



## Summary of Local Technical Assistance (LTA) and Community Planning Applications November 27, 2018

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 and now ON TO 2050. In conjunction with the RTA’s Community Planning program, CMAP held a call for LTA projects in fall 2018. Applications were due on October 26, 2018.

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 and the RTA’s understanding of some of these projects may change through discussions with the applicants and/or partners, so the descriptions and figures in this document should be considered preliminary.

### Basic application statistics

74 total applications were received from 66 different applicants. Below is a breakdown of applications by project type. Please note that those applications with a major transit component will first be evaluated by the RTA, but CMAP may consider any of the 74 applications based on RTA’s initial evaluation.

Project Type	Number of 2018 Applications
Comprehensive Plan	8
Comprehensive Plan Update	3
Economic Development and Transportation	4
Freight and Land Use	1
Housing	4
Multimodal	7
Parking	1
Parks and Open Space	2
Planning Priorities Report	1
Subarea or Corridor	12
Sustainability, Agriculture, or Water	3
TOD	6
Transit	4
Zoning (Comprehensive)	7
Zoning (Limited)	5

Developer Panel	3
Other	3

The chart below shows the number of applications received by county, based on the County in which the largest portion of the study area falls. Project summaries, listed at the end of this memo, are placed in multiple geographies if the applicant’s study area crosses county boundaries. Ten of the Cook County applications are focused on City of Chicago project study areas.

County	Number of 2018 Applications
Suburban Cook	25
Chicago	10
DuPage	5
Kane	5
Kendall	1
Lake	8
McHenry	10
Will	7
Regional	3

## Local contribution requirements

In 2015, CMAP implemented a [policy](#) to require a local contribution for planning assistance through the LTA program. This financial contribution has helped demonstrate local commitment and ownership of the projects. The LTA program local contribution requirement for projects is established at **twenty percent (20%) of the project costs**, with exceptions and reductions for some communities and project types. Eligibility for reduced contributions are based on [Community Cohorts](#) as follows:

- Community Cohort 1: One-hundred percent (100%) of local contribution - no reduction
- Community Cohort 2: Seventy-five percent (75%) of local contribution
- Community Cohort 3: Fifty percent (50%) of local contribution
- Community Cohort 4: Twenty-five percent (25%) of local contribution

Certain types of projects are exempt from the local contribution requirement. Those project types include Planning Priorities Reports and very small projects as determined by CMAP staff, including those with a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or less.

## Project evaluation and selection criteria

The RTA and CMAP assistance programs are competitive, and received more applications than can be accommodated in this year’s program. Each application will initially be screened for program eligibility based on the following criteria:

- Study area is located in the seven-county CMAP region
- Applicant and project eligibility
- Does not duplicate previous work

Eligible projects will then be evaluated based on the following criteria for both programs:

- Project aligns with CMAP's ON TO 2050 priorities, and/or Invest in Transit, the 2018-2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan
- Project subject matter matches available funding sources
- Project is feasible
- For plan implementation efforts, the project must implement a recommendation from an adopted plan. Priority for implementation assistance is given to previous RTA and CMAP project sponsors, but others are also eligible to apply
- Support from partners
- Demonstrated applicant commitment to project development and implementation

### **Review process and timeline**

Applications for CMAP's LTA program were due on October 26, 2018, and will be presented to the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee for approval in February and March 2019. In November and December, 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, councils of government, and others. Comments can also be sent directly to Tony Manno at [tmanno@cmapp.illinois.gov](mailto:tmanno@cmapp.illinois.gov) or 312-386-8606. All stakeholders are asked to provide comments to CMAP by **Friday, December 28, 2018**.

Recommendations will be discussed with CMAP's Coordinating Committees, Transportation Committee, CMAP Board, and MPO Policy Committee at their meetings in January, February, and March 2019.

Following the Board and MPO meetings, CMAP will work closely with the sponsors of selected projects to address any necessary administrative tasks (including MOUs and IGAs), develop full project scopes and schedules, and identify project partners. Newly selected projects will be initiated on a rolling basis beginning after July 1, 2019.

## 2018 project applications evaluated by CMAP

Project summaries below are organized by geography. Please note that all project applications received are summarized below, including those that may not be eligible for either program. CMAP and RTA staff may follow up with applicants to further discuss proposed projects. Full applications being reviewed by CMAP are available on CMAP's [LTA program webpage](#). Summaries of the applications being reviewed by the RTA can be found at the end of this memo and on the [RTA website](#).

