2025 RTA Community Planning and CMAP Technical Assistance Program Application



Application Instructions

Please provide all of the information requested on each page of the application. Clicking “Save and Resume Later” will allow you to close the application and resume later where you last left off. To help CMAP and the RTA understand which types of technical assistance are the highest priority for your community, you may apply for up to two types of assistance by completing a separate application form.

If you have any questions, please contact **Michael Horsting** at **michael.horsting@rtachicago.org** or **312-913-3159**, **Lily Brack** at **lbrack@cmap.illinois.gov** or **312-386-8610,** or **Patrick Day** at **pday@cmap.illinois.gov** or **312-386-8634**.

Learn more about the programs and view previously selected projects at www.rtachicago.org/cp and at cmap.is/callforprojects.

Applications due April 4, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Primary Applicant Information

Please provide information for the primary contact person assigned to this application.

Name:*

Required field

First Name

Last Name

Organization:

Title:*

Pronouns:

Telephone number:*

Email:*

Address:

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City *State* *ZIP Code*

Co-Applicant and Secondary Applicant Information

Please provide information for the secondary contact person assigned to this application.

If you are applying as a single organization, please list a secondary contact from within your organization. If you are applying in partnership with another organization, please provide contact information for someone from the partnering organization. If you are a Community Based Organization or a Non Profit Organization, please fill out this section with information for your co-applicant. The co-applicant needs to be a government entity such as a municipality, government agency, county, etc.

Name:* **Organization:** **Title:***

First Name *Last Name*

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For which assistance type are you applying? (Choose one – You may apply for more than one type of assistance by completing a separate application form.)*

- ○ ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
- ○ Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- ○ Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- ○ Corridor Plan
- ○ Curb Management Study
- ○ Development Dialogue
- ○ Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Plan
- ○ Grant Readiness
- ○ Housing Readiness
- ○ Neighborhood Access to Transit Improvement Plan
- ○ NEXT
- ○ Pavement Management Plan
- ○ Site Planning
- ○ Special Financing District Study
- ○ Transportation Safety Plan
- ○ Transit-Zoning Code Update

ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

Creating communities that are not just compliant, but fully accessible to all and aware of accessibility challenges and the benefits of accessibility.

CMAP will work with local governments to develop a plan that complies with the Title II obligations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This assistance type involves developing a self-evaluation of non-compliant transportation assets, helping communities identify improvements that can make sidewalks, crosswalks, curb ramps, and landings easier to navigate. CMAP will also encourage local staff to go beyond their legal mandates and integrate key principles of universal design into their planning processes.

Have there been any long-range plans (i.e., comprehensive plan, bicycle pedestrian plan, land use plan, transportation plan, etc.) created within the last five years that include the proposed study area?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If yes, will the proposed project:

- ○ Build off an existing plan
- ○ Implement a recommendation from an existing plan
- ○ Update an existing plan

If so, please list the name of the plan(s) here and provide a link:

0/600

Do you currently have an ADA self-evaluation and transition plan?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If yes, what year was it last updated?

0/600

If yes, how do you use your ADA self-evaluation and transition plan?

0/600

If no, what is the biggest barrier to producing an ADA self-evaluation and transition plan?

0/600

Do you have an ADA Coordinator?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If yes, provide their name, email, and phone number:

0/600

Do you have a notice to the public of their rights under the ADA posted in a public location in the community?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Do you have a grievance procedure in place regarding accessibility?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

What data are available to your community that could be used for ADA self-evaluation and transition planning?*

0/600

What projects have your community recently completed, or are currently working on, that are relevant to accessibility planning for persons with disabilities?*

0/600

What type of support does your community need to create or update a self-evaluation and transition plan? (Select all that apply)*

☐ Training
☐ Technical support developing the documents

What is the biggest challenge for your community in ADA planning and implementation? Please rank the following from 1 to 3 (with 3 being the most important), using each number once.*

	1	2	3
Knowledge	○	○	○
Funding	○	○	○
Time	○	○	○

Has staff attended a CMAP, IDOT, or other ADA/RPOWAG training course in the past 2 years?*

○ Yes
○ No

If so, please list the course(s)*

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○ Yes
○ No

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Please indicate your agreement to these requirements: *

○ Yes
○ No

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan

Cultivating innovative approaches that implement the principles of ON TO 2050, identify networks for safe travel for all, and prepare communities for various implementation funding sources.

