June 23, 2014

Mr. Randall S. Blankenhorn  
Executive Director  
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 S. Wacker Drive  
Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn:

DuPage County is pleased to submit the attached application for a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Grant. We believe that this program is a valuable one that fosters multi-jurisdictional collaboration and cooperation.

DuPage County is applying for an LTA grant for the purpose of developing a framework plan for future bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements complementary to the Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) facility in corridor communities and in unincorporated DuPage County. Our vision of the work under this grant includes planning for bicycle and pedestrian facilities that parallel and cross the future EOWA. The framework will include but not be limited to recommending connections to local and regional sidewalks and trails, existing and future transit, and community points of interest. We anticipate that the framework planning process will include ample outreach to identify community goals, opportunities, standards and aesthetics.

We believe the outcome will be a plan that will help guide and enable future funding requests and investment decisions as well as aid our communities in their efforts to sustain and enhance the environment, livability and value of local neighborhoods.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit a request for the LTA grant. DuPage County looks forward to continuing our collaborative efforts in the EOWA corridor.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Daniel J. Cronin  
Chairman, DuPage County Board

Attachment
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:
DuPage County Division of Transportation

2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email):
Chris Snyder, Director of Transportation/County Engineer
630-407-6907
Christopher.Snyder@dupageco.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.)

___ 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:
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 study area of this project is the Elgin-O’Hare Expressway (EOH) Corridor. The EOH improvement area extends between Taft Avenue in Franklin Park west to Springsguth Road in Schaumburg and includes portions of Cook and DuPage Counties. Communities that are in the study area include Hanover park, Schaumburg, Roselle, Itasca, Elk Grove Village, Bloomingdale, Franklin Park, Addison, and Des Plaines as well as unincorporated areas of DuPage County and Cook County. A location map is attached.

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.)

In 2004, DuPage County was one of the first counties in the United States to adopt a complete streets-oriented policy. That policy has enabled DuPage County to expand our regional trail system to over 500 miles, complete gaps in sidewalks, and make our streets more accessible to all users. The development of the Elgin-O’Hare Expressway (I-390) is a rare opportunity for a mature, suburban area to develop an expressway corridor with accommodations for bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit users.

DuPage County is seeking technical assistance to develop a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the EOH corridor. The accommodations will improve regional non-motorized access to O’Hare-area employment centers, neighborhoods, transit services, regional trails, municipal points of interest and recreational facilities. The plan should identify improvements to connect into local and regional bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure for the communities along the corridor. The following components of the plan are also envisioned:

- Outreach and collaboration with communities and affected stakeholders along the EOH corridor,
• Outreach to IDOT and Illinois Tollway on bicycle and ped design accommodations inside the EOH envelope and at interchanges,
• Inventory of existing and planned bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian facilities, and transit services,
• Identification of gaps in sidewalks and bikeways that connect with the proposed EOH bicycle and pedestrian accommodations,
• Identification of north-south bikeways corridors to connect Cook and DuPage Counties,
• Identification of east-west bikeways corridors parallel to the EOH corridor,
• Identification of bikeway that will connect with regional trails in DuPage and Cook Counties,
• Development of bicycle and pedestrian design standards at interchanges and intersections,
• Development of wayfinding and signage standards and strategies for bike/ped in corridor
• Prioritizations of key bikeway and sidewalk segments to complete corridors, and
• Funding recommendations.

DuPage County seeks assistance through the Local Technical Assistance Grant to develop the Elgin-O’Hare Expressway bicycle and pedestrian network plan. Specifically, the County seeks assistance assembling bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure network, identifying appropriate design accommodations within the expressway corridor and at interchanges, developing complementary bicycle and pedestrian systems related to EOH corridor designs, developing criteria for prioritization and phasing of improvements, including recommended improvements in local and regional plans, and disseminating findings.
June 24, 2014

Mr. Randall Blankenhorn  
CMAP Executive Director  
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60606  

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn:

I am writing to you in support of DuPage County’s Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant application for the purpose of developing a framework plan for future bicycle/pedestrian system improvements in the Elgin O’Hare Western Access (EOWA) corridor. This planning is needed to ensure the appropriate connection of trails, sidewalks and future transit facilities to the EOWA in corridor communities and unincorporated DuPage County.

