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2017 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SYMPOSIUM

May 16, 2017

8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Roosevelt University
Murray-Green Library
Auditorium Building
430 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60605

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

CMAP is our region's comprehensive planning organization. The agency and its partners are developing ON TO 2050, a new comprehensive regional plan to help the seven counties and 284 communities of northeastern Illinois implement strategies that address transportation, housing, economic development, open space, the environment, and other quality-of-life issues. CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program involves providing assistance to communities across the Chicago metropolitan region to undertake planning projects that advance the principles of GO TO 2040.

www.cmap.illinois.gov

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)

RTA is the oversight, funding and regional planning agency for the transit Service Boards including Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus and rail, Metra commuter rail and Pace suburban bus and paratransit. Through its Community Planning program, the RTA provides funding and planning assistance to local governments for planning projects that are mutually beneficial to local communities and the RTA transit system. Projects primarily focus on transit oriented development (TOD), plan implementation, and transit improvement plans, which can provide economic development benefits to the communities and help maximize the use of the regional transit system.

www.rtachicago.org

Technical Assistance Symposium Agenda

8:00 to 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast Murray-Green Library, 10th Floor
9:00 to 9:30 a.m.	Welcome and Technical Assistance Overview Murray-Green Library, 10th Floor
9:30 to 9:45 a.m.	Break
9:45 to 11:15 a.m.	Breakout Sessions #1* 3rd and 4th Floor Classrooms <i>TA One-on-One, 10th Floor</i>
11:15 to 11:30 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Lunch and Discussion**, Partner Organization Booths Murray-Green Library, 10th Floor
1:30 to 1:45 p.m.	Break
1:45 to 3:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions #2* 3rd and 4th Floor Classrooms <i>TA One-on-One, 10th Floor</i>
3:15 to 3:25 p.m.	Break
3:25 to 4:15 p.m.	Wrap-up and Technical Assistance Partner Networking Murray-Green Library, 10th Floor <i>TA One-on-One</i>

Attendees can receive personal input on the application process in *Technical Assistance One-on-Ones* located in the Murray-Green Library (10th Floor).

* Breakout sessions and the lunch program have been approved for 1.5 AICP CM credits each

** Includes "On The Table" event in partnership with the Chicago Community Trust

Breakout Panel Sessions #1

9:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Bicycle-Pedestrian Planning

Classroom 320, 3rd Floor

Communities around our region are developing plans and project delivery strategies for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. This session will give you a chance to hear from three communities in various stages of progress on bicycle and pedestrian planning work: Richton Park, Willow Springs, and Evanston. Richton Park's presentation will focus on using its LTA-funded Comprehensive Plan as a starting point to develop a bicycle and pedestrian network, which then led it to undertake the development of a Complete Streets policy and a community-wide Active Transportation Plan. The Village of Willow Springs will present on its small-scale planning projects that have fast-tracked project implementation on local roads. Evanston will discuss lessons learned from its 2014 Bike Plan update and on bike plan implementation, including best practices in public engagement and the role that local advocates can play in advancing your community's goals.

Panelists

Regan Stockstell, *Village Manager, Village of Richton Park*
William Murray, *Village Administrator, Village of Willow Springs*
Katherine Knapp, *Transportation and Mobility Coordinator, City of Evanston*

Moderator

Heather Schady, *Senior Transportation Planner, Active Transportation Alliance*

Homes for a Changing Region/Housing Planning

Classroom 430, 4th Floor

Since 2010, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Metropolitan Planning Council, and Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning have partnered with communities from around the region to develop local housing policy plans. Hear from CMAP staff as well as representatives from three partners in previous Homes plans to learn about the value of housing planning, the different tools that Homes brings to the table, and how communities have implemented the reports.

Panelists

Nora Boyer, *Housing Planner, Village of Arlington Heights*
Lakeshia Wright, *Deputy Executive Director of Housing and Community Development, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association*
Lisa Pugliese, *Director of Community Development, Village of Round Lake Beach*

Moderator

Jonathan Burch, *AICP, Principal Planner, CMAP*

Implementing Plans

Classroom 426, 4th Floor

Once an LTA or Community Planning project is completed, CMAP, the RTA, and partners can provide plan implementation assistance and support. Representatives from Midlothian, Riverside, and Park Forest will discuss their completed plans and how they approached implementation through community support, grant funding, and partner assistance. Additionally, CMAP staff will discuss how the agency provides implementation support and assistance once a plan is complete. Attendees that are interested in pursuing implementation-focused LTA and Community Planning projects should attend, as well as those that are interested in implementing already-completed plans or want to understand how the agencies provide ongoing support.

