



**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](http://www.rtachicago.com/applications). You may submit the form by email to [applications@rtachicago.com](mailto:applications@rtachicago.com).

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

**1. Name of Applicant:**

**The Village of Calumet Park II**

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

**Robin Streets**

**708 389-0861 ext 148**

**[rstreets@calumetparkvillage.org](mailto:rstreets@calumetparkvillage.org)**

**Alt. Mary Ryan**

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**[mryan@calumetparkvillage.org](mailto:mryan@calumetparkvillage.org)**

**3. Type of Applicant (please check any that apply):**

Local government

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

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

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\*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.



This project will be located entirely within the city limits of Calumet Park Illinois

#### 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.)

Although the Chicago Transit Authority's redline bus and rail terminal expansion project is intended to benefit the south Chicagoland region and its neighboring communities in a multitude of ways such as fostering economic development, reducing commute times, interconnecting communities and providing transit service to areas historically isolated from the rest of the city, this expansion plan has forced those expected to be impacted by this project to take a proactive approach in preparing for this event.

As a village only one square mile in size, population of 7,800 residents and a household income \$10,000 less than the state average, we simply do not have the manpower or resources for proper preparation. In order to fully benefit our citizens as well as the entire region, the Village of Calumet Park is requesting assistance in implementing our Zoning Code Updates. Currently we have development occurring throughout the village such as the construction of our 911 regional communications center which will facilitate emergency communications by phone, text or video, create 25 new jobs for the region, is located one block south of the Ashland Avenue Metra station and will serve as the economic anchor of

the Ashland avenue corridor. Also the rehabilitation of our village's lone park, Veterans Park, will help to increase property value, promote livability, help to attract new residents to the area and retain public open green space.

Because our current zoning codes do not account for potential growth in this region, we are not prepared for the impact this expansion project will create and therefore cannot accommodate rapid expansion in population, industry, economy or tourism. For instance, not only will transportation routes and service volume be impacted as a result of the new bus/rail terminal but housing and business development will be effected as well. Zoning Code Updates will establish clearly defined and uniform regulations which will promote land use in the most beneficial and sustainable manner for the community, alleviate administrative confusion, outline standards, improve access to this information and finally streamline the process which will make doing business in Calumet Park easier and promotes this region as a attractive area for business development and recreation.



**SOUTH SUBURBAN MAYORS & MANAGERS ASSOCIATION**

June 2, 2014

Beecher  
Blue Island  
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Calumet City  
Calumet Park  
Chicago Heights  
Country Club Hills  
Crete  
Dixmoor  
Dolton  
East Hazel Crest  
Flossmoor  
Ford Heights  
Glenwood  
Harvey  
Hazel Crest  
Homewood  
Lansing  
Lynwood  
Markham  
Matteson  
Midlothian  
Mokena  
Monee  
Oak Forest  
Olympia Fields  
Orland Hills  
Orland Park  
Palos Heights  
Park Forest  
Phoenix  
Posen  
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Riverdale  
Robbins  
Sauk Village  
South Chicago Heights  
South Holland  
Steger  
Summit  
Thornton  
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Ms. Robin Streets  
Village of Calumet Park  
12409 S. Throop Street  
Calumet Park, IL 60827

Dear Ms. Street:

On behalf of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA), please accept this letter as an expression of our strong support for your application(s) to the RTA and CMAP for Local Technical Assistance and Community Planning.

We believe your efforts to develop a new comprehensive plan to update the current plan adopted in 1989 are essential parts of moving your community forward to address current conditions.

In addition, your proposal to create a Transit Oriented Development Plan, as well as Zone Code Assistance in conjunction with that plan, will also assist the Village of Calumet Park to have the necessary plans in place to encourage economic and community development.

If SSMMA can assist you in any way in supporting your important efforts, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Edward W. Paesel  
Executive Director

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cc: Mayor Ronald Denson  
Tom Vander Woude, SSMMA  
Janice Morrissy, SSMMA  
Reggie Greenwood, SSMMA