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:
Lake County Division of Transportation on behalf of Lake County, the City of Lake Forest, City of Highland Park, and the Village of Lake Bluff

2. Main Contact for Application (please include name, phone number and email):
Emily Karry
847-377-7400
ekarry@lakecountyil.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):
      Lake County, City of Lake Forest, City of Highland Park, and the Village of Lake Bluff
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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.)

_ X _ My project involves preparation of a plan.

_____ My project helps to implement a past plan.

_ X _ My project links land use, transportation, and housing.

_ X _ 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.

US Bike Route 37/ Robert McClory Bike Path (which runs north and south east of Green Bay Road) from Cook County to the Wisconsin State Line.

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 Robert McClory Bike Path Greenway Corridor Enhancement Plan

The Robert McClory Bike Path is one of Lake County’s existing regional paths that runs north and south through the eastern part of the county from Cook County to the Wisconsin state line. The path travels through several communities along Lake Michigan, links to other regional bikeways including the Grand Illinois Trail, and connects to the Illinois Beach State Park, other parks and forest preserves. The path is also within close proximity to several Metra stations along the eastern portion of the county. Lake County has jurisdiction of the path from the state line to IL RTE 137 and also within the City of Highwood. The remaining portions of the path fall under the jurisdiction of the Village of Lake Bluff, the City of Lake Forest, and the City of Highland Park. The Robert McClory path appears on the Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan and was also recently designated by AASHTO as a part of US Bike Route 37 in May of 2014.

The path is underutilized in areas and we would like to create a greenway corridor plan to enhance attributes of the path and the path right-of-way to encourage transportation and recreation use. By engaging residents, path users, and our community partners, we can develop a plan to improve path safety, beautify the path right-of-way, add way-finding signage and respite areas, promote local connections to the path and access to transit, and curb illegal uses/path property encroachments. We envision that the Greenway Corridor Enhancement Plan would ultimately be implemented in phases through several projects. Increasing use of the path promotes several key components of GO TO 2040 such as improving livability and regional mobility in communities along the path. Lake County, the Village of Lake Bluff, the City of Lake Forest, and the City of Highland Park are seeking assistance to engage the public and our communities to develop the Robert McClory Bike Path Greenway Corridor Enhancement Plan.
June 25, 2014

Ms. Paula Trigg, P.E.
Director of Transportation/County Engineer
Lake County Division of Transportation
600 West Winchester Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

Dear Ms. Trigg:

The City of North Chicago supports the efforts of the Lake County Division of Transportation in securing a Local Technical Assistance grant from CMAP to study the Robert McClory Bike Path. The path, part of what is now US Bicycle Route 37, is and has been for some time, a community amenity that has been used extensively by residents of North Chicago. Any endeavor that results in expanding the utilization of the right-of-way on which the path is constructed is welcomed by the City.

We would like to once again express our support for this project and ask that CMAP give serious consideration to including this project in the Local Technical Assistance program.

Sincerely,

Leon Rockingham, Jr.

Leon Rockingham, Jr., Mayor
June 26, 2014

Mr. Bruce D. Christensen
Transportation Coordinator
Lake County Division of Transportation
600 Winchester Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

Dear Mr. Christensen:

The City of Lake Forest supports the Lake County Division of Transportation’s effort to procure a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant to study the Robert McClory Bike Path, recently designated as US Bike Route 37. Further, the City wishes to participate as a partner for the portions of the path under our jurisdiction.

The City received a TAP/L grant to construct the section of the path from Illinois Road to Woodland Road, and just completed a widening/resurfacing of the path from Woodland Road to the south City limits of Lake Bluff. The section of the path from Illinois Road south to Highland Park has limitations with the potential for improvement and certainly deserves some additional study.

We would like to once again express our support for this project and ask that CMAP give serious consideration to including this project in the Local Technical Assistance program.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert R. Kiely
City Manager
June 20, 2014

Mr. Bruce D. Christensen
Transportation Coordinator
Lake County Division of Transportation
600 Winchester Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

Dear Mr. Christensen,

The City of Highland Park supports the Lake County Division of Transportation's effort to procure a Local Technical Assistance (LTA) grant to study the Robert McClory Bike Path. Further, the City wishes to participate as a partner for the portions of the path under our jurisdiction. The Highland Park limits for the Robert McClory Bike Path (recently designated as U.S. Bike Route 37) is Lake/Cook County Line Road to Walker Avenue/Sheridan Road. The City received an ITEP grant to pave the section of the path from where it picks up at the south end of the downtown train station parking lot south the Lake/Cook County Line Road.

From the downtown train station north to the border of Highland Park, the path is partly on-street and partly off-street (the section which runs behind Highland Park High School). This routing has limitations with the potential for improvement and certainly deserves some additional study.

Thank you for your leadership in pursuing this opportunity.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
David W. Knapp
City Manager

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