



## Summary of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Applications July 12, 2017

CMAP has established the [Local Technical Assistance \(LTA\)](#) program to direct resources to communities to pursue planning work that helps to implement GO TO 2040. In conjunction with the RTA’s Community Planning program, CMAP held a call for LTA projects in spring and summer 2017. Applications were due on June 29, 2017.

The remainder of this document provides basic statistics about the applications received, describes the project selection process, and includes short summaries of each project submitted. CMAP’s understanding of some of these projects may change through discussions with the applicants, so the descriptions and figures in this document should be considered preliminary.

### Basic application statistics and comparisons to previous years

In total, 80 applications were submitted by 69 different applicants to the LTA program. An additional 13 applications were submitted to the RTA for consideration through their Community Planning program. Details of the projects being reviewed by the RTA are available on [their website](#).

This is the sixth year that CMAP has offered the LTA program, so comparisons to the first five years of the program may be useful. (The 2016 program year was cancelled due to the State budget impasse). The number of applications received was roughly comparable to the average from past years.

	2017	2015	2014	2013	2012	Average, 2012-17
Projects submitted	80	72	104	67	109	86
Applicants	69	61	77	58	88	71

Project types this year showed some variation from past years. Subarea or corridor plans were the most common types of plans this year, with 27 applications. 15 transportation-related plans were submitted this year, a decline from 24 in the previous application round, but many of the corridor plans included significant transportation components. Very few environmentally-focused plans were submitted as stand-alone projects, although many other applications did have environmental components.

<b>Project type or topic</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Average, 2012-17</b>
Subarea or corridor plan	27	17	18	14	20	19
Transportation plan	15	24	17	14	16	17
Comprehensive plan	13	13	14	12	22	15
Zoning	11	6	20	7	12	11
Sustainability or other environmental focus	2	5	11	6	19	9
Housing	4	3	0	2	6	3
Other	8	4	24	21	14	14

Applicants were from across the region, from all Counties. The chart below shows applications received by geography, using County and Council of Mayors boundaries. Projects were placed in multiple geographies if they crossed geographic boundaries. (For example, applications from the City of Aurora, which is partially within DuPage, Kane, Kendall, and Will, is counted in the totals of all four of these Counties.) This year, more applications were received from Will County than any other geography (16), followed by applications from the City of Chicago (14).

<b>Geography</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Average, 2012-17</b>
Chicago	14	9	17	7	14	12
North / Northwest Cook	7	7	9	4	17	9
West Cook	9	9	4	10	13	9
Southwest Cook	5	5	8	1	7	5
South Cook	12	16	23	7	18	15
DuPage	10	6	20	7	11	11
Kane	9	3	10	5	16	8
Kendall	6	0	4	4	4	4
Lake	8	8	8	10	14	10
McHenry	10	8	14	7	7	9
Will	16	13	13	4	4	10
Regional	0	1	2	1	9	3

Some applicants have had past experience with the LTA program. Of the 69 applicants, 40 have already submitted at least one successful application in past years; some of them have submitted follow-up projects, and others have submitted entirely new ideas. The remaining 29 are new to the LTA program. Some (11) have submitted before but have not yet been successful, and the others (18) are entirely new applicants, although some of these have participated in past multijurisdictional projects.

## **Local match requirements**

Match rates vary between 5% and 20%, depending on community need. Based on initial analysis, it appears that 37 applications, or slightly fewer than half of the total, were determined to have “low” or “very low” need, meaning that they would pay the full match of 20%. Between 12 and 17 applications are classified in each of the remaining categories – “moderate”, “high”, and “very high” need – with match rates of 15%, 10%, and 5%, respectively. This distribution of match rates is similar to past years, and demonstrates that the local match rates have not precluded higher-need communities from applying.

## **Selection criteria**

Criteria for the LTA program include alignment of the project with the recommendations of GO TO 2040 and ON TO 2050; local need for assistance; feasibility and ability to implement; collaboration with other groups, including neighboring governments and nongovernmental groups; input from relevant Counties and Councils of Government (COGs); and geographic balance. CMAP will continue to pay particular attention to the criteria involving feasibility and ability to implement, in line with the overall focus on directing resources to plans that will be implemented.

## **Review process and timeline**

Applications for the LTA program were due on June 29, and will be presented to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee for approval in October. In July and August, a summary of applications received will be shared with CMAP’s working committees for discussion and comment. The same will occur with other stakeholder groups, including technical assistance providers, transit agencies, Counties, the City of Chicago, COGs, and others. Comments can also be sent directly to CMAP; please email Tony Manno at [tmano@cmap.illinois.gov](mailto:tmano@cmap.illinois.gov) or call 312-386-8606 with direct comments on any projects. All stakeholders are requested to provide comments to CMAP by **Friday, August 25**.

Recommendations will be discussed with CMAP’s Transportation committee on September 29. Recommendations will be brought to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee at their meetings in October. The Programming Coordinating Committee will discuss the recommendations immediately prior to the Board meeting on October 11, and also may have a special meeting to review the applications in more detail in mid-September (scheduling TBD).

