



# 2021 Call for Planning Assistance

with Embedded Staff Planner  
Program updates

FEBRUARY 2021



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- Partner with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to host a small call for communities to apply for technical assistance offerings.
- Respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and build municipal capacity
- Focus on providing technical assistance to high-need municipalities (CMAP Community Cohorts 3 and 4).





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# Capital Improvement Programming

- Review existing capital planning processes
- Identify and develop capital projects
- Identify capital project funding
- Provide training to facilitate the development of a transparent, strategic, impactful, and successful Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
  - Fiscal Analysis
  - Evaluation Criteria
  - Project Prioritization
  - Plan Implementation





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# Safety Planning

- Develop design studies and plans of action for high-crash intersections and corridors
- Address vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety challenges
- Identify impacts of at-grade rail crossings, intersection flooding, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance challenges





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# Developer Discussion Panels

- Address planning challenges
- Share development expertise with a community or a group of communities
- Provide communities advice and guidance on ways to attract investment
- Prioritize projects, identify development opportunities, and consider incentives





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## Coordinated Investment Studies



## Enhanced Local Technical Assistance



## Leadership Academy



## Embedded Staff Planners





Calumet Park



Sauk Village



## NEXT

### Putting Plans into Action

Prioritizing and advancing recommendations of approved comprehensive plans.

1. **Learn and prioritize** the municipality's needs
2. **Facilitate** creation of action plan
3. **Facilitate** implementation

implementation action plan

10 months/800 staff hrs  
2 municipalities

## ROI Program

### Resource | Opportunity | Impact

Building municipal capacity in grant readiness to move from planning to project.

1. **Establish consensus** on priority transportation projects
2. **Identify** next steps for implementation
3. **Build** the capacity of the municipality to apply for and manage funding

completed grant applications

6 months/250 staff hrs (each)  
3-4 municipalities

## Capacity Building Consortium

Helping a cohort pursue shared goals across jurisdictional boundaries that complements their respective strengths and competitive advantages.

1. **Build** strong relationships with and between the consortium municipalities
2. **Explore and develop** informed perspective of shared challenge
3. **Foster collaboration** to address the shared challenge in their respective communities

multi-year plan for collaboration

9 months/340 staff hrs (each)  
3-4 municipalities/cohort



# NEXT Program: Putting Plans Into Action

- CMAP staff will assist capacity-constrained communities implement recently approved community development plans.
- Work with the following partners:
  - Village of Robbins- *TOD and Industrial Areas Plan*
  - Village of Matteson- *Streetscape Improvement Plan*
  - Lake County Land Bank Authority- *Homes for a Changing Region Housing Plan*
- Deliverables to include:
  - Implemented plan recommendations, focusing on recommendations with short and medium time frames
  - Tangible programs for communities to continue beyond NEXT Program

