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COOK COUNTY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND HIGHWAYS

CMAP Bike Ped Task Force
September 26, 2018

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CONNECTING COOK COUNTY

- First LRTP in 76 Years
- Approved by Cook County Board, August 3, 2016
- Establishes Five Priorities to Guide Transportation Policy and Investments




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THE PRIORITIES

- **Prioritize Transit and Other Transportation Alternatives**
- **Support the Region's Role as North America's Freight Capitol**
- **Promote Equal Access to Opportunities**
- **Maintain and Modernize What Already Exists**
- **Increase Investments in Transportation**



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PRIORITIZE TRANSIT & ALTERNATIVES



- **Improved Transit is Essential**
 - Addresses Congestion
 - Meets Mobility Needs of those Without Cars
- **Alternate Modes are Critical to Connecting Residents to Schools, Stores, Work and more**
 - Walking
 - Biking
 - Car Sharing
 - Ride Sharing

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PROMOTE EQUAL ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY



- **Services & Opportunities Not Equally Distributed**
- **Disproportionately Affects African Americans and Residents of South Cook County**
- **Fully Use Human, Transportation, Real Estate and Business Assets**
- **Conducive to Business Expansion**
- **Jobs More Broadly Accessible**

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INCREASE INVESTMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION



- **Even with better and more collaborative spending practices, current revenues are not sufficient to adequately address the County's transportation needs.**

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IMPLEMENTING OUR VISION

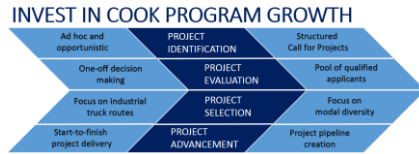
- 5 year work plan to transform the Department
- More than \$200 million in grant funding for transportation projects since 2013
- Countywide Freight Plan (2017 – 2018)
- South Suburban Mobility Study (2018)
- Countywide Transit Plan (2018 – 2019)
- Invest in Cook (2017 – present)



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PROGRAM CREATION

- Invest in Cook
 - \$8.5 million grant program for transportation projects



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GOALS FOR INVEST IN COOK

- Implements projects that help to achieve our LRTP priorities
- Supports local and regional governments in efforts to build transportation network
- Advances projects that might otherwise languish



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AGENCY COORDINATION



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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ELIGIBILITY

- Any applicant that has jurisdiction or control over a transportation asset within the county
- Any phase of project including land acquisition
- Any transportation asset under local, County, or State jurisdiction



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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Simple application**
- **Need-based application assistance**
 - Engineering cost estimates
 - Data gathering
- **Project management assistance for projects that an applicant may not in a position to lead**
- **Implementation assistance**
 - Grant writing
 - Engineering or planning reviews

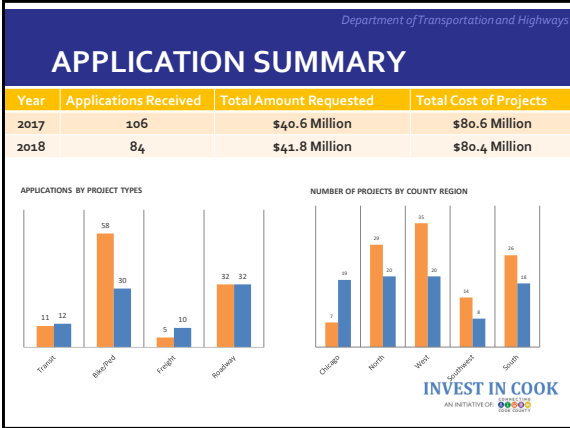


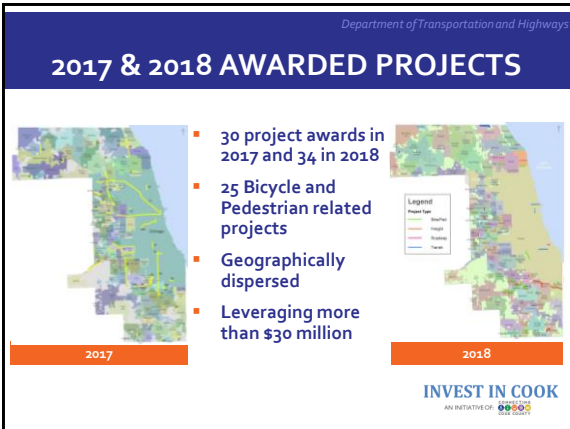
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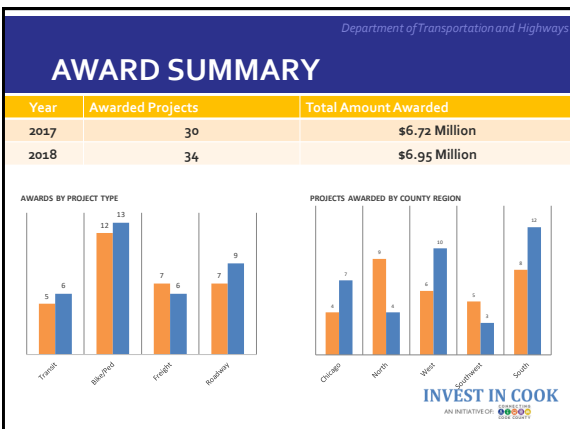
PROJECT EVALUATION



2017 & 2018 PROGRAM SUMMARIES








EXAMPLE PROJECTS

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BIKE/PED PROJECTS

Project Applicant	Project Type	Phase	Grant Award	Total Phase Cost
Rosemont/WCMC	Bike Trail	Preliminary Engineering	\$309,000	\$1,030,000



Des Plaines River Trail – North Ave to Touhy Ave


- Regional bike connector linking more than 15 communities
- Current condition of the trail makes it unpassable during inclement weather events
- Gaps in accessibility still exist in some areas
- Improvements proposed include
 - Reconstruction and potential realignment of trail
 - Flood mitigation improvements
 - New crossings and access points



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BIKE/PED PROJECTS

Project Applicant	Project Type	Phase	Grant Award	Total Phase Cost
Richton Park	Bike Trail	Preliminary Engineering	\$45,000	\$45,000



Richton Park – Poplar Avenue Trail Extension

- Trail along S Cicero Avenue connecting the existing Poplar Avenue and Old Plank Trails
- Off-street trail and pedestrian gate at railroad crossing will improve safety for all users
- Project will implement a project identified in Richton Park's Comp Plan
- Improvements proposed include
 - New trail connection
 - Pedestrian crossing gate at RR tracks



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BIKE/PED PROJECTS

Project Applicant	Project Type	Phase	Grant Award	Total Phase Cost
Burnham	Bike Trail	Preliminary Engineering	\$50,000	\$250,000



- Bike/Ped bridge over 5 rail lines to connect gap in planned Burnham Greenway Trail
- Grant awarded to provide matching funds for ITEP application
- Connects to IDNR's fully funded 2 mile stretch of the Greenway
- Improvements proposed include
 - New trail bridge over challenging rail crossing

Burnham Greenway Trail – Bridge Over Rail Lines



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BIKE/PED PROJECTS

Project Applicant	Project Type	Phase	Grant Award	Total Phase Cost
Park Forest	Complete Street	Design Engineering	\$22,000	\$360,000



- Street resurfacing with Complete Streets improvements
- Currently in poor condition
- Consistent with their Complete Streets Ordinance and Bike Ped Plan
- Located in an area with high minority and economically disadvantaged population
- Improvements proposed include
 - Resurfacing
 - Bike lanes, ADA improvements,

Forest/Norwood Blvd – Complete Streets Resurfacing



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