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:
   City of Wilmington

2. Main Contact for Application:

   Name: Tony Graff

   Title: City Administrator

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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 CDPH.)

___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.
___X___ 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.
Project Name: “RT 53 & RT 102 Gateway & Business Corridor”

Route 53 from Wilmington/Peotone Road to River Road and Route 102 from Robert P Wielding Drive to Main Street. The location of the corridors’ incorporates the Central Business District and entry corridors to the Wilmington community. (See Attached Map)

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.)
RT 53 & RT 102 Gateway and Business District is to address the lack comprehensive land use planning and zoning which is conducive to the type of multi modal transportation challenges. The current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2009 which address more general type land uses without any sub areas such as a business district or corridor planning which would include architectural, signage, streetscape, lighting, safe pedestrian trails, parking, traffic safety through environmental design...such as roundabouts... The additional value and benefit for this project would be to implement the recommendations within the RT 53 Will County Corridor Study Plans which had a focus on Route 53 (RT 66) as an underlying component for economic development and tourism.