### City of Chicago

#### Austin Coming Together

- Assistance developing a **corridor plan** along Central Avenue from Roosevelt Road to Grand Avenue in the Austin Community Area to address arts and culture, access to parks and open space, economic development, beautification, infrastructure improvements, housing, and public safety.

#### Blacks in Green

- Assistance developing a **comprehensive neighborhood plan** for the Woodlawn neighborhood to track economic development effectiveness, reverse the health/wealth gap, garner local/national government support, and continue to implement and scale BIG's Sustainable Square Mile model to encourage local economic development. This project would include data collection, existing conditions analysis, best practices, public input, and a review of the Sustainable Square Mile plan to identify opportunities for implementation.

#### Chicago Department of Planning and Development (DPD)

- Guidance to undertake a **planning and public engagement exercise** to identify feasible, creative, and community-supported ideas as part of a larger city effort to reactivate the Boulevard system throughout the city. This would include a public participation process that invites community groups and teams to propose temporary examples of their best ideas for encouraging active Boulevard use to showcase at a city-sponsored festival, and a focus on connecting the Boulevard system to the existing transit network, rivers, bikeways, and pedestrian networks. Consideration for the historic and passive nature of the existing Boulevards will also be incorporated into the planning exercise.

#### Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)

- *RTA will be evaluating this application. See the end of this memo or [RTA website](#) for description and application.*

### Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)

- *RTA will be evaluating this application. See the end of this memo or [RTA website](#) for description and application.*

### Elevated Chicago

- Elevated Chicago requests the development of an **implementation strategy** for the Elevated Chicago Workplan, focusing on CTA station access, traffic and circulation, community safety, equity, placemaking, and beautification. This assistance would include creating an action plan for each of seven CTA station areas identified by Elevated Chicago through their Workplan, and a public outreach strategy to generate public interest and engage partners to identify implementable recommendations. *CMAP and the RTA will both be evaluating this application.*

### Friends of the Parks

- Guidance developing a **park plan** along the southeast side of Chicago to create more open space and expand park access at various locations, including between 71<sup>st</sup> Street and 75<sup>th</sup> Street to connect to the South Shore Cultural Center with Rainbow Beach Park, on land at the Illinois International Port District, and additional portions of the U.S. Steel South Works site. This planning effort would include extensive public outreach and coordination with stakeholders and partners currently involved in southeast side planning efforts.

### John Jones Academic Association

- Guidance developing a plan to create an **aviation hub** in the 18<sup>th</sup> Ward of Chicago, capitalizing on this area's aviation history. The applicant would like to establish the 18<sup>th</sup> Ward as a historical aviation site, and garner local support for the construction of a Community Cultural Center and Museum of Aviation that provides workshops, trainings, and a curriculum connected to schools located in the Ward.

### Kids First Chicago

- Assistance developing a **transportation access plan** for public school students in a variety of Chicago neighborhoods including the West Side, Bronzeville/South Lakefront, South Side, Far Southwest Side, Greater Calumet, and Greater Stony Island areas. This project would include an analysis of existing transportation options/conditions for CPS students, distance traveled and commute times to school, partner, public, and stakeholder engagement, and the identification opportunities to improve access through pilot programs and initiatives.

### North Branch Works

- Assistance developing a **transportation accessibility study** to address existing transportation challenges along the North Branch Corridor and identify low-cost, easily-executable near-term solutions to improve pedestrian and bicycle mobility, and transit access to and throughout the corridor. Improvements may be sidewalk improvements,

streetscape enhancements, wayfinding/signage improvements, and/or innovative approaches to connect with other existing transportation services.

## North / Northwest Cook

### Arlington Heights

- Guidance developing a **livable communities plan** to address the livability needs of the village's growing senior population, as well as the entire community. This plan would assess housing, transportation, open space, social participation, social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, and community and health services to create an action plan of goals, objectives, and implementable activities to increase the livability of the community for all residents.

### Bartlett (also in DuPage and Kane Counties)

- Guidance developing a **bike plan** to assist the village with prioritizing new bike projects, maintain existing bike infrastructure, and promote biking throughout the village.
- Assistance with a **comprehensive plan update** to synthesize previous planning efforts, update the Future Land Use Map, and incorporate new and planned developments that have not been addressed in previous plans.
- Assistance creating and adopting **exterior lighting regulations** in the village's zoning code to set limits of light pollution and conserve energy while minimizing glare, light trespass, and skyglow. These standards would be updated for both residential and non-residential zoning districts throughout the village to outline types of fixtures, fixture shielding, correlated color temperature, site lumen limits, light trespass, and restrictions for specialty purposed lighting.
- Assistance updating the **parking regulations** in the village's zoning ordinance to more closely match the current market and parking demands throughout village. Updating the parking regulations throughout the village would support the development of a compact, walkable community outlined in the village's TOD plan.