Following the Board and MPO meetings, CMAP will work closely with the sponsors of selected projects to handle any needed administrative work, develop full project scopes and schedules, and get projects started. It is expected that newly selected projects will be initiated on a rolling basis beginning in late 2017 and early 2018.

## 2017 Project descriptions

Projects are organized by geography. Please note that not all projects below are entirely consistent with the purpose of CMAP's local programs, and more information is needed to fully understand many of them; project proposals are described regardless of eligibility and completeness. Any suggested edits to these descriptions should be sent to Tony Manno at [tmanno@cmmap.illinois.gov](mailto:tmanno@cmmap.illinois.gov). Full applications are available on CMAP's [LTA webpage](#).

### City of Chicago

#### Bridgeport and Canaryville Community Plan Group

- Develop a **comprehensive plan** that promotes sustainable business, retail, and economic development, strengthens local educational and cultural institutions, and builds on area assets including housing stock, access to public transportation, and resident population.

#### Chicago Office of Budget and Management (OBM)

- Assist with the **development of the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan** required by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City requests assistance in conducting a needs assessment and market analysis in affordable housing, community development and homelessness, creating community area maps to highlight identified needs, and improving public and stakeholder engagement in the Plan development.

#### Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community (CBCAC)

- Conduct a **parking management study** in line with the 2015 Community Vision Plan for Chinatown. With limited space available for growth in Chinatown and few opportunities for development, it is increasingly important to fully determine the amount and type of metered, restricted, and unrestricted parking, and identify opportunities for shared parking.

#### Far South Community Development Corporation

- Develop a **Comprehensive Plan for the Roseland Medical District**. The plan will focus on strategic partnerships and developments on land use and zoning, economic development, transportation assets including CTA rail and bus terminals, Roseland Community Hospital, nearby business corridors, and housing.

#### Greater Chatham Initiative (GCI)

- Creation of a '**Downtown Chatham' Retail Corridor Revitalization and Economic Development Plan**. CMAP assistance is specifically requested for: (1) planning for a new creative identity for an ethnically distinct retail corridor similar to Chinatown and Pilsen; (2) identifying, attracting and sustaining a diversity of businesses for a family-friendly area; (3) creating a place-based business incubator to support local businesses in Downtown Chatham; (4) improving Downtown Chatham safety for younger families,

older residents, local customers, employees and tourists; and (5) developing a business attraction and retention approach.

#### **Greater Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce (GRCC)**

- Assistance conducting a **corridor study** to understand demographics and retail market demand in order to produce recommendations related to economic development, land use, and quality of life improvements along Lawrence Avenue from Clark Street to Leavitt.

#### **Illinois International Port District (IIPD)**

- Create a **Comprehensive Port Study** that would explore the advancement of existing plans for area transportation, land and water conservation, recreation and regional tourism, and other infrastructure issues that would simultaneously advance the interests of IIPD and the community.

#### **Lakeview Citizens Council**

- Develop a **Comprehensive Community Plan** for Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. The committee's goal is to create a plan for Lakeview that will help guide real estate development, business development, and open space by articulating a clear vision for the community's future. LCC is specifically interested in incorporating more transit-oriented development and better open/green space within the neighborhood.

#### **McKinley Park Development Council**

- Assistance developing a **neighborhood plan** to help craft development guidelines to promote transit-oriented development, job creation, enhanced walkability, ongoing affordability, and services and amenities to the neighborhood. This plan would focus on maximizing the existing transit and transportation network, reinvigorate the central manufacturing district, revive/reimagine the 35<sup>th</sup> Street retail corridor, and engage the community to create both common ground and a shared vision for the future.

#### **North Avenue District (also West Cook County)**

- The North Avenue District, in partnership with the Village of Oak Park, seeks assistance developing an **economic development plan** for the North Avenue corridor to guide and coordinate new development and business recruitment efforts by the Village and 29<sup>th</sup> Ward Economic Development Committee. The plan will focus on ways to improve the corridor streetscape/branding, provide guidance on potential financial incentives to attract development, and inform the upcoming CDOT transportation study.

#### **Northwest Side Housing Center (NWSHC)**

- The NWSHC would like to develop a **business and economic development plan** for the Belmont-Cragin neighborhood that implements their 2016 LISC Quality of Life plan.

### **Roseland, Ninth Ward Greater Roseland Community Coalition**

- Develop a **Corridor and Pedestrian Improvement Plan** which aims to redesign the 107<sup>th</sup> and Dr. Martin Luther King Drive intersection, enhance walking and pedestrian amenities, and improve access to the Metra via a pedestrian improvement plan that addresses pedestrian safety, beautification and parks, and business improvements.

### **University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)**

- UIC proposes to launch a collaborative planning process focused on developing an **environmentally friendly industrial corridor plan** for the Lake Calumet region. This effort will be coordinated by the recently designated Economic Development Administration University Center at UIC. This center provides technical assistance, capacity building, and research assistance to initiatives that enhance green development in Cook County with a focus on the Calumet region. With coordinated efforts, this plan aims to bring new jobs to the region, meet the needs of industry, and provide economic stimulus for the region – all with an emphasis on the green economy.

