Application form:  
Community Planning Program and  
Local Technical Assistance Program

**DEADLINE:** Noon on Thursday, June 25, 2015

This application form is online at [www.rtachicago.com/applications](http://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:**  
Village of Frankfort

2. **Main Contact for Application:**

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3. **Type of Applicant (please check any that apply):**

   __x__ Local government  
   ____ Multijurisdictional group*  
   ____ Nongovernmental organization*  

   Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):
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   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, RTA, or CCDPH 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, RTA, or CCDPH.)

___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.
____ My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.
____ My project is a bicycle, pedestrian, or active transportation plan in suburban Cook County.
____ My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but implements GO TO 2040 in other ways.

5. Local Match Requirement (please initial to indicate you are aware of the local match requirements):

I am aware that a local match will be required for most projects, and understand that if my project is selected it is up to the project applicant to contribute a local match. (See the program guide for further details on local match requirements.)

___x__ Yes, I understand that applicants will be required to contribute a local match.

6. 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 project is located on Route 30 between Harlem Avenue and 80th avenue.

7. 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. Program 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 Village of Frankfort is requesting assistance from CMAP to effectuate a corridor plan for U.S. Route 30 between 80th Avenue and Harlem Avenue (Route 43) on the Eastern border of Frankfort. This corridor is utilized as the connection between main roadways including I-57, LaGrange, Harlem, and Wolf. After the widening and re-pavement of Route 30 businesses and commercial enterprises along the corridor have thrived with exception to the area between 80th Avenue and Harlem Avenue.

Currently land in the area is divided and owned by individual parties making it difficult to create a unified aesthetic appearance. Instead of appearing as a thoroughly planned region these separate properties convey a sense of disassociation. Due to this, the particular area has not maintained the overall aesthetic appearance Frankfort prides itself on. A main concern is the lack of zoning continuity
and land use planning. This concern is amplified by the lack of infrastructure planning. This area does not currently have access to the Village’s sewer/water utilities. Additionally, storm water management is virtually non-existent. Without access to utilities, scattered and misaligned building construction has taken place. Septic systems and private wells for potable water have added to the difficulties. Effective long-term planning requires a comprehensive study of land-uses, utility planning, and infrastructure assessment.

Another concern adding to the discontinuity of the area, is the lack of a standard sign convention: both street, and business signs. Frankfort is very particular about signage around the Village, because a normalized sign convention conveys organization. Creating guidelines for the signage of this area seems like a small aspect of the plan, but it will greatly aid the aesthetics of the area.

Finally, the businesses in this area do not provide adequate bicycle and pedestrian pathways. Subsequently, improving pedestrian infrastructure along this area is necessary to make businesses safer and more accessible for pedestrians.

The Corridor Plan for East Route 30 may include but is not limited to:

- Develop a 10/20 year land-use plan for corridor
- Develop plan for urbanized infrastructure plan and funding mechanisms
- Improve pedestrian infrastructure along Route 30 to make possible businesses more accessible.
- Bring utilities and other services to the area.
- Improve overall transportation capabilities of the area.

The main goal is to establish an achievable, long-term plan for Route 30. Framework will be drawn out for different business and community expectations to help the village function wholly. Currently land in the area is owned by individual parties creating a scattered, unorganized appearance. The Village would like to combine these properties and give it a sense of consistency making it more aesthetically appealing and promoting business. Also, bringing utilities to the area will ensure the long term health of the property. The Village of Frankfort would like to work together with CMAP to prepare future land use plans and maps, and establish effective policies for our community to move forward.