Panelists

Karen Kreis, *Trustee, Village of Midlothian*
Thomas K. Mick, *Village Manager, Village of Park Forest*
Jessica Frances, *Village Manager, Village of Riverside*

Moderator

Tony Manno, *Senior Planner, CMAP*

Initiating Intergovernmental Cooperation & Shared Services

Classroom 326, 3rd Floor

Benefits and lessons learned of evaluating and initiating municipal partnerships for shared services and joint procurement in northeastern Illinois will be discussed by panelists representing a range of experiences in municipal collaboration. Participation in the established Municipal Partnering Initiative (MPI) as well as more recently formed partnerships will be described.

This session will discuss best practices in partnership evaluation and initial steps municipalities can take to develop strategies that reduce cost while maintaining delivery of high-quality services. The planning process for the Lower Fox River Partnering Initiative Shared Services Study will be discussed to highlight resources available through CMAP's LTA program to assist municipalities in exploring innovative ways to coordinate service delivery.

Panelists

Tim Schloneger, *Village Manager, Village of Algonquin*
Chris Bethel, *Director of Public Works, Village of Woodridge*
Christina Burns, *Assistant Village Administrator, Village of Oswego*

Moderator

Patrick Day, *AICP, Senior Planner, CMAP*

Planning for Flooding and Climate Challenges

Classroom 330, 3rd Floor

CMAP and its partners are taking action to help communities address two related topics: planning to address current flooding challenges, and planning for a changing climate, which may include increased risk of flooding due to changing precipitation patterns. CMAP will present a new approach to assessing flooding risk in the region's communities using GIS tools, and the results of applying these tools in South Holland. DuPage County Stormwater Management will present some of their recent work to reduce flooding and damages in DuPage County communities, and how they intend to use climate data to plan for future stormwater challenges. Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant and the Midwest Regional Climate Center will present on a collaborative project to incorporate climate data and vulnerability assessments in local plans.

Panelists

Kate Evasic, *Associate Planner, CMAP*

Sarah Hunn, *Chief Engineer, DuPage County Stormwater Management*

Molly Wolozyń, *Extension Climate Specialist,*

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant and Midwestern Regional Climate Center

Brian Smith, *Senior Code Enforcement Officer/Flood Assistance Coordinator,*
Department of Planning, Development and Code Enforcement, Village of South Holland

Moderator

Jason Navota, *Director, CMAP*

The Devil is in the Details: Subarea, Corridor, and District Planning

Classroom 420, 4th Floor

Many communities have specific areas that could benefit from more detailed recommendations or unique issues that typically aren't addressed in a Comprehensive Plan or other community-wide initiatives. This session will focus on case studies from the Village of Franklin Park, Will County Land Use Department, and City of Chicago and will highlight the types of detailed sub-area and neighborhood planning that can be facilitated through the CMAP and RTA technical assistance programs. Speakers will highlight how these projects have enabled communities to improve regional infrastructure to the benefit of both regional and local economic development, address urban issues in unincorporated areas and maximize benefits from infrastructure improvements, and identify strategies to combat community-wide issues of instability while encouraging reinvestment in targeted areas.

Panelists

Kathleen E. Dickhut, *Deputy Commissioner, Department of Planning and Development, City of Chicago*

Curt Paddock, *AICP, CEcD, Director, Will County Land Use Department*

John P. Schneider, *Director of Community Development and Zoning, Village of Franklin Park*

Moderator

Brandon Nolin, *AICP, Senior Planner, CMAP*

Breakout Panel Sessions #2

1:45 to 3:15 p.m.

Development Regulations: Updating Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances

Classroom 326, 3rd Floor

Zoning and subdivision ordinances are living documents that need to reflect a community's comprehensive planning objectives and its vision for the future. Learn how planners in three communities in the Chicago region revised outdated development regulations to fulfill these goals and make their ordinances more user-friendly.

Panelists

Kurtis Pozsgay, *AICP, Senior Planner, Village of Bensenville*

Hildy Kingma, *AICP, Director of Economic Development and Planning, Village of Park Forest*

Marc McLaughlin, *AICP, GISP, Director of Community Development, Village of South Elgin*

Moderator

Jake Seid, *AICP, Associate Planner, CMAP*

Parking Management

Classroom 420, 4th Floor

Parking is one of the most hotly contested issues that can make or break redevelopment plans, and not many people fully understand how parking shapes the character and function of a neighborhood. Rather than competing with the acres of free parking at malls, our urban centers need to compete on their own terms, offering high-quality, diverse, walkable places with excellent parking management, and improved mobility and access for all.