### **Uptown United**

- Develop an **affordable housing plan** that utilizes comprehensive data on housing affordability in Uptown and evidence-based best practices from other communities to develop guiding policy for Uptown United to use when evaluating development proposals.

### **North / Northwest Cook**

#### **Cook County Department of Planning and Development and Zoning Board of Appeals (also West Cook, South Cook, and Southwest Cook)**

- **Update the Cook County Comprehensive Land Use and Policies Plan** to address new challenges brought on by change in demographics, development expansion, environmentally sensitive areas, and annexation of unincorporated areas.

### **Des Plaines**

- Conduct a **Downtown Parking and Traffic Circulation Study**. The study will assess the feasibility of reintroducing two-way streets in the downtown and identify parking problems and parking management strategies to spur development in the downtown area.

### **Evanston**

- Assistance developing a **multi-modal transportation corridor plan** along Chicago Avenue to build upon the recommendations and action steps identified in the 2014 Evanston Bike Plan update, the 2000 Evanston Chicago Avenue Corridor Plan, the 2010 Northwest Municipal Conference Bicycle Plan, and the 2014 Evanston Main Street TOD Plan. This plan would link these past efforts to improve the streetscape to accommodate bicycles, identify funding mechanisms, establish best practices for collaborating with

transit agencies to connect/expand/improve service, and build consensus for implementation.

#### **Hanover Park** (also DuPage County)

- Assistance **updating the Comprehensive Plan**. The update will focus on four areas: (1) identify alternative funding options to construct the I-390 extension; (2) address economically disconnected areas and identify strategies to bring higher income, jobs, and education opportunities; (3) incorporate policies to implement strategies in the Village Center Plan and TOD plans to revitalize downtown and plan for future growth; and (4) assess and provide linkages between all plans affecting Hanover Park developed by overlapping jurisdictions to help holistically connect regional issues, eliminate conflicts and present an overall plan for the entire community.

#### **Mount Prospect**

- Create an updated **Comprehensive Subarea plan** for the South Mount Prospect subarea. The plan will build off of the original South Mount Prospect Subarea Plan adopted in 2009, as well as the Public Transportation System Plan adopted in 2009, both of which originally hinged on a Star Line Station development project in the area, which is no longer active. The Village has annexed around 220 acres of land within the subarea since 2009, which provides new opportunities to address some of the outstanding needs in the area, including completing sidewalks, providing and improving access to recreation, and identifying key sites catalyst projects and creating third places in the community.

#### **Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC)** (also DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry)

- The NWMC is looking to produce a **multi-modal transportation plan** that includes bicycle and pedestrian planning, as well as improving access to transit throughout the region. Building on previous bicycle planning work and relying on the work of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, municipal staff and elected officials, this new plan will act as a guide for planning and implementing a multi-modal network in the NWMC service area.

#### **Skokie**

- The Village of Skokie and the representatives of the Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center would like assistance with a **Site Specific Development Plan**. Already a mixed-use, the plan will consider alternate futures, including incorporating residential housing and broader entertainment uses into its mix of uses. In addition, consideration will be given to transportation alternatives, and implementing Skokie's new Complete Streets Policy. The proposed plan will examine the implementation of mixed-use development in the area, and greater integration of and enhancements to this major public transportation hub.

## West Cook

### Berkeley

- Update the **corridor plan** for St. Charles Road, which was first adopted in the 1999 Comprehensive Plan. The city requests technical assistance with developing an updated plan that reflects current economic development and retail trends for their community, including enhancing accessibility to transportation and transit modes for businesses and residents.
- Update the **zoning code** to reflect the character of the community as well as short and long term plans of the Board related to the Village's industrial areas, St. Charles Road Corridor, and aging infrastructure.

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### Cook County Forest Preserves

- Conduct a **feasibility study for Des Plaines River Trail-South** to determine future alignment alternatives for an extension of the Des Plaines River Trail from North Avenue to Ogden Avenue and to build a Des Plaines River Trail coalition. The project will fill the gap in the trail system where the Union Pacific Railroad runs through the Forest Preserves and bisects the Des Plaines River Trail. Seeks CMAP assistance specifically to: convene an advisory committee of local municipalities, major stakeholders, and transportation agencies; identify a timeline, budget, and implementation plan for the trail; and help stakeholders determine short, medium and long range tasks for their agencies.

### Forest Park

- Assistance with a **feasibility study** for a Cultural Music and Art Park on 8.5 acres of village-owned land adjacent to the CTA Blue Line terminus and a multi-unit condo/townhome development.

### Indian Head Park

- The Village of Indian Head Park seeks to review and **update its existing zoning ordinance** to include more commercial land use. The village would like to see a 10 acre commercial corridor converted into a Transit Oriented Development, which would ideally attract more mixed-use development. The village would like to be completely transparent with the local community, which they wish to actively involve in the major policy change decision.