Local governments interested in creating a plan that identifies improvements for people walking, bicycling, and getting around without a car may want to consider this type of assistance. Projects awarded technical assistance will receive planning support for engagement, mapping, data analysis, and recommendations for safety and livability improvements.

Provide the proposed study area boundaries for your project using streets, geographic features, jurisdictional boundaries, etc. Please specify if the study area spans multiple jurisdictions and include any existing public transit services, greenways, or trails that are in the study area:*

Have there been any long-range plans (i.e., comprehensive plan, bicycle pedestrian plan, land use plan, transportation plan, etc.) created within the last five years that include the proposed study area?*

○ Yes

○ No

If yes, will the proposed project:

○ Build off an existing plan
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○ Update an existing plan

If so, please list the name of the plan(s) here and provide a link:

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In every bicycle and pedestrian plan, CMAP seeks to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety, ADA accessibility, access to transit by all modes, connectivity, and last mile connections; and identify and prioritize infrastructure improvements.

In addition to the goals noted above, what priorities would you like the plan to address? (Choose up to three)*

☐ Connect to the regional trail system
☐ Identify strategies for pedestrian crossings
☐ Study problematic intersections
☐ Create a stronger presence of active transportation advocates in the community
☐ Implement recommendations from an existing plan
☐ Identify potential funding sources to implement recommendations

Describe any current bicycle or pedestrian focused initiatives happening in your community:*

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Is your existing bicycle and/or pedestrian infrastructure used by the community?*

○ Yes
○ No

If not, why? (Select all that apply)

☐ Inadequate facilities
☐ Unsafe conditions / major barriers
☐ Lack of connections
☐ Pavement quality
☐ Lighting
☐ Awareness
☐ Other

What projects have your community recently completed, or are currently working on, that are relevant to bicycle and/or pedestrian planning?*

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What data are available to your community that could be used for bicycle and pedestrian planning?*

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Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Cultivating innovative approaches that implement the principles of ON TO 2050 and support data-driven, transparent capital improvement planning and prepare communities for greater plan implementation success.

Under this assistance type, CMAP will support local governments by evaluating existing capital planning processes, providing recommendations and training that can help develop a transparent, strategic and successful planning process, and working with the community to create a multi-year capital improvement plan (CIP).

With the CIP program, CMAP works with communities to build their capacity to identify, prioritize and program for design and construction of capital projects. Please describe your interest in creating a multi-year capital improvement plan, and in building staff capacity to identify, prioritize, and program capital projects?*

Does your community currently have a multi-year CIP?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If yes, does your existing CIP work well in your community?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If your existing CIP does not work well, please explain why:

Communities receiving capital improvement plan technical assistance may have certain information available at the start of the project. Which of the following information does your community have readily available? (Select all that apply)*

- ☐ Full or partial asset inventory e.g., facilities, capital equipment, transportation infrastructure, sewer/water/stormwater infrastructure, etc.
- ☐ Condition assessment of assets and / or any rate studies (may not have this for all assets).
- ☐ List of previously approved capital projects and their current status.
- ☐ Capital budget(s) for the past 3 years and budget forecasts for the next 5 years.
- ☐ Other

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- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Corridor Plan

Cultivating innovative approaches that implement the principles of ON TO 2050 and interweave roadway safety improvements, inclusive economic growth, and regional housing needs.

Partner with roadway agencies to build more transit-friendly streets and advance bus rapid transit, while implementing Transit is the Answer.

CMAP and the RTA will work with local governments to develop a plan that addresses transportation and other improvements in a neighborhood, business district, corridor, riverfront, or other focus areas. Under this offering, CMAP and the RTA will help develop goals for improvement, propose specific projects to address these goals, and create a strategy to implement recommendations.

CMAP and the RTA encourage multijurisdictional applications, as regional collaboration is priority.

