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. 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* 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, 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.
_____ 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.

A 577 acre site, East of Harlem Avenue, North and South of Stuenkel Road. See Attachment 1 for a Map of the location

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.

The Village of Frankfort is requesting assistance from CMAP to create a land use plan for the 577 acre site located west of I-57 and north and south of Stuenkel Road. Frankfort wishes to create a plan for this area because the Illinois Department of Transportation has recently constructed an interchange at the intersection of Stuenkel Road and I-57. The completion of the new interchange has dramatically changed the economic, transportation, and infrastructure planning needs of the region. Previously, a gravel rural road, Stuenkel Road will now serve as a major transportation corridor connecting Harlem Avenue (Route 43) and Cicero Avenue (Route 50) with I-57. Previous long range plans have insufficiently assessed the future development and infrastructure needs of the area.
The Illinois Department of Transportation, with aid from the Federal Government, is funding the Stuenkel Road interchange at an estimated cost of $39 million. Further, a regional airport has been proposed 6 miles south and east of the proposed study area. Funding provided as part of this application will examine the airport impact as part of the comprehensive planning process.

Developing this plot should aid in bringing economic prosperity to the surrounding area. The new interchange is laying the foundation by bringing more activity to the area and making it easier to access. It is up to the municipalities to advance the area further. The area must be made more appealing to travelers on I-57 in order to bring in more commerce. The area should also house residential communities. Being in close proximity to I-57 makes the plot ideal for Chicago Commuters, especially because it is farther north than the two closest interchanges reducing commute time.

A great deal of planning will be needed to transform this area to make it ready for the influx of activity. Currently the site is mostly farmland. The roads are not built to support a high quantity of traffic. Water and wastewater facilities have not been developed. Frankfort is willing to take the lead on proper long-term planning for the area. However, we require funding assistance to do so.

The Village of Frankfort wishes for the Land Use plan to contain, but not limit to, the following:

- Improvement of the existing roadways
- Zoning residential, industrial, and commercial sections of the property
- Identify potential business or retail opportunities
- Locate any protected environmental sites
- Improve the overall aesthetic appearance of the area
- Install necessary traffic control devices

The overarching goal of this land use plan is to prepare the area for the large increase in activity coming in the coming years. The introduction of the I-57 and Stuenkel interchange, and the Future South Suburban Airport make it imperative that the area is ready to accommodate the surge of economic development. The Village of Frankfort looks forward to the possibility of working in conjunction with CMAP and we are excited for potential that this area holds.
Attachment 1: Map of Site Location