## Maywood

- The Village of Maywood requests access to **Sketchup diagrams** (similar to what CMAP developed for the City of Berwyn) to make their recently adopted Zoning ordinance user friendly. This can be a library of sorts – allowing Maywood to access and modify (via Sketchup) and use the models, either in an official capacity as an adopted part of the zoning ordinance, or simply as handouts illustrating the ordinance for residents and developers.

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## Summit

- The Village of Summit requests assistance with a village-wide **zoning ordinance update** to incorporate recommendations from the CMAP-funded Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2015.

## South Cook

### Calumet Park

- Develop a **comprehensive plan** that specifically addresses flooding, economic development, housing, and transportation. Since the November 2016 planning priorities report conducted by CMAP, the Village has passed or completed a Complete Streets Policy, CNT's RainReady Plan, and a Capital Improvement Priorities Workshop.

### Cook County Bureau of Economic Development

- Assistance in **completing Phase 2 of the South Suburban Economic Growth Initiative (SSEGI)**. Phase 1 of the SSEGI has been completed with 2015 LTA, and Phase 2 seeks to expand stakeholder engagement, refine strategies identified in Phase 1, and begin implementation of programs that are quick to launch, high-impact, and relatively low cost. Specific CMAP roles include: creation of a "Development Authority," transportation and freight planning, land use analysis, and stakeholder engagement.

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### **Lynwood**

- Create a **Downtown Development Plan** along a segment of the new Joe Orr Road that was recently constructed, and continues to be extended throughout the region. The downtown development plan would ideally address economic development, zoning ordinances and building codes in the downtown area of Lynwood. The Village currently has an ‘in-house’ plan for the downtown corridor, but is interested in further developing this plan.

### **Matteson**

- The Village of Matteson is interested in creating a **Streetscape Improvement Plan** that will address potential streetscape enhancement for two arterial streets, U.S. Route 30 and Cicero Avenue. The Streetscape Improvement Plan was recommended in the Village’s Master Plan, and seeks to improve transportation infrastructure, green space, lighting, and other visual elements of public roads.

### **Midlothian**

- Develop a long term **Capital Improvement Plan for Stormwater Management**. The Village has already identified critical projects that should be included in the capital plan. The Village has involved a number of strategic partners and will receive support from CNT on community engagement and education. The plan is a necessary next step to capitalize on the momentum within the community, ready to see flood relief projects result from many years of planning work.

### **Richton Park**

- Develop a comprehensive **Strategic Economic Development Plan** that will provide guidance for the Board of Trustees and staff with its marketing, business attraction and business retention efforts. The plan will include a market feasibility study for commercial retail and services, industry, housing, etc.; plan recommendations for assisting with business retention and attraction for commercial retail and services uses and industrial uses; identification of economic development strategies used in smaller urban/suburban areas; and financing and implementation strategies related to economic development activities.

### **Robbins**

- The Village of Robbins has partnered with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) to develop a **stormwater, TOD, and clean energy** plan to address flooding along Midlothian Creek. The proposed stormwater solutions will remove approximately 140 acres from the floodplain, freeing the area for potential transit-oriented development.

### **Sauk Village**

- Update the Village’s **Comprehensive Plan** to integrate key objective of the Southland Parkway Plan which calls for major transportation changes to Sauk Trail and an

interchange. Additionally, the plan can help connect Forest Preserves and recreational areas to planned bike pathways. This will also allow the village to obtain future grant funds and assistance from the Cook County Forest Preserve District to plan for recreational needs.

#### **South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association** (also Will County)

- SSMMA requests assistance to initiate a **Circuit Rider Pilot Program**, meant to provide technical assistance to communities to advance plan implementation. The purpose of the initiative is to facilitate seasoned technical assistance providers to be embedded in local municipalities to help support and increase municipal capacity and provide direct implementation assistance. The SSMMA initiative can bridge the gap that exists between local government goals, objectives, and strategies that are necessary to enhance the effectiveness of local program or project delivery. Services that are anticipated to be included are specialized deliverables such as transportation or community planning, grant writing, request for proposal preparation, grant administration, funding identification, project coordination, project management, and local priority setting.

#### **Steger** (also Will County)

- Develop a **Downtown Mixed-Use Development Plan**. Steger wants to further advance the Planning Priorities Report that was completed recently, which consisted of a market analysis, review of taxing impacts resulting from mixed-use developments and recommended various redevelopments in its downtown including the underutilized “Steger Center Development Area” into mixed-use. The goal is to provide equitable TOD (around a proposed Metra station) which can benefit the entire community, including low-income households by reducing the cost of living, and creating more vibrant, healthier neighborhoods.

#### **Thornton**

- Develop a **comprehensive plan** that supports its tradition of mixed land uses, expands housing options, and provides a framework for planning and development decisions. This plan should promote inclusive growth for residential, commercial, and industrial development while creating a sense of place and community character.