Panelists

Bradley Bloom, *Chief of Police, Village of Hinsdale*

Proco "Joe" Moreno, *1st Ward Alderman, City of Chicago*

Mark Herman, *Village Planner, Village of Lisle*

Moderator

Lindsay Bayley, *Senior Planner, CMAP*

Planning in Diverse and Immigrant Communities

Classroom 430, 4th Floor

Many municipalities face similar challenges in the process of addressing their changing populations. However, they often face these challenges in isolation or without the benefit or knowledge of concrete activities undertaken by other municipalities, and with limited understanding of the context of groups' experiences, culture, and norms. This breakout session highlights three case studies in the Chicago region with designed outreach and engagement strategies for planning in diverse and immigrant communities. Representatives from Chicago's Chinatown neighborhood, City of Aurora, and City of Waukegan will share actionable steps communities can take to better integrate their diverse and immigrant communities in community planning processes.

Panelists

C.W. Chan, *Chairman, CBCAC Chairman, Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community*

Dan Barreiro, *Chief Community Services Officer, City of Aurora*

David Villalobos, *4th Ward Alderman, City of Waukegan*

Moderator

Ricardo Lopez, *Associate Planner, CMAP*

Rivers as Assets: Planning for Riverfront Communities

Classroom 330, 3rd Floor

The rivers of northeastern Illinois have long been major influences on its natural resources, development patterns, and industrial economy. Throughout the region, communities are increasingly planning for their riverfronts, recognizing the unique assets and opportunities that rivers represent. This panel discussion will feature three local examples of riverfront planning along the Fox River, Chicago River, and Calumet River. Representatives from the Village of Algonquin, Chicago's Chinatown, and Southeast side of Chicago will discuss recent plans they have completed that demonstrate the importance of local planning in achieving river-related goals and receiving assistance and funding for implementation.

Panelists

Ben Mason, *AICP, Senior Planner, Village of Algonquin*
Debbie Liu, *MPH, CHES, Community Development Coordinator, Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community*
John Heroff, *Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Office of 10th Ward Alderman Susan Sadlowski Garza*

Moderator

Brian Daly, *Associate Planner, CMAP*

Transit-Oriented Development Planning and Implementation

Classroom 426, 4th Floor

This session focuses on Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) planning and implementation assistance provided through the RTA's Community Planning program starting with an example from the recently completed TOD Plan with the City of Highwood who is now making implementation progress since plan adoption. The Village of Lemont completed a station area plan in 2005 and has since revised their zoning ordinance, participated in a developer panel and has experienced some redevelopment. Finally, the Village of Mundelein completed a TOD Plan in 2004 and has since revised its zoning code and sign code, as well as removed other barriers, which have paved the way for market-rate housing, income-assisted housing, business incubator space and the demolition of blighted/obsolete structures. Pace recently completed a study of how to improve a seven-mile stretch of the North Avenue Corridor, a well-established automobile-oriented corridor in the region, with ways to improve the corridor to make it more attractive to people using transit, walking and biking.

Panelists

Scott Coren, *City Manager, City of Highwood*
Heather Valone, *Village Planner, Village of Lemont*
Amanda Orenchuk, *Community Development Director, Village of Mundelein*
Erik Llewellyn, *Principal Planner, Pace Suburban Bus*

Moderator

Michael Horsting, *Manager, Local Planning, RTA*

Working with Developers

Classroom 320, 3rd Floor

Different opportunities and challenges come with redeveloping key sites and attracting developers. In 2012, CMAP and Urban Land Institute Chicago (ULI) assisted the City of Joliet with the redevelopment of the former Joliet Correctional Center and U.S. Steel Site. In 2015, RTA assisted the Village of Forest Park with amending its zoning codes to allow for a mix of uses in development and redevelopment projects along key transit corridors. The panelists will share their experiences collaborating on local technical assistance projects with CMAP and RTA, and ULI Chicago will discuss their experiences working on these and similar projects.

Panelists

Tim Gillian, *Village Administrator, Village of Forest Park*
Kendall Jackson, *Community Development Director, City of Joliet*
Cindy McSherry, *Executive Director and Technical Assistance Product Advisor, ULI Chicago*

Moderator

Don Hughes, *Associate Planner, CMAP*

Technical Assistance Symposium Partners

Government Agencies

City of Chicago and Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)

Nongovernmental organizations that submit applications are required to secure the support of the local governments that their projects would affect. Staff from the Department of Planning and Development and the Department of Transportation will be on hand to discuss project ideas with NGOs within the City. The CTA, which serves the City of Chicago and 35 surrounding suburbs, works closely with CMAP and the RTA on land use and transit planning projects that improve performance and accessibility. www.cityofchicago.org and www.transitchicago.com

Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

IDNR is an important partner for LTA applicants planning for improved access to state parks and recreation areas throughout Illinois. Applicants interested in recreational trail planning could collaborate with IDNR to ensure that local trail planning enhances the state's current resources. IDNR also provides funding for planning improvements in the state. www.dnr.illinois.gov

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Nearly all municipalities have a state highway within their borders, and any changes to the roadway or the land uses that surround it will need to be coordinated with IDOT. Communities that are interested in conducting corridor plans along a state highway will have a particular need to involve IDOT in their project. www.idot.illinois.gov

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

IEPA works to safeguard the state's natural resources from pollution to provide a healthy environment for its citizens. By partnering with businesses, local governments, citizens, and CMAP through the LTA program on projects that address natural resources, IEPA is dedicated to continued protection of the air we breathe and our water and land resources. www.epa.illinois.gov

Metra

Metra is the provider of commuter rail service in northeastern Illinois with 11 rail lines serving 241 stations across the six county region. Metra staff works with communities throughout the region to support land use planning efforts. Land use decisions are the jurisdictions of the communities, but Metra encourages land use planning that will be both transit supportive and transit oriented.

www.metrarail.com

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD)

MWRD protects the health and safety of the public in its service area, protects the quality of Lake Michigan, improves the quality of water in watercourses in its service area, protects businesses and homes from flood damages, and manages water as a vital resource for its service area. The District works with CMAP on many water-related projects to provide guidance on funding sources for improvements, coordination on ongoing MWRD projects, and general guidance and assistance with stormwater management and best practices. www.mwrd.org

Pace

Pace is the suburban bus division of the RTA. Communities that want to improve bus corridors, explore land use planning that complements transit, and improve overall access to transit can work with Pace to identify opportunities that enhance service and improve the transit experience.

www.pacebus.com

Non-Governmental Organizations

Active Transportation Alliance

Active Trans is Chicagoland's voice for better biking, walking, and transit. Active Trans can collaborate with CMAP and the RTA on projects that address local community active transportation issues - pedestrian mobility, bicycle planning, and complete streets policy development. www.activetrans.org

Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)

CNT is an independent non-profit organization that promotes livable and sustainable urban communities. Our work is best described in four main areas: Transportation and Community Development, Water, Climate and Energy. Communities interested in addressing any of these issues through an LTA or Community Planning project may consider collaborating with CNT for data and advocacy needs. www.cnt.org

Elevate Energy Chicago

Elevate Energy designs and implements efficiency programs that lower costs, protect the environment, and ensure the benefits of energy efficiency reach those who need them most. Our team offers analysis of current community-wide energy use by building sector, projections of municipal energy use based on anticipated population and changing land use patterns, and analyses of energy savings potential via community-appropriate policy and programmatic strategies. Communities interested in addressing energy efficiency through land use or transportation plans may consider involving this organization for follow-up work once a plan is adopted. www.elevateenergy.org

Local Initiatives Support Corporation - Chicago (LISC Chicago)

LISC Chicago's mission is to connect neighborhoods to the resources they need to become stronger and healthier. LISC Chicago is an important partner to CMAP and the RTA for their role in local Quality of Life planning. www.lisc-chicago.org

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC)

MMC has facilitated regional approaches to economic development, housing, environmental sustainability, and other vital issues that have improved the well-being and overall quality of life for its residents. The Caucus also supports local government initiatives through technical assistance and grants for energy efficiency and public safety, and regularly partners with CMAP on LTA projects focusing on housing and economic development. www.mayorscaucus.org

Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC)

MPC serves communities and residents by developing, promoting, and implementing solutions for sound regional growth. MPC partners with CMAP and the RTA to address housing, transportation, and stormwater issues throughout Chicagoland and is an important partner for communities looking to expand housing choice and explore inclusive growth. www.metroplanning.org

Openlands

Openlands protects the natural and open spaces of northeastern Illinois and the surrounding region to ensure cleaner air and water, protect natural habitats and wildlife, and help balance and enrich our lives. Plans that consider large open space, land conservation and the natural environment may benefit from Openlands participation and input. www.openlands.org

Urban Land Institute - Chicago (ULI Chicago)

ULI Chicago, a District Council of the Urban Land Institute, has more than 1,400 local members representing the entire spectrum of real estate development and land use disciplines. Through its Technical Assistance Services (TAS) program, and partnership with CMAP and RTA, ULI Chicago helps communities address development challenges ranging from revitalizing struggling commercial areas to restoring historic structures for modern uses. www.chicago.uli.org



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