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.
___ 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 the northeast corner of Route 30 and Route 45 and spans about 240 acres. Two concept plan is depicted on page 1 and 2 of the following document:


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.)

In 2004 the Village of Frankfort created a special area plan for a 240 acre plot of land located on the northeast corner of the intersection between Route 45 and Route 30. Since the 2004 plan, much has changed in Frankfort. Frankfort’s population has increased 25 percent, even experiencing growth during the beginning of the recession in 2008. Because of this steady growth, Frankfort will experience pressure to build more commercial and residential centers. The 240 acre plot has the propensity to serve as such a space.

This plot has potential to be a bustling residential and commercial center for a number of reasons. The area is in an optimal location – the intersection of Route 45 and Route 30 – in the Village of Frankfort. Route 30 and Route 45 are regional arterial corridors traversing Frankfort, having a combined ADT of
over 50,000 vehicles per day. These two corridors traverse through the entirety of Frankfort: Route 45 reaching the north and south border, Route 30 reaching the east and west borders. These two corridors will provide easy access to the area. Frankfort does not currently have a commercial center located near its center; the two other major centers are located near Frankfort’s borders. Many other municipalities are not as fortunate to have an undeveloped, centrally located plot of land. Frankfort realizes how advantageous this can be, and wishes to capitalize on it.

Frankfort has already taken steps to initiate the development of the area. The Village invested $1.6 million into the creation of Market Street. This new corridor can provide access through the entire plot. Also the widening and re-pavement of Route 30 provides the plot with proper infrastructure to support the influx of traffic associated with creating a new commercial center. The addition and success of Mariano’s Grocery store shows that retail developments in the area have the capability to flourish. The 2004 plan for this area does not account for these permanent additions to the property, and how they influence land use planning in the vicinity.

The update to this land use plan should include, but is not limited to the following:

- Land use designations
- Infrastructure requirements
- Environmental concerns
- Transportation enhancements
- Bicycle and pedestrian pathways connecting to existing and planned facilities

Creating bicycle and pedestrian pathways are an integral part of the plan. Frankfort is always attempting to reduce vehicle traffic and provide alternatives methods of travel. Accommodating pedestrians and bicyclists in the region will do just that, and also promote healthier living for residents. Proper planning will be needed to create suitable pathways which encourage use of the new facilities.

Connecting the parcel with existing corridors will assist in linking important facets of Frankfort together. These corridors provide access to such facilities as: the Frankfort Public Library, Prairie Park, Downtown Frankfort, and Breidert Green. These connections will promote use of all the areas and promote a sense of unity throughout the Village.

The main goal of this plan is to create a zone of commercial activity. With appropriate planning, and proper aid the Village believes this area can thrive and become a central hub of commerce and recreation for the residents of Frankfort and surrounding communities.