### **Southwest Cook**

#### **Cook County Department of Planning and Development and Zoning Board of Appeals** (also North/Northwest Cook, South Cook, and West Cook)

- **Update the Cook County Comprehensive Land Use and Policies Plan** to address new challenges brought on by change in demographics, development expansion, environmentally sensitive areas, and annexation of unincorporated areas.

## Justice

- Assistance with an **I&M State Trail Extension Feasibility Study**, to explore the creation of a bike path that will connect to the current Illinois & Michigan State Trail in Willow Springs and run through Justice, Bedford Park and into Summit. The village is looking for technical assistance with the planning process of feasible routes and access points for continuing the bike trail. The I&M State Trail Extension Feasibility study will align with three past plans within the Village of Justice: The Village of Justice Transit Improvement Study (2007), the Village of Justice Strategic Plan (2016-2020) and the Village of Justice 2030 Vision Plan.
- The Village of Justice, in conjunction with the Village of Bedford Park, is seeking assistance to perform a **study of potential land use and future development opportunities** along the Illinois & Michigan Canal Corridor. The Village of Justice received assistance for a Transit Improvement Study from RTA in 2007, which allowed Justice to make many improvements to the area.
- **Update the existing Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance**, as well as create a **Unified Development Ordinance**. This proposal would review and assess the current development regulations within the community to find opportunities for unified development standards and guidelines, and establish better infrastructure and transportation options that would ultimately assist with new development and retention/attraction of businesses.

## Oak Lawn

- Develop and design a **Corridor / Interchange Plan** to reduce congestion, provide access for pedestrians, improve motorist and pedestrian safety, and encourage new development. In addition, previous studies had recommended improving gateways with landscaping, art and painted medians; a single point urban diamond; a bus transfer station; and redevelopment of commercial and multi-family residential around the 95<sup>th</sup> St. and Harlem Ave. intersection.

## DuPage County

### Aurora (also Kane, Kendall, and Will counties)

- *Four projects submitted by Aurora (two involving partnerships with Naperville) are listed only in the Kane County section for space reasons. Please see the Kane County section for a complete description.*

### Carol Stream

- Update the **zoning code**, in response to the recommendation by the 2016 Comprehensive Plan completed by CMAP's LTA staff. The Village wishes to use a Unified Development Ordinance, to include an update to parking requirements, design/development regulations, update to zoning district standards/bulk regulations,

industrial district standards, permitted/special uses, definitions, and establish stronger subdivision regulations.

### **DuPage County**

- DuPage County is seeking to **update the Unincorporated Land Use Plan** for the Illinois Route 83 corridor. The update will provide a land use plan that incorporates current land use trends and the most recent transportation activity associated with Western Access to O'Hare Airport and to combine the development goals of unincorporated DuPage County with those of the stakeholder municipalities.

### **Glen Ellyn**

- Seeks assistance to **update the Comprehensive Plan**. The plan will serve many purposes, including integration of all existing studies and strategic plans, addressing gaps in current plans regarding open space and recreation, assessing current conditions of the community, and addressing the challenges and needs in multi-modal transportation, stormwater management in the northern area, equitable workforce development, public outreach, and economic development in disinvested areas in the Central Business District.

### **Hanover Park** (also North/Northwest Cook)

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### **Naperville** (also Will County)

- Develop a **Building Design Guidelines Update** to create a single consolidated document that provides consistent guidance for all properties located in the City, streamline the format and recommendations to achieve good building, site design, and walkability; reduce the overall document length/redundancy and increase user-friendliness; and reflect current design best practices, including sustainability, energy efficiency/LEED, environmental considerations, new technology, new building material options, creating a sense of place, and other architectural goals for the City of Naperville.
- *Please see two projects submitted by Aurora that also include Naperville as a partner.*

### **Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC)** (also Northwest Cook, Kane, Lake, McHenry)

- The NWMC is looking to produce a **multi-modal transportation plan** that includes bicycle and pedestrian planning, as well as improving access to transit throughout the region. Building on previous bicycle planning work and relying on the work of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, municipal staff and elected officials, this new plan will act as a guide for planning and implementing a multi-modal network in the NWMC service area.

## **Kane County**

### **Algonquin** (also McHenry County)

- Develop a **health assessment** to determine existing barriers to health equity that prevent residents in Algonquin from engaging in healthy lifestyles and physical activity, especially related to the use of the community's bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The public health data that is collected would also help give a health-based perspective when considering new land use and transportation policies and codes.

### **Aurora** (also DuPage, Kendall, and Will counties)

- Develop a comprehensive **set of neighborhood plans** for each ward of the city. Each neighborhood plan is envisioned to be a comprehensive plan that encompasses land use, transportation, quality of life, and economic development. Aurora seeks to partner with Invest Aurora, CMAP, and a private consultant. Aurora currently already has several pieces of the total plan, including a Sustainability Plan, Homes for a Changing Region Plan, Countryside Vision Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and several neighborhood plans: Riverfront Vision, Countryside Vision, RiverEdge Park, several Downtown and Riverwalk plans, and several Aurora Neighborhood Planning Initiative (ANPI) Plans.
- Update and amend its **Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area plan**, which was previously amended in 2011. The city wishes to include evaluation of effectiveness, as well as adhering to the Consolidated Plan which calls for an annual review of the NRSA, and to remove Census Block Group(s) which no longer qualify as Low-Moderate Income and add eligible Census Block Groups.

