



**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:

Village of Lemont

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.)

- X_ My project involves preparation of a plan.
- My project helps to implement a past plan.
- X_ 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 planning project would concentrate on the State Street Corridor, from Illinois Street to 127th Street in Lemont.

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.

Proposed Project: State Street Corridor Plan

The Village of Lemont was established in 1836. It has grown from its historic core near the Des Plaines River southward to 131st Street. One of the major arteries into Lemont is Lemont Road, which becomes State Street once one enters Lemont. State Street reflects Lemont's past growth, with historic churches and homes at the north end of the corridor, midcentury multi-family housing midway through the corridor, and newer commercial development at the south end of the corridor. Although the corridor is predominantly residential in character, there have been some small commercial uses scattered throughout the corridor since at least the 1950's.

State Street is a well trafficked road. Recently, several of the older homes along the corridor have been offered for sale. There are concerns that the sale of the residential properties may be hampered by the higher traffic volume on the adjacent roadway, particularly because these homes do not have particularly deep setbacks. Some of the older, more architecturally significant homes are large and because of their proximity to the road, condition, or other factors, may have a value that lends itself to ownership who do not have adequate means to maintain the properties properly. Because of these factors and the corridor's history of mixed use, the Village wishes to explore ways to allow limited commercial use in this otherwise residential corridor. A plan is need to address land use, but also to address design considerations.

We believe this planning effort supports GoTo 2040's recommendation to achieve greater livability through land use and housing. By ensuring the continued vitality of State Street, the residential uses

along the corridor will be strengthened. By addressing the urban design of the corridor, State Street can become a more pedestrian and bicycle friendly environment, encouraging people who live on or near the corridor to walk or bike to the nearby Metra station or to the shopping destinations along the corridor. Ensuring the continued vitality of the corridor also respects the Village's past investment in this area and preserves our community character.