### Evanston

- Assistance creating an **inclusive growth framework plan**, which would address the City's ongoing initiatives to create an affordable housing plan, an equity and empowerment plan, and devote resources to workforce development for unemployed or underemployed adults. The framework plan would help to bring these ideas together and guide inclusive growth for the entire community. The City anticipates extensive and innovative outreach to engage community members.

## Streamwood

- Assistance developing a **bicycle and pedestrian plan** to create a cohesive network of trails and routes that allow residents to access shopping, institutions, neighborhoods, and other transit locations, as well as connecting Streamwood to the routes surrounding municipalities and the Cook County Forest Preserve have developed.

## West Cook

### Berkeley

- Assistance developing a **corridor and parks plan** in partnership with the Village of Hillside and the Berkeley Park District that leverages the Prairie Path bike trail and surrounding land uses along the Taft Avenue corridor. This plan would reimagine the existing parks surrounding the bike path, promote economic development and reinvestment along the corridor, and improve access to the bike path.

### Central Council of Mayors

- Assistance identifying local and regional stormwater problem and/or risk areas within the Central Council boundaries. This work would merge with the Council's comprehensive transportation plan to prioritize and maximize the efficiency and efficacy of capital improvement projects for the Council. This project would utilize the Flood Susceptibility Index to identify priority areas for further investigation through stormwater master planning, areas where new infrastructure could provide impact, open/vacant space for flood mitigation, problem areas where flooding affects transportation, and provide recommendations on new flood mitigation resolutions/ordinances.

### Countryside

- Assistance **updating the comprehensive plan**. The village has gone through land use and development changes since the adoption of its 2004 comprehensive plan, and many sections of the plan are outdated. The new comprehensive plan will focus on the next twenty years and include updates to the demographic overview, the TIF district section, open space and natural resources, transportation and circulation, zoning recommendations, economic development initiatives, as well as land use and subarea plan maps.

### LaGrange

- Assistance developing a **community character analysis** that documents the characteristics of the village's residential built environment. Specifically, the village seeks to employ aerial photography and LiDAR data collection to create GIS feature classes of building footprints and other impervious surfaces, as well as surface and building height elevations. This data would inform the village's upcoming

Comprehensive Plan update, and support the preparation of future stormwater management plans.

### Riverside

- *RTA will be evaluating this application. See the end of this memo or [RTA website](#) for description and application.*

### Schiller Park

- Assistance developing a **comprehensive plan** that would integrate current subarea plans and infrastructure plans, as well as the village's interim comprehensive plan that was created in 1991 and updated in 2006.

### Western Springs

- Assistance creating a **subarea plan** for three parcels in Western Springs that would explore how a property could be utilized for a purpose beneficial to the whole community, as well as increasing aesthetic appeal as the area is the entry to the village.
- Assistance creating a **subarea plan** for a portion of the village that would include recommendations for land use, development and market analysis, transportation improvements, site plans, and others. Area needs significant investment after inconsistent development over the past 60 years.

### South Cook

#### Calumet City

- Guidance determining the **feasibility of a full interchange** at Dolton Road and I-94, to improve area access, circulation, and economic development. A full interchange at this location would improve freight movement and increase growth potential as transportation, logistics, and intermodal activity within the area grows.

#### Chicago Heights

- Assistance developing a **sustainable water planning study**. The City recently entered into a water purchasing agreement that will position Chicago Heights as a major Lake Michigan water supplier to nearby municipalities. The study would analyze the cost and feasibility of improvements to the City's water infrastructure, connections to neighboring communities interested in purchasing water from Chicago Heights, and identify critical connections necessary to establish back-up water supply for emergency situations.

## Ford Heights

- Assistance developing a **comprehensive plan** that advances Envision Ford Heights, a planning effort aimed at revitalizing the community and addressing economic, water infrastructure, and transportation challenges. The comprehensive plan would be a guiding document that establishes targeted and implementable recommendations. In order for the plan to be implementable, the village is also interested in building organizational capacity and obtaining professional development support through CMAP and other sources.