Please upload a map of the proposed study area:*

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Describe the proposed study area boundaries for your project using streets, geographic features, jurisdictional boundaries, etc. Please specify if the study area spans multiple jurisdictions and include any existing public transit services, greenways, or trails that are in the study area.*

Have there been any long-range plans (i.e., comprehensive plan, bicycle pedestrian plan, land use plan, transportation plan, etc.) created within the last five years that include the proposed study area?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If yes, will the proposed project:

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- ○ Update an existing plan

If yes, please list the name of the plan(s) here and provide a link:

What are the primary goals of this plan and what are you looking to accomplish?*

In every corridor plan, CMAP and the RTA work with communities to improve road safety and increase transit access, walkability, and bikeability. Both agencies try to ensure corridor plans promote inclusive growth and encourage land uses that leverage the existing transportation network.

In addition to those outcomes, what are the priority goals you would like the plan to address? (Choose up to three)*

- ☐ Broaden diversity in housing choices
- ☐ Increase transportation resilience
- ☐ Retain existing character
- ☐ Reduce flooding
- ☐ Attract investment and development
- ☐ Encourage transit-oriented development (TOD)
- ☐ Manage parking
- ☐ Increase the use of transit

What are the priority traffic safety challenges that need to be addressed in the area? (Select all that apply)*

- ☐ ADA accessibility
- ☐ Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- ☐ Crashes
- ☐ Pedestrian crossings
- ☐ Problematic intersections
- ☐ Sidewalk gaps
- ☐ Poor access to transit

Describe your previous and ongoing coordination with the corresponding roadway jurisdiction agency and other municipalities (if applicable) located along the corridor when developing this application. Have you successfully collaborated with roadway agencies and neighboring municipalities on other transportation projects and if so, what were they?*

What are your priority economic development outcomes in creating the proposed corridor plan? (Select all that apply)*

- ☐ Attract new retail development
- ☐ Attract new jobs
- ☐ Retain businesses
- ☐ Retain existing uses
- ☐ Retain existing character

Are there flooding challenges in the proposed study area?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Please identify any community organizations or other key partners who will be involved in the planning process:*

Is there any additional information you want us to know?*

CMAP and the RTA strive to be transparent about the level of staff commitment and hours required to participate in technical assistance projects. With 284 communities in our region, and numerous applicants, CMAP and the RTA must select committed applicants to best use limited resources.

If your project is selected, your organization will need to execute an intergovernmental agreement (or similar agreement), provide a program contribution if applicable, and commit to attending regular check-in meetings with CMAP or the RTA, participate in outreach activities, perform timely review of deliverables, and engage in all other efforts that are necessary to effectively carry out the proposed planning project. More information on these requirements can be found on the program website.

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- ○ Yes
- ○ No

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- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Curb Management Study

As people use shared rides more often and continue to shop virtually, the need to rethink parking and curb management in urban areas, especially along bus routes and near rail stations, continues. The RTA will partner with local governments to study curb space in transit served areas to understand utilization and demand. Results will then inform our partners on strategies to manage high demand curb space, which could include zones for various uses, shared-use zones depending on time of day and strategies to better facilitate bus passenger stops.

Please upload a map of the proposed study area:*

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Describe the proposed study area boundaries for your project using streets, geographic features, jurisdictional boundaries, etc. Please specify who has roadway jurisdiction and where curb space is in most demand. Please list existing public transit routes serving the study area.*

What existing transportation services are competing for curb space in the proposed study area? (Name rail stations, bus routes, bike share, car share, deliveries, etc.)*

What existing plan, if applicable, will this plan build from or be an update to? (Include link to plan)*

What are the primary goals of this study and what specific curb management challenges are you looking to resolve?*

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- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Is there any additional information you want us to know?*

How many staff people would be available to work on this project and what is their capacity to take on additional projects if awarded? Who would be the primary project manager and point of contact?*

Development Dialogue

RTA assistance, in partnership with the Urban Land Institute, will be provided to solicit guidance and advice from development experts through a half-day workshop with municipal staff. Panelists and municipal leaders discuss the development climate and potential strategies to prepare for and attract development at a specific site, parcel or block. These sessions most commonly take place after a planning study, such as an eTOD plan, has been completed, but can also occur during the larger planning process.

