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Dear Ms. Tabbert and Ms. Aleman,

The Village of Broadview is pleased to support the proposed 17th Avenue Corridor Study. This two mile stretch from Madison Street to Cermak Road runs from north to south through Maywood and Broadview.

The Corridor Study will outline recommendations for future development of multi-modal transportation systems of vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle use on 17th Avenue. The Study will provide a clear and concise direction of the various improvements for roadway, sidewalks, crosswalks, bicycle facilities, connectivity to Pace bus stops and shelters for Bus Routes #303, #310 and #317 traversing Madison Street and #301 traversing Roosevelt Road. The Study would incorporate IDOT’s plans for improvements along I-290 which bisects this corridor with an interchange.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 708.681.3600.

Sherman Jones
Mayor
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 Broadview

2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email):

Matt Ames 708.681.3602 mames@broadview-il.gov

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):

__________________________ Broadview ______________________
__________________________ Maywood ______________________

____ Nongovernmental organization* Name of local government partner(s):

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*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.)

Yes       My project involves preparation of a plan.
No        My project helps to implement a past plan.
Yes       My project links land use, transportation, and housing.
Yes       My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.
No        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 17th Avenue corridor located between Madison Street towards the north and Cermak Road towards the south. This corridor spans the north and south sides of I-290 and includes the communities of Maywood and Broadview.

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.

(Please include any additional information that is relevant, preferably by providing links to online documents.)

The corridor plan will build upon existing and planned infrastructure to better connect land use, transportation and housing. Maywood’s Madison Street and Broadview’s Roosevelt Road are significant corridors which include PACE service, a mixture of uses and densities and direct access to I-290. The Illinois Prairie Path is a major regional trail accessible from 17th Ave. 17th Avenue includes single and multi-family housing, commercial shops, offices and vacant land. Along with IDOT’s planned enhancements to I-290, including potential interchange modifications at 17th Avenue, this corridor has an opportunity to become a significant gateway to these municipalities. Since the corridor includes established neighborhoods, public participation will be a key component to the planning process.