Application form:
Community Planning Program and
Local Technical Assistance Program

DEADLINE: Noon on Thursday, June 26, 2014

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:
City of Aurora

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

____ My project involves preparation of a plan.
____ 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:
Aurora is the second largest city in the State of Illinois with approximately 200,000 residents. Downtown Aurora is located in the heart of the city on the banks of the Fox River and encompasses approximately 536 acres and is about 1 ½ miles long and ½ mile wide.

6. Project Description:

Downtown Aurora Master Plan - Update
Walkable Transit Components

The City of Aurora is seeking CMAP/RTA's assistance in enhancing the Master Plan for Downtown Aurora with walkability, bikeability and transit components.

The Seize the Future Master Plan for Downtown Aurora was approved in August of 2006 which provided a 10 year plan and long term vision for downtown (Master Plan: Website Link). This economic development plan for the area is a valuable tool for conveying to future developers the ultimate vision for the many unique neighborhoods portrayed. The City desires to complement and enhance this Master Plan with a component dedicated to developing the transportation opportunities and the walkability of the downtown. The entire 536 acres of the downtown was historically a transit oriented development and through good planning we hope to return to that vitally.

With the assistance of CMAP and RTA the City can integrate transit and mobility improvements into our overall downtown vision and develop guidelines for development which embraces a walkable transit oriented environment.