**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 Glenwood

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.
-X__ 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.
-X__ 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 proposed Complete Streets plan will encompass the Village of Glenwood, Illinois. The Village is bordered by Homewood to the west, Thornton to the north, Lynwood to the east, and Ford Heights and Chicago Heights to the south. According to the 2010 census, the Village has a total area of 3.12 square miles, all land.

The proposed Complete Streets project helps to implement the recently developed and certified Comprehensive Plan. [http://issuu.com/teska/docs/glenwood_final_plan_12_12_2011](http://issuu.com/teska/docs/glenwood_final_plan_12_12_2011)

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 alignment with its own Comprehensive Plan, as well as the CMAP GOTO 2040 Regional Plan, the Village of Glenwood seeks to develop a comprehensive, certified Complete Streets policy.
The Village of Glenwood endeavors to make a clear and concerted commitment to planning all future transportation projects to provide for safe travel of everyone that uses the roads. Nationwide, the purpose and goal of street design was to move as much motorized traffic as expeditiously as possible from point A to point B. However, developing a transportation system primarily for motorized vehicular traffic has failed to meet the travel needs and preferences of large segments of the country’s population. Such is the case in the Village of Glenwood.

With the development of a Complete Streets policy, the Village will set a goal to provide a connected network that allows pedestrians to easily and safely walk and bike to parks, trails, recreation amenities, shopping areas, and community facilities. This goal has several key objectives, including:

- Provide a fully connected sidewalk network throughout the Village, prioritizing connections to existing neighborhoods, popular community facilities, and activity generators;
- Expand and connect the existing bike trail network through the use of dedicated paths, on-street bike lanes, and shared lanes to encourage biking as an alternate mode of transportation;
- Continue to provide and enhance connections to adjacent forest preserves, trails, and other nearby destinations and areas of interest; and,
- Improve the pedestrian friendliness of new developments by updating the Village’s design standards and codes based on principles identified in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Village of Glenwood understands that a complete streets policy will formalize the Village’s intent to plan, design, operate, and maintain sustainable streets so they are safe for users of all ages and abilities. According to the National Complete Streets Coalition, typical elements that make up a complete street include sidewalks, bicycle lanes (or wide, paved shoulders), shared-use paths, designated bus lanes, safe and accessible transit stops, and frequent and safe crossings for pedestrians, including median islands, accessible pedestrian signals, and curb extensions. Certainly, a design for a complete street in a rural area will look quite different from one in an urban or suburban area. For example, a complete street in a rural area could involve providing wide shoulders or a separate multiuse path instead of sidewalks. The common denominator, however, is balancing safety and convenience for everyone using the road.

It is important to understand that the Village of Glenwood is primarily auto-oriented and as a result, pedestrian mobility suffers. Most neighborhoods have sidewalks on both sides of the street; however, they are lacking connections outside of the neighborhoods. Key pedestrian areas, such as schools, parks, and transit facilities, should have a connected sidewalk or multi-use path system. Moving forward, roadway profiles throughout the Village should change and a new effort needs to be made to fill in the many sidewalk disconnects as possible and improve bicycle mobility.

In alignment with CMAP’s GOTO 2040 regional plan, the proposed Complete Streets planning will establish land use and transportation policies that help increase physical activity. GOTO 2040 supports policy-based efforts to improve the bicycle and pedestrian systems, such as the use of Complete Streets principles to accommodate non-motorized travel in roadway design.

The Village of Glenwood is fortunate to have access to many community parks and a large network of Cook County Forest Preserves. The Village would seek to have the Complete Streets policy to identify possible locations, such as existing roadway and utility right-of-ways, where sidewalks and trails should be constructed to provide a connected network that allows pedestrians to easily and safely walk and bike to parks, trails, recreation amenities, shopping areas, and community facilities.

**DEMOGRAPHICS/NEED**
As of the census of 2010, there were 8,969 people (9,052 in 2013) and 3,281 households in the village. The population density was 1,648.1 people per square mile. The racial makeup of the village was 27.3%
White, 66.7% African American, 0.1% Native American, 0.3% Asian, 3.3% from other races, and 2.2% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race was 7.4% of the population.

There were 3,281 households out of which 29.1% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 47.3% were married couples living together, 20.3% had a female householder with no husband present, and 28.3% were non-families. 24.7% of all households were made up of individuals and 9.9% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.67 and the average family size was 3.21.

The median income for a household in the Village was $55,401, and the median income for a family was $60,473. Males had a median income of $50,990 versus $47,530 for females. The per capita income for the village was $24,510. About 7.6% of families and 11.9% of the population were below the poverty line, including 12.5% of those under age 18 and 9.3% of those ages 65 or over.

**CONCLUSION**

Complete Streets can offer many benefits to the residents and visitors of the Village of Glenwood. A balanced transportation system that includes Complete Streets can bolster economic growth and stability by providing accessible and efficient connections between residences, schools, parks, public transportation, offices, and retail destinations. It can improve safety by reducing crashes through safety improvements. Complete streets encourage more walking and bicycling, thereby impacting healthy lifestyles.

Transportation access is important to the economic vitality and residential desirability of the Village of Glenwood. With your assistance, the development of a Complete Streets policy will ensure that the Village addresses all modes of transportation!

The Village of Glenwood appreciates any consideration for assistance.
Village of Glenwood

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Location Map