### **Aurora and Naperville** (also DuPage, Kendall, and Will Counties)

- Improve upon Aurora's 2007 **Homes for a Changing Region plan**, in order to include the change in the housing landscape as a result of the economic downturn, look regionally to include Naperville, and include recommendations on giving senior residents the opportunity to age in place. The plan seeks to comprehensively and strategically address the needs of the aging population.

**Aurora, Algonquin, Elgin, McHenry, Naperville, South Elgin** (also DuPage, Kendall, McHenry, and Will Counties)

- Develop a **regional bicycle and pedestrian program**, to be called Regional Active Mobility Program (RAMP), for both recreational and commuter users. The program will include three main components: expansion of Aurora’s bike share program through the region, incorporating comprehensive wayfinding and user-experience, and growing mobility-based tourism and commerce.

**Geneva**

- Assistance for completion of **the East State Street Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project and Plan (TIF 2)**. This project will focus on studying the barriers to redevelopment, including required approval processes, existing development controls, market conditions, and the impact and timing of right-of-way takings associated with the pending IL Route 38 reconstruction project. The plan will formulate recommendations for better utilization of the East State Street TIF District prior to its expiration in 2022 and examine the feasibility as well as the pros and cons of gaining support to extend the expiration date of the TIF district.

**Kane County**

- Kane County would like to partner with Openlands and CMAP to create a **Farmland Protection Research & Guidance plan** that will examine the potential of expanding revenue streams for the purpose of additional farmland protection and local food investment. The plan would address Kane County and also be broadly regionally relevant, looking at appropriate areas for farmland protection, urban development, and local foods production. It will explicitly include investigation of Transfer of Development Rights, a technique that can advance both land preservation and reinvestment goals.

**Montgomery** (also Kendall County)

- The Village of Montgomery desires assistance to conduct a comprehensive **Zoning Ordinance Update**. The zoning ordinance is out of date and no longer achieves the goals of the Village set forth in the Village's Comprehensive Plan. The Village would like to pay particular attention to the Business and Manufacturing Districts Sections of the zoning ordinance. A form-based approach with a comprehensive land use matrix is desired in these areas.

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### **Oswego, Montgomery, and Yorkville** (also Kendall County)

- Conduct a **Joint Study of Governance Structure** for a Shared Water Treatment Plant to guide the three communities to provide a sustainable future water supply which is efficient and cost-effective. The study should explore issues such as structure, funding, schedule, decision making process, dispute resolution and other issues that must be decided by intergovernmental agreement in order to make a joint facility work.

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### **Sandwich**

- The city seeks to update its **Comprehensive Plan** to a 'workable' plan that can be implemented, unlike its predecessor adopted in 2005. The staff needs leadership training, direction, and assistance in its development to prove that the exercise is a worthy endeavor to give the city a clear direction. They also aim to expose current council members to the merits of planning ahead rather than reacting to development proposals.

## **Lake County**

### **Beach Park**

- Develop a **regional bicycle plan** to develop a cohesive vision for regional trails and access in partnership with North Chicago, Waukegan, Zion, Winthrop Harbor, Lake County Forest Preserve District, and Lake County Health Department. The communities



wish to identify ways to enhance recreational access to the lakefront and nearby open spaces, as well as promote trail connections between communities for both recreation and commuting purposes.

### **Lake Zurich**

- Lake Zurich is interested in creating a **Corridor Redevelopment Plan** for the IL Route 22 Corridor. The corridor is a regional arterial and serves a number of different land uses and demographic segments of the community, while linking Lake Zurich to its neighboring communities. The corridor suffers from high vacancy and outdated infrastructure, which the Village would like to see redeveloped and updated.
- The village of Lake Zurich seeks to complete a **Zoning Code Update**, given that the codes were last comprehensively updated in 2004, immediately following the updates to the village's 2003 Comprehensive Plan. The village is currently working towards updating its 2003 Comprehensive Plan, so the village believes that the logical next step is to update its zoning and land development codes to implement the policies and guidance provided in such updated plan. The Village already receives a large number of amendments to the zoning code on an annual basis, and has been experiencing an increase in certain types of development that warrant a more flexible approach to zoning.

### **Lakemoor (also McHenry County)**

- Develop an **updated Zoning Code Subdivision Ordinance** that promotes conservative/traditional neighborhood design standards, while also suggesting best practices in street design. Although the Village adopted a successful Complete Streets policy in 2014, its Subdivision Ordinance (adopted 1990), is outdated and does not promote the Village's new vision and development philosophy.
- Develop a **Masterplan for the Town Center** area as an implementation strategy of the Village's Comprehensive Plan which was developed as an LTA project by CMAP in 2012. This plan aims to transform underutilized properties, incompatible land uses, and outdated structures into a mixed use development that promotes civic events and community pride. The plan must also include sustainable components such as green infrastructure and complete streets.

