



**Application form:
Community Planning Program and
Local Technical Assistance Program**

DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday, June 26, 2014

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 Aurora

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

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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:

City Wide Implementation in a community of over 200,000 residents.

6. Project Description:

Aurora Sustainability Plan - Update Livable Communities

The City of Aurora is seeking CMAP's assistance in updating and renewing policies in the City's 2009 Sustainability Plan and further the GOTO 2040 goal of "Livability" in our region.

The Aurora Sustainability Plan was approved in August of 2009 with the stated goal for the Sustainability Plan being to enhance the quality of life for present and future generations of Aurorans through sustainable practices (Sustainability Plan: [Website Link](#)). Since the approval of the Sustainability Plan the City has continued to be committed to exploring and implementing sustainable practices in the City's everyday operations. Several factors including innovative technologies, an evolving economy, and resident interest have prompted a renewed commitment to engaging stakeholders and in June of 2014 the establishment of "Sustainable Aurora".

Sustainable Aurora is a citizen advisory board which will be tasked with the development or initiation of programs or actions that will enhance, develop and create sustainable practices within the community. The advisory board will also make recommendations to the City Council and the Mayor's Office for programs or actions designed to implement the recommendations contained in the City Sustainability Plan.

While the six focus areas covered in the Sustainability Plan include a diverse mix of topics, the scientific and political landscape has evolved in the years since its development. Within these focus areas there are several initiatives and actions contemplated that the new citizen's advisory board will be looking to move forward. However, balancing community priorities and resources can be tricky when it comes to sustainability issues and the plan needs to provide strong recent and relevant support for these actions.

With the assistance of CMAP the City would like to utilize the larger number of excellent resources now available, including the Toolkit CMAP is developing, to revise Aurora's Sustainability Plan and make it a more effective tool for "Sustainable Aurora" to use in promoting sustainable initiatives and make Aurora a more Livable Community.