

FY 13 Unified Work Program for Northeastern Illinois

Competitive Projects Proposal Form

State Fiscal Year (July 1 2012 – June 30, 2013)

Project Title	I-90 Corridor Bus Enhancements Planning
Sponsoring Agency	RTA
FHWA/FTA Amount Requested	\$240,000
Local Match Amount	\$60,000
Total Project Cost (Local Match Amount must be at least 20% of Total Project Cost)	\$300,000

Description and Justification

Brief Description: Planning for mid-term and long-term bus enhancements to complement and leverage bus service improvements and managed lane facility planned as part of the I-90 ISTHA reconstruction project. Supporting agencies are Pace and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority..

Major Tasks (up to 20)

1. Planning and conceptual design for bus-related infrastructure enhancements for portions of I-90 Corridor outside the I-90/ ISTHA right-of-way, including arterial TSP, priority lanes/ queue jumps, bus stop enhancements, park and rides, and transit centers.
2. Further evaluation of transit elements for I-90 not resolved in current RTA/ ISTHA "I-90 Transit and Supporting Highway Infrastructure Study" to be completed Fall 2012.
3. Strategic Vision for I-90 Corridor to guide continued implementation of enhanced bus service in the I-90 Corridor beyond the implementation of Pace's I-90 Market Expansion Project, including consideration for interface with Kennedy Expressway on the east end of the corridor and coordination with Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning at the west end of the corridor.
4. Financial Plan for implementation of Strategic Vision
5. Public and stakeholder outreach and involvement in plan development

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Competitive Justification: Please identify the regional focus area associated with this project.

Planning Work Toward GO TO 2040 Implementation

Competitive Justification: Please identify at least one principal of the regional priorities associated with this project and/or the required MPO activities.

Project would address: Advancing I-90 Managed Lanes included in the constrained plan. Inclusion of transit components as part of major highway projects; and establish a plan for enhanced transit services and infrastructure for coordination with local land use and development plans

Competitive Justification: Will this project inform or achieve regional or subregional land use, housing, environmental, economic development, or human services goals? Please explain.

Project will inform subregional land use planning by establishing a plan for transit corridors and infrastructure.

Competitive Justification: Which particular GO TO 2040 recommendation will this project, contribute or, implement?

Project will contribute to I-90 Managed Lanes project on the Constrained Project list, the Regional Transit Signal Priority project, and 2040 goals for increased transit use. Further, this work advances on recommendations found under Implementation Action Area 3:

- "Prioritize among potential bus service increases, extensions and new service using regionally consistent criteria"

- "Include transit components as part of major highway capital projects"

- "Conduct detailed studies of prioritized corridors, and continually develop and evaluate major projects"

Is this project a continuation of previous work? If so, please explain.

Yes - I-90 Value Planning Study, I-90 Transit and Supporting Highway Infrastructure Study, Pace's I-90 Market Expansion Project and regional TSP and ITS planning.

Who will benefit from the interim or final products of this project?

RTA, Pace and ISTHA planning efforts will be advanced for improved transit accessibility to corridor employees and residents

What is the source of funds for the local match portion of this project?

RTA

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Products and Completion Schedule		
Product	Product Type	Completion Date
Final Report	Plan/ Program	9/ 1/ 13

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Expense Breakdown	
Staff (including overhead) cost	\$
Total Person Months	
Consultant Cost	\$300,000
Other Costs	\$
Total Project Cost	\$300,000
Please specify the purpose of consultant costs and time line for expenditure Agencies do not have the resources to perform planning and conceptual design in-house.	
Please specify the purpose of other costs	