This activity is consistent with the County’s goal of developing a collaborative, comprehensive, transportation solution in the corridor. It is anticipated that the framework planning process will include ample outreach to identify community goals, opportunities, standards and aesthetics.

Strategic planning regarding bicycle and pedestrian facilities is integral to ensuring the value, livability and attractiveness of communities throughout DuPage in the coming years. A solid plan like the one proposed in DuPage County’s LTA grant request will guide future investments in a comprehensive system of trails and sidewalks for daily and recreational users alike.

Best Regards,

Mayor Martin T. Tully  

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
June 24, 2014

Mr. Randall S. Blankenhorn
Executive Director
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
233 S. Wacker Drive
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Re:  Letter of Support for DuPage County
     Local Technical Assistance Grant Application

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn:

I am writing to you in support of the DuPage County Elgin O’Hare Corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Local Technical Assistance grant request. Through the IDOT Elgin O’Hare Tier 1 and 2 processes and the Governor’s Advisory Commission, the Elgin O’Hare corridor has been envisioned as a place where multi-modalism is recognized and encouraged.

DuPage County’s application comes at a critical juncture in the planning and development of the corridor. As the Tollway progresses with its design of the main Elgin-O’Hare facility, communities along the corridor are now engaged in design review. We and other communities are trying to envision how new interchanges and cross-access locations will be built to provide for the safe movement of all users of the transportation system. Community planners and public works directors along the corridor are now contemplating how to connect bicycle, trail and pedestrian systems and how they will pay for and implement these connections in a period where there is increasing competition for scarce resources. We concur that this plan will assist the corridor communities in establishing a regional non-motorized transportation network system and a funding strategy for the near future.

The Village of Franklin Park supports this effort to develop a plan that will support local efforts to plan and program improvements to benefit local and regional multi-modal systems. We look forward to participating in this effort and thank you for the opportunity that CMAP provides through the LTA program.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mayor
Village/City of Franklin Park
June 16, 2014

Mr. Randall Blankenhorn, Executive Director
CMAP
233 South Wacker Drive, Ste. 800
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn:

I am writing to you in support of the DuPage County Elgin O’Hare Corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Local Technical Assistance grant request. Through the IDOT Elgin O’Hare Tier 1 and 2 processes and the Governor’s Advisory Commission, the Elgin O’Hare corridor has been envisioned as a place where multi-modalism is recognized and encouraged.

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The Village of Hanover Park supports this effort to develop a plan that will support local efforts to plan and program improvements to benefit local and regional multi-modal systems. We look forward to participating in this effort and thank you for the opportunity that CMAP provides through the LTA program.

Sincerely,

Rodney S. Craig
Village President

cc: Noreen Ligino-Kubinski

One Village - One Future
June 16, 2014

Randall Blankenhorn
CMAP Executive Director
233 S. Wacker Dr. Ste. 800
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn:

The Village of Itasca is pleased to offer this letter of support with regard to DuPage County’s proposal to seek a Local Technical Assistance grant through CMAP for the purpose of a bicycle/pedestrian system improvement framework plan for the Elgin O’Hare Western Access (EOWA) corridor.

Itasca is one of several communities that will be uniquely impacted by the improvements in this area and the Village would like to see a combined planning effort to make pedestrian and bicycle access points parallel to and across the EOWA corridor which create logical and safe links to transit, sidewalks and trails, and community points of interest.

Village staff is available to answer any questions you or your team might have. Please contact Shannon Malik in the Community Development Department should you need anything further. She can be reached at 630-228-5671 or smalik@itasca.com.

