MEMORANDUM

To: CMAP Board
From: CMAP Staff
Date: March 4, 2020
Re: CMAP Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program FY21 Project Group

In conjunction with the RTA’s Community Planning program, CMAP held a call for new LTA program project applications in fall 2019. Applications were due on October 18, 2019, and CMAP and the RTA received a combined 82 applications from 71 different applicants.

Applications were evaluated with input from the Coordinating Committee, working committees, and external partners including RTA and the transit service boards, CDOT, Chicago Department of Planning and Development, Chicago Department of Housing, County Development Directors, Planning Liaisons, and partner technical assistance providers. Staff considered several factors when evaluating each application: alignment with ON TO 2050, community need, geographic resource distribution, pursuing equity, driving innovation, fostering collaboration, alignment with agency priorities, implementation potential, and available resources.

Throughout the evaluation process, the list of potential projects from the original 82 applications was narrowed down to 41 warranting further investigation, then to 28 applications with the highest potential which were presented to the Coordinating Committee in January. Staff then worked with those applicants to further understand the potential scope of work and resource requirements to develop a recommended list of projects.

At this time staff recommends 14 projects for the FY21 LTA Project Group. Information on the recommended projects is attached, and in addition to the Coordinating Committee, these recommended projects will be presented to the CMAP Board for approval and the MPO Policy Committee for discussion. If approved by the CMAP Board in March, these projects will be included in the agency Work Plan to be approved by the CMAP Board on April 8, 2020.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval

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FY 2021
LTA PROJECT GROUP
RECOMMENDATIONS

DRAFT
LTA history

With funding from a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), CMAP initiated the Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program in 2010. The program involves providing assistance to communities across the Chicago metropolitan region to undertake planning projects that advance the principles of GO TO 2040 and also ON TO 2050. To date, over 200 projects have been completed. The program is currently funded by the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, HUD, Economic Development Administration, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Attorney General, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and Chicago Community Trust.
**2019 LTA call for projects**

In conjunction with the RTA’s Community Planning program, CMAP held a call for new LTA program project applications in fall 2019. Applications were due on October 18, 2019, and CMAP and the RTA received a combined 82 applications from 71 different applicants.

Planning staff evaluated the applications and solicited input from Policy and Programming staff, as well as the working committees, and external partners including Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and the transit service boards, Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT), Chicago Department of Planning and Development, County Development Directors, Planning Liaisons, and partner technical assistance providers. Staff considered several factors when evaluating each application: alignment with ON TO 2050, community need, geographic resource distribution, pursuing equity, driving innovation, fostering collaboration, alignment with agency priorities, implementation potential, and available resources.

The projects included in this publication are those that CMAP staff recommend be included in the FY21 LTA Project Group, and will be presented to the Coordinating Committee and CMAP Board for discussion on March 11, 2020, the MPO Policy Committee on March 12, 2020, and will then be included in the agency budget to be approved by the CMAP Board on April 8, 2020.

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*Funding contingent
FY 2021 project group by county

Note: Geographic resource distribution is an important factor when evaluating new project applications for the LTA program. While geographic distribution changes year-to-year with new projects, overall distribution of program resources since the program was initiated has impacted the entire region.

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Note: In an effort to allocate as many LTA resources as possible to partners with the highest need, Community Cohorts are established by grouping communities throughout the CMAP region based on four factors: population, median household income, tax base per capita, and percent of population located in an economically disconnected or disinvested area. These factors, and subsequent Cohorts, help CMAP staff evaluate LTA applications by the level of local capacity and technical assistance needed. Community Cohorts will be updated on an annual basis using the most recent data available.

*Funding contingent
ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated
(chapter / goal / recommendation)
- Community / Improve natural resources through the redevelopment process
- Environment / Leverage the transportation network to promote inclusive growth
- Community / Align local economic development planning with regional goals

ON TO 2050 alignment
- Pursue equity
- Comprehensive plan

Assistance Description
CMAP will provide technical assistance to the City of County Club Hills to update their comprehensive land use plan to incorporate the regional ON TO 2050 principles of resiliency, inclusive growth and prioritized investment.