### **Lincolnshire**

- Develop a cohesive **corridor study** for a 2-mile segment of Milwaukee Avenue. The goal is to develop an overall vision for the corridor, focusing also on two subareas – the Downtown node, north of Illinois Route 22, and the southern Aptakasic Road node. Lincolnshire wishes to build upon the corridor's strong visibility, mix of land uses, and opportunities for development/redevelopment, while also enhancing pedestrian and vehicular connectivity.

### **Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC)** (also Northwest Cook, DuPage, Kane, McHenry)

- The NWMC is looking to produce a **multi-modal transportation plan** that includes bicycle and pedestrian planning, as well as improving access to transit throughout the region. Building on previous bicycle planning work and relying on the work of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, municipal staff and elected officials, this new plan will act as a guide for planning and implementing a multi-modal network in the NWMC service area.

### **Zion**

- The City of Zion would like assistance with a **Zoning Ordinance update** to support the proposed land uses discussed in Chapter Seven of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The main goal of this update would be to clarify the purpose and function of the City's zoning districts, to streamline the code, and eliminate inconsistencies and confusion. The end result should improve and upgrade design standards in the zoning ordinance to improve the character, quality and performance of development on the City.

## **McHenry County**

### **Algonquin** (also Kane County)

- Develop a **health assessment** to determine existing barriers to health equity that prevent residents in Algonquin from engaging in healthy lifestyles and physically active pursuits in order to address the use of the community's walkability and bike-ability features. The public health data that is collected would also help give a health-based perspective when considering new land use and transportation policies and codes.

### **Algonquin-Cary**

- Develop a **land use sub-area plan** along the Route 31 corridor between villages of Algonquin and Cary for parcels of land that will soon become suitable for development as mining draws to a close. Cary is also considering building out the 265-acre Hoffman Park. The villages would like the area to develop with strong bicycle and pedestrian connections, with linkages to the downtown business districts.

### **Aurora, Algonquin, Elgin, McHenry, Naperville, South Elgin** (also DuPage, Kane, Kendall, and Will Counties)

- Develop a **regional bicycle and pedestrian program**, to be called Regional Active Mobility Program (RAMP), for both recreational and commuter users. The program will include three main components: expansion of Aurora's bike share program through the region, incorporating comprehensive wayfinding and user-experience, and growing mobility-based tourism and commerce.

### **Crystal Lake**

- Develop an **Active Transportation Plan** that builds on the current city-wide Transportation Plan that is in development with CMAP assistance. The current Plan in

development mainly identifies areas of need for pedestrian and bicycle mobility and specific projects for those areas. The proposed Active Transportation Plan will serve as the master plan unifying the vision for active transportation projects and provide more detail on prioritization of projects, potential funding sources, and how to fill in gaps in pedestrian and bicycle networks,

### **Lake in the Hills**

- Requests assistance developing a new, updated **comprehensive plan**, which will do the following: help the Village understand the big picture, act as a framework for local decision making, provide guidance for landowners and developers, inform and engage the public, and help mobilize for action. Lake in the Hills' last comprehensive plan was a 10 year plan created in 2002, which is now nearly five years expired and no longer reflects the current conditions of The Village. A new comprehensive plan would act as a guiding document that will inform future investment, growth, development, and redevelopment of the community.

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### **McHenry County Council of Governments**

- Produce a **Shared Services Plan** to streamline intergovernmental cooperation, increase efficiencies and expand better and reliable services to residents. This study would implement GO TO 2040's intent of efficient government, as well as foster regional cooperation. Focal areas will include integrating and pooling transportation resources and opportunities, sharing inspectors, police and fire collaborations, and others.

### **McHenry County, Department of Planning and Development**

- Develop a **Fox River Corridor Plan** to build upon the previous and current Fox River planning efforts to extend upriver, touching multiple municipalities, conservation areas, and parks over a distance of about 10 miles until reaching the Dutch Creek inlet. Goals include multijurisdictional planning which includes review of existing plans to identify

common goals and potential connections. The plan also aims to study opportunities for transit, intermodal connections, public access and recreation, environmental sustainability, commerce and tourism.

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## **Will County**

#### **Aurora** (also DuPage, Kane, and Kendall counties)

- *Four projects submitted by Aurora (two involving partnerships with Naperville) are listed only in the Kane County section for space reasons. Please see the Kane County section for a complete description.*

#### **Beecher**

- Develop a **comprehensive plan** by updating the 2005 land use plan. Since the last comprehensive plan, adopted in 1996, major changes to the community include a population that has doubled in size as well as capital projects such as a new regional airport, intermodal center, major expressway, and new railway are in various stages of planning and development. The community wishes to engage the residents in the planning process and allow them opportunity for input and collaboration with local leadership.

#### **Channahon**

- Update the **comprehensive plan** adopted in 2008 to reflect the changed demographic and economic conditions since the recession, including major population growth.

