Application form:
Community Planning program and
Local Technical Assistance program

DEADLINE: Noon on Wednesday, June 26, 2013

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 Algonquin

2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email):
   ➢ Ben Mason, AICP
      Senior Planner
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      bmason@algonquin.org

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

      Multijurisdictional group* ➔ Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):

      Nongovernmental organization* ➔ 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.
X My project helps to implement a past plan.
   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.

➢ The project area is generally located north of Algonquin Road, and on both the east and west sides of North IL Route 31. Attached please find an illustrative map of the proposed study area.

➢ 2012/13 Downtown Algonquin Planning Study link
   http://www.algonquin.org/egov/docs/1369423606_197174.pdf

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.

➢ Attached please find a project summary.
Village of Algonquin
The Gem of the Fox River Valley

June 25, 2013

Local Technical Assistance Program
CMAP (Attn: Erin Aleman)
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: GO TO 2040 Local Technical Assistance Program–Village of Algonquin Request

To Whom it May Concern:

Several different parcels of land will soon become suitable for development immediately adjacent to the village of Algonquin's downtown business district. Assistance is requested through the GO TO 2040 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program to help village staff and officials better understand what potential land uses could be supported and what opportunities exist for increasing the viability of the village's downtown commercial area as a whole. Attached is a Map of the study area (outlined in yellow) and significant property owners' holdings.

Taking a step back, the village of Algonquin received an LTA grant from CMAP in 2011 to conduct a Downtown Planning Study. The study was performed by Land Vision, Inc. – in partnership with Sam Schwartz Engineering and Business Districts, Inc. – and was completed in March 2013. One of the study's key findings was a significant lack of daytime employees within a "5-minute drive" of Downtown Algonquin as compared with several other neighboring communities (see Table 10 below).

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*The 5-minute Drive time was selected for comparison because employees can generally fit that drive and eating into a one-hour lunch.*

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The village of Algonquin is particularly interested in assistance to study the “North IL Route 31” geographic area at this time, due to the recent convergence of several dynamics, notably:

➢ The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Illinois Route 31 Algonquin Western Bypass project is scheduled to be completed in 2014 and remnant parcels will likely become available for development (see Purple parcel on attached Study Area Map)

➢ The future intersection of the new “Western Bypass” and existing IL Route 31 will become desirable property for retail/office development, in particular commercial frontage north of Cary-Algonquin Road

➢ Mining in some of the sand and gravel quarries owned by Meyer Material Company will come to a conclusion beginning in the next 5-10 years and the land available for redevelopment purposes (see Blue parcel directly adjacent to “Western Bypass” and west of Rt. 31 and on attached Study Area Map)

➢ Approximately 10 acres of wooded bluffs and open space was recently donated to the village of Algonquin, however further study is required to determine their development potential (see Green parcel at southeast corner of attached Study Area Map)

➢ The village of Algonquin’s Public Works offices are located within the study area and as part of the “Western Bypass” project, will soon include a linkage through their property to the regional Prairie Trail bike path, which provides a bicycle/pedestrian connection to Downtown Algonquin (see Green parcel at southwest corner of attached Map)

Overall, the village of Algonquin envisions the potential for future development of the North Route 31 Study Area to serve as a major economic engine for the community, specifically, to supplement the daytime “customer base” for restaurants and shops in the downtown commercial area. Assistance through the GO TO 2040 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program would help provide our village with a unified vision for the study area, and a roadmap to share with the private development community as the area begins to develop over the next decade.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to call me at (847) 658-4184, if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

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Senior Planner
Village of Algonquin  NORTH RT 31 STUDY AREA

Legend
- Prairie Trail Bike Path
- Study Area
- Western ByPass
- MEYER MATERIALS
- DOT
- VILLAGE OF ALGONQUIN

Klasen Rd
Highland Ave
Cary Algonquin Rd
Pyott Rd
Algonquin Rd
Virginia Rd
Huntington Dr
Downtown Algonquin