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 Romeoville

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:

The project area is the Village of Romeoville, Illinois, located approximately 30 miles southwest of the Chicago Loop in northern Will County, along the I-55 corridor.

7. Project Description:

*Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed.*

The Village of Romeoville wants to adopt a new Comprehensive Land Use Plan that will serve as a blueprint for the future of Romeoville. Specifically, this new Comprehensive Land Use Plan will guide the Village in its decision making over the next 20 years.

The Village of Romeoville’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan was adopted in 2001. Since that time the Village has experienced tremendous growth and prior goals, objectives and plans are now obsolete and need to be revisited to reflect the growth and changing conditions of the community. The 2001 Comprehensive Plan consists mainly as a one page pamphlet with a future land use map and is missing information on many of the key elements found in a comprehensive plan (See attached plan). In particular, there is very little information on implementation which the Village strongly desires as part of this new plan.

Romeoville is a dynamic, growing community located about 30 miles southwest of the Chicago Loop along the I-55 corridor in northern Will County. The community includes many unique attributes, such as major transportation routes; its location within the I-55 industrial development corridor; heavy industrial uses located near the Des Plaines River/Chicago Ship Canal; an aging commercial highway strip along IL Route 53 (historic Route 66); Lewis University and the Lewis University Airport; a new Metra Station located along the Heritage Corridor railway planned for construction in the near future; the growing Weber Road commercial corridor; and a diverse mixture of housing and demographics, among
other unique features. In addition, despite the rapid growth over the last 20 years, the Village still has many large tracts of undeveloped property and older commercial or industrial properties that will soon become the focus of new development or reuse. Also, diverse housing options to accommodate the future needs of Romeoville must be seriously evaluated. There are many critical issues and sub areas that this plan will address to help direct future growth and development in Romeoville.

As part of the planning process, the Village wants to ensure that best practices and regional considerations are evaluated while evaluating new opportunities. Furthermore, the Village strongly desires an extensive public participation process that will involve all of Romeoville’s stakeholders in the development of the new Comprehensive Plan. In the end, the Village desires to have an adopted Comprehensive Land Use Plan that will provide a blueprint to help achieve a unified vision for the future of Romeoville.
IMPLEMENTING THE VISION

In order to achieve the Romeoville Vision, citizens prepared recommendations and ideas that fulfill the vision.

These recommendations require specific actions to be undertaken by the Village, citizens, developers, and investors working to develop the Village.

The recommendations are divided into five categories: circulation, community development, recreation, cultural and education development, community appearance, and economic development.

CIRCULATION

The Village requires additional east-west-
access routes and sidewalks.

A circulation plan should be developed and implemented along the eastern edge of the Village.

COMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Village needs additional community
development.

A community development plan should be developed and implemented along the eastern edge of the Village.

COMMUNITY ATTITUDE AND PREFERENCE SURVEY:

The Village needs a community attitude
and preference survey.

An attitude and preference survey should be conducted to understand the community's needs and preferences.

IMAGE PREFERENCE SURVEY:

The Village needs an image preference
survey.

An image preference survey should be conducted to understand the community's preferences and aesthetics.

COMMUNITY DESIGN CHARIETEE:

The Village needs a community design
charrette.

A community design charrette should be conducted to integrate community feedback and ideas into the planning process.

METHODOLOGY

Romeoville's Vision is to be achieved through a comprehensive strategy involving the following steps:

1. **Community Engagement**: Conduct surveys, focus groups, and public meetings to gather input from residents and stakeholders.
2. **Plan Development**: Develop a comprehensive plan that aligns with the vision and identified needs.
3. **Implementation**: Develop an action plan for implementation, including timelines, responsibilities, and resources.

THE PURPOSE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to provide a comprehensive strategy for the Village of Romeoville to achieve its vision.

The plan will guide decision-making and development in the Village, ensuring that future growth and changes align with the vision and community preferences.

Spacious Land and Room for Growth

The Village of Romeoville offers ample land and room for future development, providing opportunities for the growth and expansion of the community.

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4. **Image Preference Survey**: A survey to understand the community's preferences and aesthetics.
5. **Community Design Charrette**: A charrette to integrate community feedback and ideas into the planning process.

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