#### **Frankfort**

- **Update the Frankfort Bike Trails Plan.** The new plan will incorporate pedestrian facilities, update the trail inventory and data, identify new trails funded but not constructed, and identify key connection points and destinations. The updated plan will identify gaps and offer a framework for prioritizing capital improvement projects, serving as a base document for evaluating future plans and projects including the cyclist and pedestrian mobility plan.
- **Update the Historic District Revitalization Strategies (HDRS) plan.** Many of the recommendations in the previous 2007 Plan have been implemented. The new plan will address new challenges in current context and define the future vision of the downtown

- Seeks assistance for **Planning Commissioner training** to enhance the collective knowledge, skill and effectiveness of our commissioners, regardless of their level of experience.
- Develop a **Frankfort Subarea Plan** for the 577 acre site located west of I-57 and north and south of Stuenkel Road as an update to the overall comprehensive plan. The Plan will assess future development and infrastructure needs in the area as a result of IDOT's new interchange at the intersection between Stuenkel Road and I-57, which transforms Stuenkel Road from a minor gravel road into a major transportation corridor connecting Harlem Avenue (Route 43) and Cicero Ave with I-57.
- Seeks assistance in identifying a **Residential Tear Down Management Strategy** to document attributes of downtown residential structures that contribute to its character and offer strategies to manage market demand for modern housing while preserving the character of the neighborhood.

#### **Homer Glen**

- Create a **Land Use and Economic Development Plan**, which will serve as an **addendum to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan** (last amended in 2007) to allow for meaningful development and implementation strategies. The community's major commercial corridors, as well as primary development areas, have the potential to be enhanced and transformed based on the current and near future economic conditions. The overall goal of the plan will be to develop land use concepts, economic development initiatives, and zoning/procedure amendment recommendations to create a unified Land Use and Economic Development Plan.

#### **Joliet**

- Create a **Downtown Bicycle Plan**, which would examine Joliet's connections and linkages to regional trails. The goals of the project are to reconcile bike travel issues in the downtown area, establish a network of bike pathways that will serve as a node for regional trail connections, and provide multi-modal access to transit, services, recreation, tourism, and commerce. This project will coordinate and link with other local and regionally significant area plans that champion bike and pedestrian transportation options.

#### **Mokena**

- The Village of Mokena requests assistance with a **comprehensive plan update**. Certain areas of the Village, including the Western Basin, downtown area, and the 191<sup>st</sup> Street Corridor, would benefit from a update/revision based on current market trends, needs of local businesses, and commuters.

## Naperville

- Develop a **Building Design Guidelines Update** to create a single consolidated document to provide consistent guidance for all properties located in the City; streamline the format and recommendations to achieve good building, site design, and walkability; reduce the overall document length/redundancy and increase user-friendliness; and reflect current design best practices, including sustainability, energy efficiency/LEED, environmental considerations, new technology, new building material options, creating a sense of place, and other architectural goals for the City of Naperville.
- *Please see two projects submitted by Aurora that also include Naperville as a partner.*

## Steger (also South Cook County)

- Develop a **Downtown Mixed-Use Development Plan**. Steger wants to further advance the Planning Priorities Report that was completed recently, which consisted of a market analysis, review of taxing impacts resulting from mixed-use developments and recommended various redevelopments in its downtown including the underutilized “Steger Center Development Area” into mixed-use. The goal is to provide equitable TOD (around a proposed Metra station) which can benefit the entire community, including low-income households by reducing the cost of living, and creating more vibrant, healthier neighborhoods.

## Wilmington

- Develop a **regional bikeway plan** in partnership with Elwood, Joliet, Will County, Will County Forest Preserve District, Island Park District, USDA Midewin National Tall Grass Prairie, IDNR, and Illinois Route 66 Association. This partnership wishes to develop new bike connectivity along Route 66, linking to regional amenities and trails. This plan would identify and recommend optimal location of new routes, cost estimates, funding sources, signage, linkages to transit, and other ancillary amenities along the new routes.

## Regional

While all projects can be assigned to a particular set of geographies, several affect numerous geographies or have regional implications. These include the projects submitted by Councils of Government (NWMC, SSMMA, and MCCOG); the Kane County farmland protection and Transfer of Development Rights project; and the bicycle and pedestrian project sponsored by Aurora, in partnership with numerous Fox Valley partner communities.

## RTA Community Planning Program Applicants

The following projects will be reviewed by the RTA, rather than CMAP, due to their focus on public transit:

Bartlett	TOD Zoning Code Overlay
Brookfield	Developer Panel
Chicago DPD	Corridor Study
Cicero	Zoning Code Update
La Grange Park	Corridor Study
Maywood	TOD Plan Update
Mundelein	Corridor Study of NCS
Niles	New Metra Station Feasibility Study
North Chicago	New Metra Station Feasibility Study
Pace Suburban Bus	Corridor Study
Schiller Park	TOD Plan
Wheaton	Corridor Study
Winthrop Harbor	Developer Panel