What location you are seeking to solicit development strategy advice about from a panel of developers (i.e., block, parcel address)*

Please upload a map of the target parels or block.*

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Describe property ownership of the parcels. Are they under municipal control, privately owned, land bank, etc.*

Which existing transit services are adjacent to or are near by the location? (Name rail station and/or bus routes)*

What long-range plans (i.e. Comprehensive Plan, Transit-Oriented-Development Plan, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, etc.) identify the need to target economic development to this location?*

What are the primary goals for this event and what are you looking to accomplish?*

Is there any additional information you want us to know?*

Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Plan

Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Plans (eTOD) are based on the basic tenets of transit-oriented development, with mixed land uses, higher residential densities, and pedestrian friendly environments. eTOD plans move beyond traditional TOD plans by ensuring an equitable planning process that listens to the voices of all those impacted, considers a range of diverse housing types with a focus on affordability, and develops recommendations that benefit existing as well as future residents. These plans produce recommendations for an appropriate mix of land uses, development densities, and transportation improvements to support increased transit ridership within a quarter- to half-mile radius of a rail station or major bus station. They also address urban design elements, including streetscape improvements, and recommend multi modal mobility improvements to and within the station area. Emphasis is placed on an equitable planning process, encouraging improved or increased access to both housing and jobs near transit, the identification of the health benefits of implementing TOD plan recommendations, and an in-depth understanding of the parking utilization in the study area.

Describe the proposed study area boundaries for your project using streets, geographic features, jurisdictional boundaries, etc:*

What are the existing transit services in the study area?*

Have there been any long-range plans (i.e., comprehensive plan, bicycle pedestrian plan, land use plan, transportation plan, etc.) created within the last 10 years that include the proposed study area? (Include link to plan)*

If yes, describe how the proposed project will build from, update, and/or implement recommendations from the previous plan:

What are the primary goals of this plan and what are you looking to accomplish?*

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- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Describe what areas in the planning process and the types of recommendations you're looking for that need to be centered on equity:*

Is there any additional information you want us to know?*

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Grant Readiness

Cultivating innovative approaches that implement the principles of ON TO 2050 and prepare communities to prioritize projects, apply for grants, and successfully manage external funding.

CMAP will help local governments strengthen processes to secure funding opportunities, and successfully manage awarded funds through completion of construction and ribbon-cutting. Municipalities will receive support to prepare for grant opportunities, establish consensus on priority transportation projects, identify the next steps for implementation, and receive resources to seek out and manage grant funding.

Please identify staff, elected officials, and community organizations who will likely be involved in a technical assistance project focused on improving your organizations processes to apply for and manage external funding?*

Please share your perspective on why you are submitting this application and what you hope for your municipality can gain through grant readiness technical assistance? *

CMAP works with communities to build their capacity to apply for and manage grants and external funding. Who currently applies for and manages grants and external funding at your municipality? (Select all that apply)*

- ☐ Village Administrator / City Manager
- ☐ Community Development Director
- ☐ Economic Development Director

- ☐ Planner
- ☐ Administrative staff
- ☐ Consultant
- ☐ Other

Is there a specific infrastructure project or grant opportunity you have in mind?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If yes, please give a short description:

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- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Housing Readiness

Developing innovative approaches that implement the principles of ON TO 2050, plan for a robust housing market, and embrace coordinated land use strategies.

Communities interested in promoting a robust, inclusive housing market are encouraged to apply for housing readiness assistance. CMAP will work with local governments to analyze housing demand, availability, and land use; identify barriers to housing development; and craft actionable, economically viable solutions to broaden local housing choice.

Please identify any staff, elected officials, and community organizations who would likely be involved in the housing readiness project.*

What are your goals for the housing readiness project? (select all that apply)*

- ☐ Understand my community's housing availability and needs
- ☐ Identify ways to promote new housing development
- ☐ Identify necessary updates to local zoning and regulatory codes
- ☐ Better connect housing with transportation and economic opportunities
- ☐ Build relationships with public and private sector stakeholders, such as developers, real estate professionals, and community-based organizations
- ☐ Facilitate conversations with residents about housing
- ☐ Identify housing funding opportunities

What are the priority housing challenges in your community? (select all that apply)*

☐ Businesses struggle to attract and/or retain workers
☐ Local workers cannot live nearby
☐ Not enough variety in housing stock
☐ Lack of affordable housing
☐ Homes are too expensive
☐ Apartments are too expensive
☐ Prevalent housing discrimination practices
☐ Community education about housing
☐ Zoning does not support the local vision
☐ Housing stock does not meet the needs of all residents
☐ Other

Does your community have any housing plans underway or completed within the past 5 years? *

○ Yes
○ No

If yes, please provide a link to the completed plan, or anticipated completion date of one under development.

