Application form:
Community Planning Program and
Local Technical Assistance Program

DEADLINE: **Noon on Thursday, June 25, 2015**

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: Corridor Study E. on 130th Street, from Indiana Ave. to Ellis Ave.

2. Main Contact for Application:

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

____ Local government

__X__ Multijurisdictional group* ⟶ Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations): Thaddeus Jones, State Rep, 29th District, Napoleon Harris III, State Senator, 15thLegislative District, *Alderman Beale, 9th Ward.*

__x__ Nongovernmental organization* ⟶ Name of local government partner(s): Active Transportation Alliance, *PACE, CTA, Local Advisory Council (LAC), Altgeld Riverdale Consortium (ARC) & others*

*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, RTA, or CCDPH prior to submitting their application to discuss their project and the demonstration of local support. *Italics indicate Support Letter pending.*

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

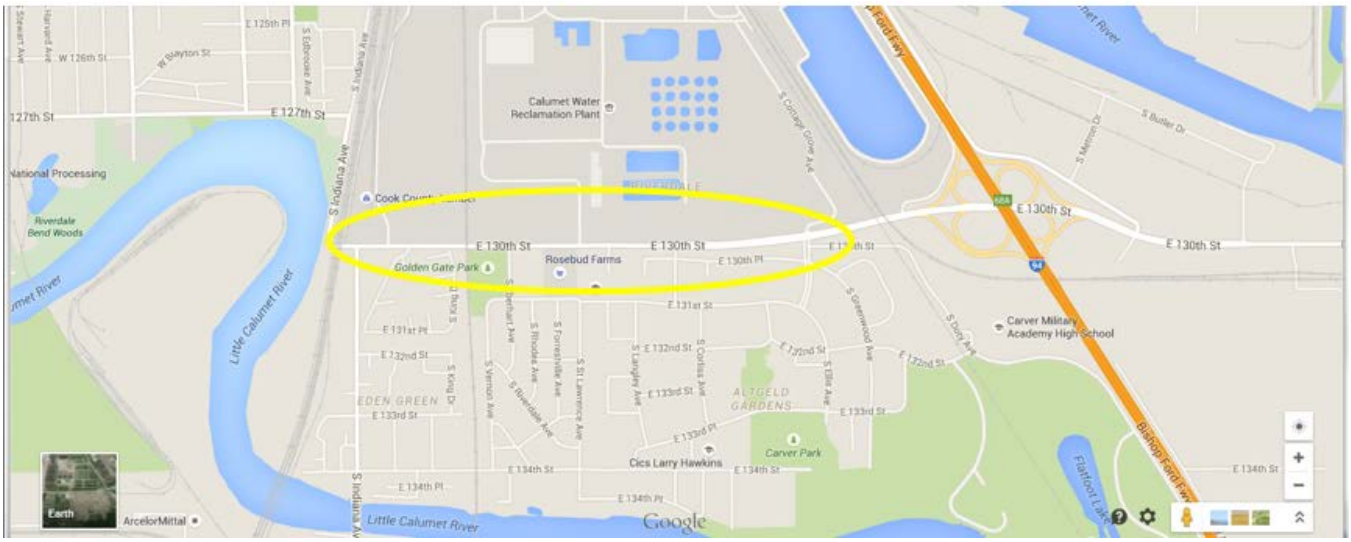
Please check all statements below that describe characteristics of your project. (This will help us determine whether your project is best handled by CMAP, RTA, or CCDPH.)

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

5. Local Match Requirement (please initial to indicate you are aware of the local match requirements):
I am aware that a local match will be required for most projects, and understand that if my project is selected it is up to the project applicant to contribute a local match. (See the program guide for further details on local match requirements.)

_x___ Yes, I understand that applicants will be required to contribute a local match.

6. Project Location: E. on 130th from Indiana Ave. to Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL.



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.

Note: STAC has conducted several Walk ability Audits, for the below listed communities, and would like to make suggestions for improving numerous pedestrian safety issues.

Ongoing projects within the boundaries of ***Community 54-Riverdale. This includes neighborhoods of Altgeld, Concordia, Golden Gate, Riverside Village and other nearby areas, in the 9th Ward.***

7. 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. Program 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.)

No sidewalks, inadequate crossings, dilapidated properties, and the lack of maintenance make 130th Street a very hazardous roadway for area Pedestrians.

STAC requests a Corridor Study to correct numerous ongoing safety issues that exist on E. 130th Street from Indiana Ave. to Ellis Ave.

With the LTA Grant, STAC will conduct an analysis of the roadway and surrounding areas, creating a Complete Street; thus allowing safe access to, across, and around the street to the many land uses. Improvements will include: better transit options with PACE & CTA bus routes, safer routes to area schools-- Aldridge Elementary, CICS Lloyd Bond Elementary & CICS Larry Hawkins 8th thru 12th; area businesses--Rosebud Farm store (the only full service neighborhood grocery store), Smiley's Convenient Store, TCA Health Facility (the only full service neighborhood health facility), Altgeld Public Library, as well as, preparing for the CTA Red Line Extension.

130th Street will become a safe, convertible, and esthetically pleasing for all users of the roadway.

STAC has also started a Petition for Residents to support the need of better Pedestrian Access around the corridor study area. It is called the "E. 130th Street Sidewalk Initiative".

Details in the initiative include locations where sidewalks are imminently needed, measurements and approximate cost analysis for installation of sidewalks.

Once the Corridor Study is complete, STAC will continue to work toward implementation with IDOT, CDOT, and any others.

STAC believes "Safe Neighborhoods is Everybody's business". Please help us, by granting us the 2016 LTA Grant, for the support so desperately needed, that will help us address some of the safety issues that have been plaguing our community since the mid 60's.

Respectfully submitted,

Deloris Lucas

STAC Chairman

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June 25, 2015

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express our support for the Safety & Transit Action Council's (STAC) Local Technical Assistance Program grant application for a corridor study that addresses safety issues on 130th Street from Indiana Ave to Ellis Ave.

The Active Transportation Alliance is the Chicago region's voice for better biking, walking and public transit, with more than 7,000 members and tens of thousands of supporters. We work on a variety of initiatives and projects on Chicago's Far South Side, and have partnered with Ms. Deloris Lucas and STAC for years.

The 130th street corridor featured in the application is unsafe and long overdue for improvements that would make biking, walking and riding transit more safe and convenient for local residents. We hope you will consider working with STAC on a corridor study that will lay the foundation for a range of improvements that will make the street safer for everyone and help revive the area.

Sincerely,

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Senator
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June 22, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Board Members of Regional Transportation Authority **(RTA)** and Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning **(CMAP).**

This Letter of Support acknowledges the ideas presented by **Safety & Transit Action Council (STAC),** in their 2016 LTA Application to make improvements in the Community 54.

Our office affirms and welcomes additional resources to address some of the basic safety needs of the area residents of Golden Gate, Altgeld, Concordia & Riverside Village, and surrounding area, within the 9th Ward.

STAC has made several walk ability audits that support their ideas for improvements.
The 2016 LTA Call for Projects is an excellent vehicle to help the area residents plan for Better Pedestrian Safety, Access for Multimodal/Active Transportation Plans, as well as, changes for better transit options.

Please help **STAC** build a better future for the Residents of the 9th Ward.

Do accept the **STAC** application for assistance, as they are most needy of a Corridor Study in planning for Pedestrian Access Improvements, Multimodal/Active Transportation Plans (Walking & Biking Trails) and better Pedestrian Safety Tools.

Sincerely,

Napoleon B. Harris III

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Sincerely,

Thaddeus M. Jones

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