# Resource, Opportunity, Impact (ROI)

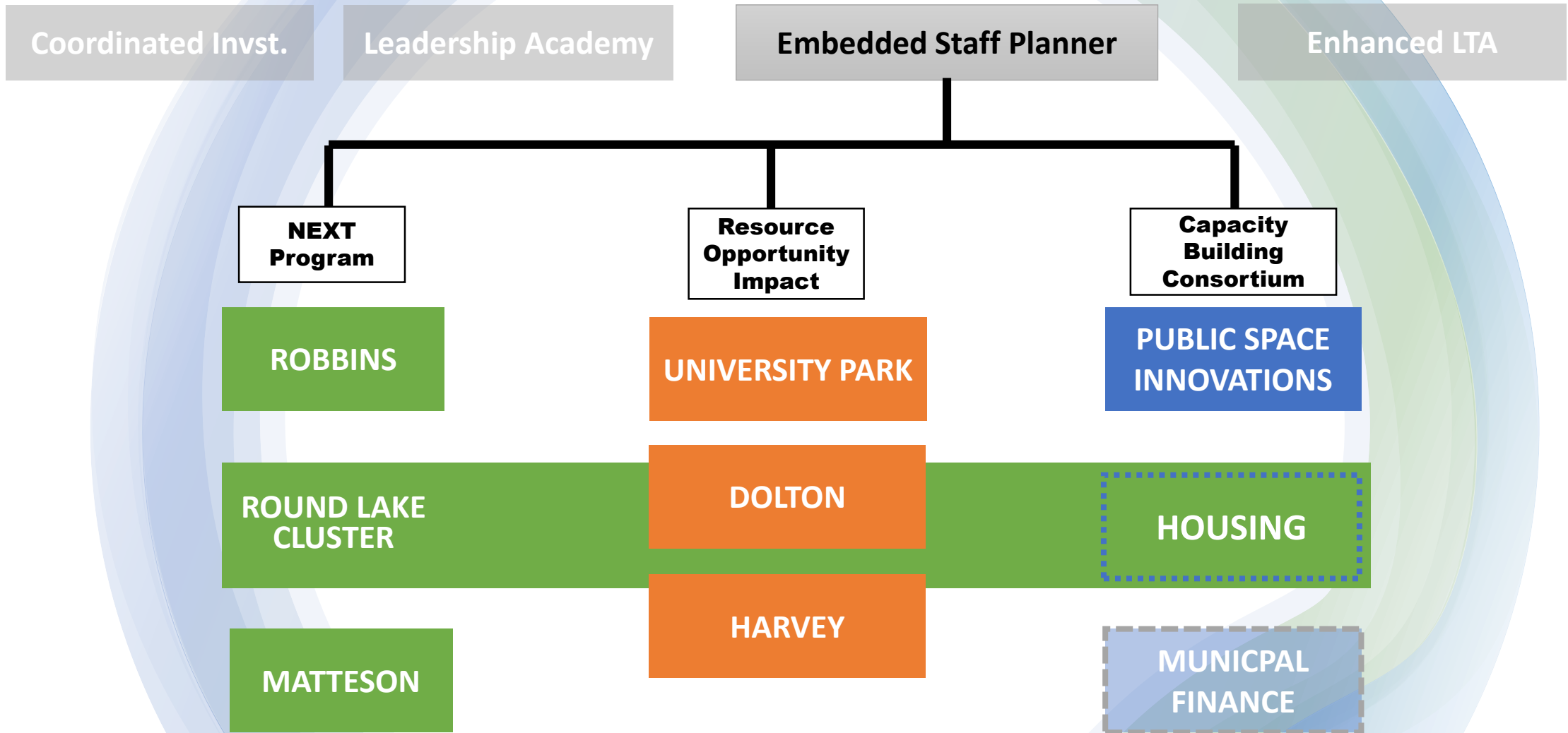
- CMAP staff will assist capacity-constrained communities in getting transportation projects funded and navigating transportation investment programs.
- Pilot underway with three community partners:
  - City of Harvey
  - Village of University Park
  - Village of Dolton
- Deliverables will include:
  - Transportation project list and grant inventory
  - Implementation strategy
  - Assistance with grant-related activities

# Consortium on Public Space Innovations

- What is a public space innovation?
  - Outdoor dining in parking spaces
  - Streets closed for events, bike lanes, pop up markets
- What we're looking for in participants
  - Eager to collaborate and innovate
  - Desire for community vitality despite the pandemic
- What we're hoping to get out of it
  - Keep the best pandemic-inspired innovations, make them permanent
  - Help others to emulate successful approaches & launch a pilot
  - Develop project typologies and practical "how-to's"









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# Timeline

<b>January 20</b>	Call for Projects opens
<b>February 3</b>	Call for Projects closes
<b>February – March</b>	CMAP and RTA staff evaluate applications and may contact applicants with additional questions.
<b>April 2021</b>	Project selection and notification

**For additional information, please visit the  
2021 Call for Planning Assistance Web Page:**

**<http://cmap.is/ita-call>**



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