



**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: Village of Northbrook

2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email):

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Public Works Department
655 Huehl Road
Northbrook, IL 60062
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847-664-4119**

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.

The central location for this project is located within the limits of the Village of Northbrook, with a primary focus to include connectivity between parks, schools, commercial centers and transit facilities such as the Metra station. A primary focus of an updated plan is to promote commuting by way of bicycling and to teach children to use bicycling and walking as a preferred mode of transportation. In addition to creating an internal bicycle facility network, connectivity will be incorporated to neighboring communities (Glenview, Glencoe, Wheeling, Deerfield and Highland Park) and existing regional trail amenities such as the Des Plaines River Trail, Chicago Botanical Gardens and the existing trail network in Lake Country.

The original Northbrook Bike Plan was created in 2003 with general concepts of streets to be selected as creating routes within the Village. However, the adopted plan lacks strategies to implement a community-wide transportation plan and focuses on identifying roads for IDOT and Cook County to integrate bicycle facilities when a road is scheduled for reconstruction.

Adopted plan: <http://www.northbrook.il.us/index.aspx?page=243>

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.)

The Village of Northbrook desires to institute a safe, convenient Bike and Pedestrian plan that will evaluate the existing Northbrook Bike Plan adopted in 2003 and incorporate the basic ideas listed within the document, identify the shortfall of the original plan and set obtainable goals for the Village to implement and follow.

An updated and revised Bike and Pedestrian plan can establish a new community-wide focus towards cycling and walking by involving commuters, local schools and the park district during the planning process. A Bike and Pedestrian plan will create program initiatives aimed at increasing the attractiveness of bicycle and walking to allow these alternative means of transportation to become a more viable option for the end user adopted into their lifestyle. An updated Bike and Pedestrian plan will focus on establishing coordination between modes of transportation (e.g. Metra) and destination facilities such as commercial areas, schools, and municipal facilities.

An updated Bike and Pedestrian plan will expand on these initiatives and develop a systematic course of action by developing new routes, locations for new facilities, building education and outreach programs which the Village can use for making cycling and walking a more appealing approach as an alternate means of transportation.