused massive flooding of Rapid Creek.
- 238 people lost their lives.
- More than $100 million in property was destroyed.
The City of Rapid City started a program of civic improvements which included:

- Greenway: Turning the flood plain into a parks system.
- Civic Center.
- Airport Terminal.
- City and School Administration Building.
Community Leaders looked to:

- Move Rapid City forward with a long-term vision.
- Improve the quality of life in Rapid City.
- Make Rapid City a more desirable place to live.
- Provide for the citizens and economic development.
The question of money:

- A current half-cent sales tax to pay off the debt incurred to build the Civic Center was set to expire in 1995.
- An initiated measure to continue the tax for civic improvements was taken to the people.
- After many meetings between community leaders and the people of Rapid City the initiated measure passes on November 9, 1993.
30-35 ideas for projects were cut down to six:

- Canyon Lake Restoration
- A Museum: The Journey Museum
- Recreational Enhancements
- A Recycling Facility
- Funds for Economic Development
- A Visitor Information Center
Canyon Lake Park
$2,220,000
Journey Museum

$10,400,000
Sioux Park – Recreation Enhancements

Sioux Park: Jimmy Hilton Pool
$3,400,000
Sioux Park – Recreation Enhancements

Sioux Park Rec. Complex / Tennis Courts

$600,000
Sioux Park Recreation Complex
(Includes All Other Sioux Park Improvements)
$2,300,000
Sioux Park – Recreation Enhancements

Fitzgerald Park: Parking

$300,000
Recycling: Materials Recovery Facility
Rapid City Visitors Center

$2,758,340
Vision 2012: Phase Two - 2000

- YMCA Gymnasium
- Catron Blvd / Southwest Connector
- Storybook Island Gift Shop
- Animal Shelter
- Skate Park
- Boys Club
- Little League Lighting
- Meadow Brook Golf Course Club House
- Roosevelt Park Ice Arena
- Rapid City Youth Boxing Facility.
- Rapid City Public Library
- South West Middle School Gym / Community Center
- Roosevelt Park Pool Complex
- School of Mines Track
- Highway 16 Fire Station #6
- Girls ASA Softball Fields
- Youth & Family Services/Girls Inc.
- Public Safety Building
YMCA Gymnasium

$800,000
Catron Blvd. / Southwest Connector
$4,500,000
Storybook Island Gift Shop

$447,337
Animal Shelter
$200,000
Skate Park
$180,000
Boy's Club Gym

$1,000,000
Little League Lighting
$461,070
Meadowbrook Golf Course Clubhouse

$1,200,000
Roosevelt Park Ice Arena

$5,000,000
Roosevelt Park Pool Complex

$10,300,000
Youth Boxing Facility

$75,000
Rapid City Public Library
$2,773,000
South & West Middle Schools Gym/ Community Center

$3,300,000
School of Mines Track

$400,000
Highway 16 Fire Station #6
$1,086,500
Girls ASA Softball Fields
$900,000
Youth and Family Services / Girls Inc.
$3,000,000
Public Safety Building
$1,250,000
Vision 2012: Phase Three - 2005

- Police Evidence Building
- Skyline Drive Preservation
- Dahl Arts Facility
- Civic Center Expansion/Arena
- Burn Training Facility
- Downtown Parking Ramp/Third Level
- Stevens High School Gym/Multi-Purpose Room
Police Evidence Building

$787,750
Skyline Drive Wilderness Area

$737,000
Dahl Education Complex
$3,500,000
Kansas City Street
$1,351,290
Stevens High School Gym / Multi-Purpose Room
$350,000
Fire Department Burn Building
$452,745.00
Civic Center Arena Expansion
$25,700,000
Vision 2012: Phase Three
Not Pictured - 2005

- Hospice House - $100,000.00
- Homeless Coalition Transitional Living Facility - $250,000.00
- School Zone Flashers - $129,739.00
- Traffic Signals/LED - $278,251.00
- Rapid City Girls Softball Safety Netting, Dugout Covers, Fencing - $39,512.00
- Economic Development Partnership - $2,568,982.00
- Greenway Expansion - $160,000.00
- Playground Equipment - $221,050.00
- Downtown Parking – 3,800,000.00
Beyond 2012: Continuing with a Strategic Plan for the Future:

Vision without action is merely a dream.

Action without a vision just passes the time.

Vision with action can change the world.

-Joel Arthur Barker