When did your community last update its zoning code?*

Are there proposed housing developments in your community?*

○ Yes
○ No

If yes, please describe.*

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Neighborhood Access to Transit Improvement Plan

Through its strategic plan, Transit is the Answer, the RTA is committed to support efforts to improve accessibility around transit services and will work with municipalities to examine the level of access at a transit stop or station in their community We will convene transportation partners in a walking tour to observe gaps in accessibility, then develop recommendations for small-scale, short-term improvements that will benefit transit riders in the near-term. Possible improvements include sidewalk connections, crosswalks, ADA compliance, pedestrian signal heads, bus shelters, bus pads, and station amenities such as benches, wayfinding signage, etc. The plan will include one or more graphics depicting the station area improvements and

station amenities such as benches, wayfinding signage, etc. The plan will include one or more graphics depicting the station area improvements and an implementation strategy that recommends funding sources. These plans can be used as a basis for Access to Transit applications, or other funding sources to implement access improvements. Identifying these improvements in areas served by transit will further support access to transit.

Describe the area in need of access improvements, including transit station name or bus stop location(s).*

What long-range plan (i.e. Comprehensive Plan, Transit-Oriented-Development Plan, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, etc.) identifies the need for access improvements at this location and what were the recommendations from the plan?*

What type of improvements might be needed?*

What are the primary mobility concerns to be addressed with this plan? (Select all that apply)*

- ☐ Lack of pedestrian infrastructure (sidewalks, crossings, signals, curb ramps)
- ☐ Indirect pedestrian routing
- ☐ Lack of bicycle infrastructure (bicycle storage, signals, lanes)
- ☐ Dangerous access points
- ☐ Other

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NEXT

Cultivating innovative approaches that implement the principles of ON TO 2050 and support communities capacity to organize plan implementation efforts and achieve plan goals.

Local governments seeking to take the next steps toward achieving the outcomes outlined in local plans, including past CMAP and RTA plans, should consider applying for the NEXT program. CMAP will work with communities to help organize implementation efforts, prioritize planned improvements, promote economic prosperity, develop an action plan, and assist with executing the action plan.

Please list any staff, community organizations, and elected officials that would likely be involved in the plan implementation technical assistance project.*

With the NEXT program, CMAP works with communities to build their capacity to implement existing plans, especially those created with CMAP and the RTA.

What is the name of the plan(s) that you would like assistance implementing through the NEXT program?*

Was the plan adopted by your municipality within the past 5 years?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If no, please share your feelings on the plan's continued relevance and why implementation of this plan is a priority for your community.

What are the primary goals of partnering with CMAP on this technical assistance project? What are you looking to accomplish?*

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- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Pavement Management Plan

Cultivating innovative approaches that implement the principles of ON TO 2050 and accelerate adoption of infrastructure improvements, particularly evidence-based tools to make transportation investment decisions.

Communities interested in the most cost-effective way to address pavement needs and achieve prioritized pavement condition targets should consider CMAP's pavement management plan technical assistance. Projects awarded through this offering will receive support from an engineering firm to create a document that emphasizes the importance of using evidence-based tools in pavement preservation, describes the current condition of pavement, evaluates cost, and uses the results to develop a capital plan.

In every pavement management plan, CMAP works to find the most cost-effective way to address pavement needs and achieve pavement condition targets.

Are you seeking assistance with:*

- ○ A new plan
- ○ An update to an existing plan

Please describe previous pavement management activities that you have made. Describe any actions you have taken to implement previous pavement management plans and whether your efforts were successful or not:*

Does the community currently maintain and update data in an established pavement management system?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Which municipal department(s) and/or staff will oversee the pavement management plan? *

Does the community currently have an engineer on staff?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If no engineer is currently on-staff; does your municipality retain an engineering consultant firm?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

What is the approximate number of center-line miles in your local street network (maintained by your agency)?*

Does the community currently prioritize pavement maintenance and/or preservation projects?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

How are roadway improvement projects prioritized (i.e., worst first, minimize lifecycle costs {pavement /asset management system}, advisory board selection, or other approach)?*

What is your annual budget for local roadway maintenance and rehabilitation projects? What are the sources of that funding (i.e., motor fuel tax, general revenue, CDBG, etc.)?*

Are staff interested in PAVER software training?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

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Site Planning

Cultivating innovative approaches that implement the principles of ON TO 2050 and supports market and fiscal feasibility when planning for the use or reuse of sites that leverage the existing transportation network.