Sincerely,

Jeffery Pruyn
Mayor

CC: Noreen Ligino-Kubinski, DuDOT
June 23, 2014

Mr. Randall S. Blankenhorn  
Executive Director  
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800  
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Re: Letter of Support for DuPage County Local Technical Assistance Grant Application

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DuPage County’s application comes at a critical juncture in the planning and development of the corridor. As the Tollway progresses with its design of the main Elgin-O’Hare facility, communities along the corridor are now engaged in design review. Communities are trying to envision how new interchanges and cross-access locations will be built to provide for the safe movement of all users of the transportation system. Community planners and public works directors are now contemplating how to connect bicycle, trail and pedestrian systems and how they will pay for and implement these connections in a period where there is increasing competition for scarce resources. It is our hope that this plan will assist the corridor communities in establishing a regional non-motorized transportation network system and a funding strategy for the near future.

The Village Roselle supports this effort to develop a plan that will support local efforts to plan and program improvements to benefit local and regional multi-modal systems. We look forward to participating in this effort and thank you for the opportunity that CMAP provides through the LTA program.

Sincerely,

Gayle A. Smolinski  
Mayor, Village of Roselle
June 20, 2014

Mr. Randall S. Blankenhorn
Executive Director
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: Letter of Support for DuPage County Local Technical Assistance Grant Application

Dear Mr. Blankenhorn:

I am writing to you in support of the DuPage County Elgin O'Hare Corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant request. The Village of Schaumburg believes that multimodal transportation is a critical component of any transportation project and continues to champion these efforts on a regional basis. Through the IDOT Elgin O'Hare Tier 1 and 2 processes and the Governor’s Advisory Commission, the Elgin O'Hare corridor has been envisioned as a place where multi-modalism is recognized and encouraged.

DuPage County’s application comes at a critical juncture in the planning and development of the corridor. As the Tollway progresses with its design of the main Elgin-O'Hare facility, communities along the corridor are now engaged in design review and are trying to envision how new interchanges and cross-access locations will be built to provide for the safe movement of all users of the transportation system. With an opportunity to expand the local multimodal systems, communities are now contemplating how to connect these bicycle, trail and pedestrian systems and how communities will pay for and implement these connections in a period where there is increasing competition for scarce resources. It is our hope that this plan will assist the corridor communities in establishing a regional non-motorized transportation network system and a funding strategy for the near future.

The Village of Schaumburg supports this effort to develop a plan that will support local efforts to plan and program improvements to benefit local and regional multi-modal systems. We look forward to participating in this effort and thank you for the opportunity that CMAP provides through the LTA program.

Sincerely,

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG

[Signature]

Brian A. Townsend
Village Manager

cc: Village President and Board of Trustees
Richard Bascomb, Transportation Manager
Dan Cronin and John Loper, DuPage County
June 16, 2014

Mr. Randall Blankenhorn
CMAP Executive Director
233 South Wacker Drive - Suite 800
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Re: Letter of Support for DuPage County CMAP - LTA Grant

Mr. Blankenhorn,

DuPage County is proposing to apply for a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant for the purpose of developing a framework plan for future bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements complementary to the Elgin O’Hare Western Access (EOWA) project enhancements in corridor communities and unincorporated DuPage County. With the LTA grant, DuPage County is planning for bicycle and pedestrian facilities that parallel and cross the future Elgin O’Hare Western Access project. The framework will include, but is not limited to, recommending connections to local and regional sidewalks and trails, existing and future transit, and community points of interest.

The City of Wood Dale supports DuPage County’s request for the Local Technical Assistance grant for a bicycle/pedestrian system improvement plan along the Elgin O’Hare Western Access corridor. The City of Wood Dale continues to believe in DuPage County’s goal of developing a collaborative, comprehensive, transportation solution within the Elgin - O’Hare corridor.

Sincerely,

Nunzio Pulice
Mayor

CC: Noreen Ligino-Kubinski, DuPage County Division of Transportation