Applicant
City of Country Club Hills

Study area
City of Country Club Hills

Project type
Land use plan

Project sub-type
Local road safety plan

Assistance type
Consultant project

Community cohort
3
Hickory Hills Comprehensive Plan

Assistance Description
CMAP will provide technical assistance to the City of Hickory Hills to update their comprehensive land use plan to incorporate the regional ON TO 2050 principles of resiliency, inclusive growth and prioritized investment.

Applicant
City of Hickory Hills

Study area
City of Hickory Hills

Project type
Land use plan

Project sub-type
Comprehensive plan

Assistance type
Consultant project

Community cohort
2

ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated
(chapter / goal / recommendation)
• Community / Improve natural resources through the redevelopment process / Apply sustainable development practices to the redevelopment process
• Community / Incorporate market and fiscal feasibility into planning and development process / Municipalities and counties should recoup the public costs of supporting new development
• Community / Support development of compact, walkable communities / Adapt the street and sidewalk to emerging developments in transportation
• Environment / Plan for climate resilience / Incorporate climate resilience and adaptation measures into planning and development
• Mobility / Improve travel safety / Invest in safe bike and pedestrian pathways to desired destinations
CMAP project no. 2021.912

**MWRD Land Use Planning**

CMAP will provide planning assistance, in partnership with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), to one or more municipalities (depending on staff capacity and level of effort) to support the District’s stormwater master planning work. The specific support provided will depend on the needs of the community, and may consist of typical elements of a comprehensive plan, a subarea plan, or a plan for a specific topic or set of topics, such as green infrastructure and open space, or economic development. The planning support will incorporate the regional ON TO 2050 principles of resilience, inclusive growth, and prioritized investment. The municipality(ies) would be within Cook County as part of participation in the MWRD’s Stormwater Master Planning Program.

**ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated**
(chapter / goal / recommendation)

- Community / Strategic and sustainable development / Target infill, infrastructure, and natural area investments / Invest in disinvested areas
- Mobility / A system that work better for everyone / Improve resilience of the transportation network to weather events and climate change
- Community / Reinvestment for vibrant communities / Improve natural resources through the redevelopment process
Dolton Comprehensive Plan

ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated
(chapter / goal / recommendation)
• Mobility / A system that works better for everyone / Leverage the transportation network to promote inclusive growth
• Community / Reinvestment for vibrant communities / Support development of compact, walkable communities
• Prosperity / Responsive, strategic workforce and economic development / Prioritize pathways for upward economic mobility

ON TO 2050 alignment
Pursue equity
Comprehensive plan

Assistance Description
CMAP will provide technical assistance to the Village of Dolton to update their comprehensive land use plan to incorporate the regional ON TO 2050 principles of resiliency, inclusive growth and prioritized investment.

Applicant
Village of Dolton

Study area
Village of Dolton

Project type
Land use plan

Project sub-type
Comprehensive plan

Assistance type
Consultant project

Community cohort
4
ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated
(chapter / goal / recommendation)

- Community / Reinvestment for vibrant communities / Improve natural resources through the redevelopment process
- Community / Reinvestment for vibrant communities / Match regional and local housing supply with the types that residents want
- Mobility / A system that work better for everyone / Improve resilience of the transportation network to weather events and climate change

Assistant Description
CMAP will provide technical assistance to the Village of Sugar Grove to update their comprehensive land use plan to incorporate the regional ON TO 2050 principles of resiliency, inclusive growth and prioritized investment.