In this assistance type, CMAP will work with local governments to develop a subarea site plan for a publicly-owned infill site or sites, incorporating the ON TO 2050 principles of resilience, inclusive growth, and prioritized investment into the land use planning process. Studying the underused infill site will determine how redevelopment could and should leverage the existing transportation network; attract inclusive investment and development; broaden diversity in housing choices; enhance the usability of the public right-of-way by non-vehicular modes; expand transportation connections to key destinations; increase roadway safety for all modes; expand community empowerment and equitable engagement; and provide an action plan to implement plan recommendations.

Provide the proposed study area boundaries for your project using streets, geographic features, jurisdictional boundaries, etc. Please specify if the study area spans multiple jurisdictions and include any existing public transit services, greenways, or trails that are in the study area:*

Is the site(s) publicly or privately owned? If privately owned, are there multiple owners or one owner? CMAP is prioritizing publicly-owned sites, but is open to considering privately-owned sites if the applicant can illustrate private owner buy-in, support, and willingness to participate.*

Is this a developed site(s)?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If yes, what is the current use?

If no, what was the previous use?

When did the site become inactive, and why?

Do any current plans show a redevelopment vision for this site(s)?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If yes, please describe:

Is this vision is no longer market feasible, aligned with community priorities, or out-of-date for other reasons?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Have you conducted any public engagement, visioning, or resident surveying on potential reuse/redevelopment of this site?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

CMAP and the RTA work to ensure land use planning promotes inclusive growth and land uses that leverage the existing transportation network, improve roadway safety, improve access, and increase transit and bike/pedestrian mobility.

In addition to those outcomes, what are the priority goals you would like the site/subarea to address?*

- ☐ Understand the transportation impacts on a change in land use
- ☐ Attract market feasible investment and development
- ☐ Attract new/diverse housing options
- ☐ Attract new jobs
- ☐ Increase local tax base
- ☐ Retain existing character

Does the local zoning match the community's vision for the site(s), or are you prepared to update the zoning?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

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- ○ Yes

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Special Financing District Study

The RTA will assist transit-served municipalities with planning for a special financing district in their community, such as a tax increment finance district, special service area, and business development district. Funding generated from these districts/areas can be used to implement recommendations from municipal plans.

Describe the proposed study area boundaries for your project using streets, geographic features, jurisdictional boundaries, etc.:*

Which existing transit services are in the study area? (Name rail station and/or bus routes)*

What long-range plan (i.e. Comprehensive Plan, Transit-Oriented-Development Plan, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, etc.) identify the need for additional local funds to implement the plan, and recommends establishing a special financing district (i.e. TIF, SSA, BID)?*

What existing financing districts are already in place?*

What are the primary goals of this project and what are you looking to accomplish?*

The RTA strives to advance community empowerment and equitable opportunities for all residents through our program.

Do you anticipate needing community engagement? If so, to what extent?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If so, to what extent?

Is there any additional information you want us to know?*

Please upload a map of the proposed study area:

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How many staff people would be available to work on this project and what is their capacity to take on additional projects if awarded? Who would be the primary project manager and point of contact?*

Transportation Safety Plans

Cultivating innovative approaches that implement the principles of ON TO 2050 to develop safety action plans and prepare communities for funding available under the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

CMAP will work with local governments to analyze safety-related issues for pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and all other modes within communities or specific areas like corridors and intersections. The analysis developed through this offering will look at crash histories, perceived safety concerns, and barriers or gaps in networks that hinder mobility. Community-wide safety action plans will align with the goals of U.S. Department of Transportation to improve safety through a wholistic and comprehensive analysis of data and engagement with stakeholders and residents.

Describe the proposed study area boundaries for your project using streets, geographic features, jurisdictional boundaries, etc. Please specify if the study area spans multiple jurisdictions and include any existing public transit services, greenways, or trails that are in the study area:*

In every transportation safety plan, CMAP works with communities to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety, ADA accessibility, safe access to transit by all modes, as well as identify, design, and prioritize safety improvements that can prevent speeding and reduce vehicle crashes.

