



Community Planning Program



Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Local Technical Assistance Program

Application form: Community Planning program and Local Technical Assistance program

DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesday, June 26, 2013

This application form is online at www.rtachicago.com/applications. You may submit the form by email to applications@rtachicago.com.

Upon receipt of application, you will receive an e-mail verifying that your application has been received.

1. Name of Applicant: *City of Chicago*
Attention: Ms. Heather Gleason
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(also representing co-applicant CDOT)
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3. Type of Applicant (please check any that apply):

Local government

Multijurisdictional group* \longrightarrow Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):

Nongovernmental organization* \longrightarrow Name of local government partner(s):

*Applications submitted by multijurisdictional groups and nongovernmental organizations must include a letter indicating support from each relevant local government. See the FAQs for more information. Nongovernmental applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CMAP or the RTA prior to submitting their application to discuss their project and the demonstration of local support.

4. Project Type (please check any that apply):

Please check all statements below that describe characteristics of your project. (This will help us determine whether your project is best handled by CMAP or RTA.)

- My project involves preparation of a plan.
- My project helps to implement a past plan.
- My project links land use, transportation, and housing.
- My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.
- My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

5. Project Location:

Please provide a brief description of the location of your project. You may include a map if that helps to describe location, but this is not required. If your project helps to implement a past plan, please include a link to that plan.

- *Generally, the interior rights-of-way of Kinzie and North Water Streets (on the north); Harrison Street (on the south); Lake Shore Drive (on the east); and, Canal Street (on the west).*
- *Expand boundaries as necessary to also include all "D" district zoned properties adjacent to the boundaries listed above.*

6. Project Description:

Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed. If you have more than one idea, please submit a separate application for each project. Please be specific, but also brief (less than two pages per project idea) – we simply want to have a basic understanding of what you want to do. CMAP and RTA staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project. (Please include any additional information that is relevant, preferably by providing links to online documents.)

As the primary focal point for our region's transit network, Chicago's downtown area features the most robust multi-modal regional transit access of all the city's neighborhoods. Therefore, it requires many fewer parking spaces for its land uses than would be necessary in other more auto-dependent areas of the region. Given the continued economic vitality of Chicago's downtown, and its transformation over the past two decades into a 24/7 live-work-play environment, CDOT and DHED are working together to analyze whether any revised parking requirements or restrictions may be warranted in this area and/or whether it might be desirable to establish any new or alternative parking management strategies. This analysis will require determining the quantity of parking spaces available (and the associated percentage of occupancy) at various times and days – for example: at 1:00, 7:00 and 10:00 AM and then 4:00 and 7:00 PM on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The analysis will include parking spaces that are public as well as private, accessory and non-accessory, and in parking lots as well as garages, located in all of the City's D-district zoned parcels and Planned Developments within the above listed boundaries. To provide continuity with prior investigations and allow time series analysis, the data collection effort will also include historical information on the overall quantity of all such spaces in five year increments since Chicago's last "Downtown Parking Policy" was published in 1989. This study's conclusions and recommendations will be informed by these data together with a best practices assessment of peer cities, and will be framed within the context the City's and region's existing transportation and development related plans and policies.

DHED and CDOT have staff resources to manage this study but lack sufficient funding to retain consultant expertise for the data collection and technical analysis effort. We expect that a CPP/LTA grant of \$100,000, leveraged with additional funding from City of Chicago sources, would be sufficient to achieve the study goals set out above.