Applicant
Village of Sugar Grove

Study area
Village of Sugar Grove

Project type
Land use plan

Project sub-type
Comprehensive plan

Assistance type
Consultant project

Community cohort
1
CMAP project no. 2021.903

City of Chicago Avondale Neighborhood Plan

ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated
(chapter / goal / recommendation)
• Community / Strategic and sustainable development / Invest in disinvested areas
• Community / Reinvestment for vibrant communities / Match regional and local housing supply with types that residents want
• Mobility / A system that works better for everyone / Leverage the transportation network to promote inclusive growth
• Environment / Development practices that protect natural resources / Improve natural resources through the redevelopment process

Assistance Description
CMAP will provide technical assistance to the Avondale Neighborhood Association to develop a neighborhood plan for the Avondale Community Area in the City of Chicago which incorporates the regional ON TO 2050 principles of resiliency, inclusive growth and prioritized investment.

Applicant
Chicago—Avondale Neighborhood Association

Study area
Avondale Community Area of Chicago

Project type
Land use plan

Project sub-type
Neighborhood plan

Assistance type
Staff project

Community cohort
3
CMAP project no. 2021.905

City of Chicago Hegewisch Neighborhood Plan

ON TO 2050 alignment

Pursue equity

Neighborhood plan

Assistance Description
CMAP will provide technical assistance to the Hegewisch Business Association to develop a neighborhood plan for the Hegewisch Neighborhood in the City of Chicago that incorporates the regional ON TO 2050 principles of resiliency, inclusive growth, and prioritized investment.

Applicant
Chicago—Hegewisch Business Association

Study area
Hegewisch Community Area of Chicago

Project type
Land use plan

Project sub-type
Neighborhood plan

Assistance type
Staff project

Community cohort
3

ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated
(chapter / goal / recommendation)

- Community / Strategic and sustainable development / Target infill, infrastructure, and natural area investments
- Community / Reinvestment for vibrant communities / Support development of compact, walkable communities
- Community / Development that supports local and regional economic strength / Incorporate market and fiscal feasibility into planning and development process
ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated
(chapter / goal / recommendation)
- Mobility / A system that works better for everyone / Leverage the transportation network to promote inclusive growth
- Community / Reinvestment for vibrant communities / Support development of compact, walkable communities
- Governance / Data driven and transparent investment decisions / Base investment decisions on data and performance
CMAP project no. 2021.915

Butterfield Road Corridor Plan

ON TO 2050 alignment
Foster collaboration
Geographic distribution

Assistance Description
CMAP will provide technical assistance to the Village of Lombard and DuPage County to develop a subarea corridor plan for a portion of Butterfield Road, located between Kingery Highway and I-355, which incorporates the regional ON TO 2050 principles of resiliency, inclusive growth and prioritized investment.

Applicant
Village of Lombard

Study area
Butterfield Road between I-355 and Route 83, including the area surrounding Yorktown Center. This project is multijurisdictional, and includes the villages of Downers Grove, Oak Brook, and Oakbrook Terrace.

Project type
Land use plan

Project sub-type
Corridor plan

Assistance type
Staff project

Community cohort
1

ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated
(chapter / goal / recommendation)

- Prosperity / Responsive, strategic workforce and economic development / Align local economic development planning with regional goals
- Community / Reinvestment for vibrant communities / Support development of compact, walkable communities
- Community / Development that supports local and regional economic strength / Develop tax policies that strengthen communities and the region
- Mobility / A modern multimodal system that adapts to changing travel demand / Make transit more competitive
- Community / Reinvestment for vibrant communities / Match regional and local housing supply with the types that residents want
CMAP project no. 2021.910

Waukegan Unified Development Ordinance*

ON TO 2050 alignment
- Pursue equity
- Drive innovation
- Geographic distribution

Assistance Description
CMAP will provide technical assistance to the City of Waukegan to develop a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) which incorporates the regional ON TO 2050 principles of resiliency, inclusive growth and prioritized investment and facilitates the implementation of the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