In addition to those outcomes, what are the priority goals you would like the plan to address? (Choose up to three)*

- ☐ Identify strategies for pedestrian, bicycle, and ADA compliant crossings
- ☐ Redesign problematic intersections
- ☐ Identify and propose solutions for gaps in the bicycle network
- ☐ Identify priority corridors for Complete Streets improvements which support safe use by all modes

Does the proposed project benefit groups who have been historically disadvantaged, or residents with limited proficiency in English?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If yes, please describe:

Are there existing projects within the study area that might affect traffic, mobility, or safety? (i.e., transportation or mobility studies, redevelopment plans/projects, road re/construction projects, storm water management, economic development plans, etc.)*

- ○ Yes
- ○ no

If so, please identify them:

How well is your existing bicycle and/or pedestrian infrastructure used by the community?*

If not, why? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Inadequate facilities
- ☐ Unsafe conditions / major barriers
- ☐ Perceived lack of safety
- ☐ Lack of connectivity
- ☐ Pavement quality
- ☐ Lighting
- ☐ Awareness
- ☐ Other

Are you able to provide CMAP staff with local crash reports?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

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- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Transit-Oriented Development Zoning Code Updates

The RTA will assist local government staff to create development standards and a development review processes that make investment in the community more attractive to potential developers, business owners, and residents seeking to improve their property. The project team will assess the current regulations and existing conditions in the community and deliver a revised zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance, unified development ordinance, overlay district, or other appropriate document. Applicants must demonstrate code amendments are a strategy recommended in a community-driven planning study.

Describe the proposed study area boundaries for your project using streets, geographic features, jurisdictional boundaries, etc. for which zoning code amendments are desired:*

Which existing transit services are in the study area? (Name rail station and/or bus routes)*

Describe how existing zoning does or does not support your vision for future land use?*

Describe municipal officials' interest and support in amending the zoning code to encourage transit-supportive land uses and development:*

What long-range plan (i.e. Comprehensive Plan, Transit-Oriented-Development Plan, Land Use Plan, Transportation Plan, etc.) identifies the need to amend the zoning code in the study area? What were the zoning recommendations from this plan?*

Are you seeking to increase allowed development density near your transit served areas as part of the code amendments?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Are you seeking to decrease or eliminate minimum off-street parking requirements as part of the code amendments?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Do you have an inclusionary zoning or housing affordability ordinance?*

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If not, are you seeking to encourage greater provision of housing units affordable to people and families of all income levels?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

What types of code amendments are needed? (Select all that apply)*

- ☐ Update existing permitted/allowable use list
- ☐ Reduction in allowed automotive-oriented land uses
- ☐ Reduction in off-street parking requirements
- ☐ New district (e.g., overlay or mixed-use)
- ☐ Increases in density
- ☐ Building requirements (e.g., set-backs, bulk, etc.)
- ☐ New or improved design guidelines
- ☐ Form-based code
- ☐ Streamline the permit approval/development review process
- ☐ Other

What are the primary goals of amending the zoning code and what are you looking to accomplish?*

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- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Is there any additional information you want us to know?

How many staff people would be available to work on this project and what is their capacity to take on additional projects if awarded? Who would be the primary project manager and point of contact?*

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Closing Questions

How did you find out about the call for projects? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Email from my CMAP local government network (LGN) liaison
- ☐ CMAP newsletter
- ☐ CMAP staff or email
- ☐ RTA newsletter
- ☐ RTA staff or email
- ☐ Website
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Planning liaison
- ☐ Other

Which resources did you find helpful as you identifed your requested assistance type and completed this application? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Instructional videos
- ☐ Web page FAQ
- ☐ Receiving assistance from CMAP or RTA staff
- ☐ Meeting with call for projects team to discuss a project
- ☐ Technical assistance flow chart
- ☐ None

How difficult was it to fill out this application?

- ○ Very difficult
- ○ Somewhat difficult
- ○ Neither easy nor difficult
- ○ Somewhat easy
- ○ Very easy

Applications must be completed by 12:00 p.m. on April 4, 2025

Please contact Michael Horsting at michael.horsting@rtachicago.org, Lily Brack at lbrack@cmap.illinois.gov, or Patrick Day at pday@cmap.illinois.gov if you have any questions prior to submitting your application.

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