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ACCESS TO TRANSIT PROGRAM


2018 Call for Projects

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BACKGROUND

- Improve bike & pedestrian infrastructure around RTA system
- Plan implementation assistance for partner communities
- Support TOD
- Increase transit ridership
- Improve first/last mile connections




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BACKGROUND

- Fourth phase of program
- Projects funded in 22 communities throughout region
- \$10 million in federal, local and RTA funds invested
- Completed projects in Evanston, Glen Ellyn, Mount Prospect, Palos Heights and Rolling Meadows



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CALL FOR PROJECTS

- Held every other year, open April 16th – August 31st
- Participants in Community Planning, Interagency Signage & CMAP LTA programs are eligible
- Located in walking distance of RTA service
- Relevance to a plan



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ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS



Bus and Rail Warming Shelters



Crosswalks and Signal Heads



Sidewalk Connections



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ELIGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS



Covered Bike Parking



Wayfinding Signage




ADA Accessibility Improvements



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PROGRAM FUNDING


- Two-step process:
 - RTA selects projects
 - Submits “bundled” CMAQ application
- Eligible project budget range: \$150k - \$1m
- RTA contribution:
 - Half of 20% local match
 - Full 20% local match for communities with financial hardship

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PHASE I ENGINEERING

If Phase I has not already been completed:

- IDOT engineering approval process required for all roadway improvement projects in CMAQ
- Selected applicants must initiate Phase I upon selection notification from RTA
- Applicants are responsible for funding Phase I engineering

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HOW TO APPLY

- Complete RTA application form
- Statement of community support
- Detailed estimate of project costs
- Concept plan/location map
- Supporting data:
 - Project area zoning
 - Population and employment densities
 - Transit ridership

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2018	
April 16 th	Call for projects opens
May 3 rd	Program information webinar. RTA staff will provide details on the program and applicants will have an opportunity to ask questions.
April-August	Potential applicants prepare applications
August 31 st	Applications Due to the RTA by close of business
September-October	Application review and selection; all applicants notified
October-November	Selected applicants initiate Phase I Engineering, if not already underway
2019	
January	CMAQ Program Call for Projects Released
January-February	RTA staff prepares CMAQ application
March	RTA Submits CMAQ Application on behalf of selected applicants
August	Recommended CMAQ Program of Projects released for Public Comment
October	CMAQ Program of Projects Finalized
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January	CMAQ transfers project sponsorship from the RTA to applicants; RTA enters into IGA's with communities, as necessary
February	Access to Transit Improvement Program projects initiated


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PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

If your project receives funding...

- Take ownership and manage project to completion according to CMAP requirements
- IGA with RTA to confirm funding and PM obligations
- Provide quarterly updates to RTA
- Invoice RTA for reimbursement





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CHOOSING A PROJECT

- Aligned with plan goals
- Ability to increase ridership / reduce VMT
- Readiness / ability to implement
- Community support
- Service Board coordination

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PROJECT EXAMPLE – ROLLING MEADOWS



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PROJECT EXAMPLE – MOUNT PROSPECT



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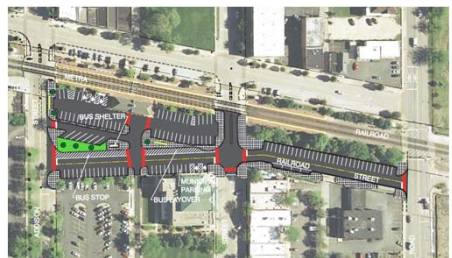
PROJECT EXAMPLE – BENSENVILLE



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QUESTIONS?

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