Applicant
City of Waukegan

Study area
City of Waukegan

Project type
Land use ordinances

Project sub-type
Unified development ordinance

Assistance type
Staff project

Community cohort
4

ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated
(chapter / goal / recommendation)
- Community / Match regional and local housing supply with the types that residents want / Align zoning, approval processes, building codes, and inspections to generate more housing options
- Community / Improve natural resources through the redevelopment process / Apply sustainable development practices to the redevelopment process
- Mobility / Make transit more competitive / Plan for transit-supportive land uses
- Mobility / Make transit more competitive / Actively manage parking
- Mobility / Leverage the transportation network to promote inclusive growth / Improve access to public rights of way for pedestrians, cyclists, seniors, and people with disabilities

*Funding contingent
**Phoenix Planning Priorities Report**

**ON TO 2050 alignment**

**Foster collaboration**

**Pursue equity**

**Assistance Description**

CMAP will provide technical assistance to the Village of Phoenix to develop a Planning Priorities Report which incorporates the regional ON TO 2050 principles of resiliency, inclusive growth and prioritized investment.

**Applicant**

Village of Phoenix

**Study area**

Village of Phoenix

**Project type**

Planning priorities report

**Project sub-type**

Planning priorities report

**Assistance type**

Consultant project

**Community cohort**

4

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**ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated**

(chapter / goal / recommendation)

- Community / Strategic and sustainable development / Invest in disinvested areas
- Community / Development that supports local and regional economic strength / Incorporate market and fiscal feasibility into planning and development process
- Governance / Capacity to provide a strong quality of life / Build local government capacity
**ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated**

(chapter / goal / recommendation)
- Mobility / A system that works better for everyone / Improve travel safety
- Governance / Collaboration at all levels of government / Use collaborative leadership to address regional challenges
- Community / Reinvest for vibrant communities / Support development of compact, walkable communities

**Assistance Description**

CMAP will provide technical assistance to the Village of Flossmoor to develop a Local Road Safety Plan for the community which incorporates the regional ON TO 2050 principles of resiliency, inclusive growth and prioritized investment.

**Applicant**

Village of Flossmoor

**Study area**

Village of Flossmoor

**Project type**

Transportation plan

**Project sub-type**

Local road safety plan

**Assistance type**

Staff project

**Community cohort**

2
Funding contingent

ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated
(chapter / goal / recommendation)
- Governance / Capacity to provide a strong quality of life / Develop tax policies that strengthen communities and the region
- Community / Reinvestment for vibrant communities / Improve natural resources through the redevelopment process
- Environment / Integrated approach to water resources / Reduce flood risk to protect people and assets

ON TO 2050 alignment
Pursue equity
Foster collaboration
Drive innovation

Assistance Description
CMAP will provide technical assistance to the Village of Midlothian to conduct feasibility study for a Stormwater Management Fee which aligns with the implementation of the regional ON TO 2050 principles of resiliency, inclusive growth and prioritized investment. This project will also help to implement previous planning work completed along 147th Street to assess roadway flooding and identify potential green infrastructure improvements at key locations.

Applicant
Village of Midlothian

Study area
Village of Midlothian

Project type
Research and innovation project

Project sub-type
Fee studies

Assistance type
Staff project with consultant assistance

Community cohort
3
CMAP will provide technical assistance to the City of Chicago to develop a community engagement plan for the City’s Comprehensive Plan. The plan would employ state of art practices, both digital and face-to-face, to address environmental justice issues, increase inclusivity and credibility in the public engagement process and provide meaningful opportunities for public involvement by members of minority populations and low-income populations during the planning and transportation programming processes.

**Applicant**
Chicago Department of Planning and Development

**Study area**
City of Chicago

**Project type**
Civic coordination project

**Project sub-type**
Community engagement plan

**Assistance type**
Staff project

**Community cohort**
2

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**ON TO 2050 recommendations incorporated**
(chapter / goal / recommendation)

- Governance / Build local government capacity / Provide professional development opportunities that increase the capacity of staff and officials

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*Funding contingent*
The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is our region’s comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners developed and are now implementing ON TO 2050, a new long-range plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. See cmap.illinois.gov for more information.