## Park Forest

- *RTA will be evaluating this application. See the end of this memo or [RTA website](#) for description and application.*

## Posen

- Guidance on ways to fund and develop the **Posen Crisis Connection** that the village has been in the process of formulating. The Village of Posen is creating this project as a way to implement real-time electronic signage that can help highway travelers with warning of traffic congestions, accidents, incidents, roadwork zones, and speed limits, as well as assisting with parking guidance and information systems to direct drivers to available parking spaces in the area.
- Assistance developing a **comprehensive/mobility plan** for the area that includes bicycle and pedestrian master plans, wayfinding, and bikeway planning and design elements. Another area of interest would be connecting six parks with a master health and wellness plan included with the other plans.

## Richton Park

- Assistance with a **municipal economic development incentive application, assessment, & implementation plan** to serve as a resource guide to encourage consistent consideration of requests for economic development incentives, specifically in regards to transit-oriented development, commercial/industrial land uses, and corporate/institutional needs.

## Southwest Cook

### Chicago Ridge

- Assistance with an **economic impact study** of a proposed Central Tri-State (I-294) interchange at 103<sup>rd</sup> Street and Harlem Ave, which would determine the extent of economic benefits on property values and redevelopment opportunities. The study will help support other Harlem Avenue Corridor plan implementation strategies, and inform the Village's goal of creating a mixed-use site near the proposed interchange.

### Lemont (also in DuPage and Will Counties)

- Assistance developing a **parking utilization and civic space study** for downtown Lemont. The study will focus on examining current parking utilization, parking demand and availability, predicting future parking needs, and exploring ways to create an active downtown through civic spaces and transit-oriented development

### Palos Park

- Assistance with a **zoning and subdivision ordinance update**. The village recently annexed 1,500 acres of land for development and is seeking to update their zoning ordinance to provide clear zoning and subdivision requirements to allow multi-family and townhome style residential development.

## DuPage County

### Bartlett (also in North/Northwest Cook and Kane Counties)

- Guidance developing a **bike plan** to assist the village with prioritizing new bike projects, maintain existing bike infrastructure, and promote biking throughout the village.
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- Assistance updating the **parking regulations** in the village's zoning ordinance to more closely match the current market and parking demands throughout village. Updating the parking regulations throughout the village would support the development of a compact, walkable community outlined in the village's TOD plan.

### DuPage County

- Assistance implementing recommendations in the 2014 Lake Street Corridor Land Use Plan, in partnership with the Villages of Hanover Park, Roselle, and Bloomingdale. The proposed project includes the creation of a **unified overlay zoning district** for the Lake Street corridor to coordinate land objectives and zoning regulations of the County and partner municipalities. The project also seeks to utilize the Special Tax Allocation Act to identify, assess, and secure funding opportunities for redevelopment in the Corridor.

## DuPage County Department of Transportation

- Assistance conducting a **feasibility study** for the central portion of the East Branch DuPage River Greenway Trail, which is bordered by the Great Western Trail to the North, and Illinois 56 (Butterfield Road) to the South. The trail's conceptual alignment passes through three forest preserves, 2.5 miles of Commonwealth Edison right of way, intersects two regional trails, crosses three state highways, and is partly located in a floodplain. Assistance is needed with identifying an alignment of the East Branch DuPage River Greenway Trail that is technically feasible, environmentally sensitive, and is the consensus trail alignment by key stakeholders.

## Itasca

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## Roselle

- Assistance updating the **zoning ordinance** to accomplish goals set in the village's comprehensive plan. Targeted areas include the North Roselle Corridor, Metra station, and Town Center and goals include increased density, transit oriented development and bike/pedestrian connectivity, and increased connectivity between the Metra station and Town Center.

## Villa Park

- Assistance with a **comprehensive plan update**. Key goals include matching the updated zoning ordinance and capitalizing on recent development along North Avenue and South Villa. Additionally, the village wants to prioritize ON TO 2050 goals in the plan. The comprehensive plan was last updated in 2009.

## Kane County

### Algonquin (also in McHenry County)

- Assistance developing an **updated comprehensive parks and recreation master plan** for the village to align with the guidelines set forth by the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association Accreditation Standards. This project would help the village identify opportunities to share services and physical space with local partners, as well as collaborate with other public and private entities to offer niche programming and services that are not currently provided by the Algonquin Recreation Department. Project components would include a public input process, inventory of existing internal and external resources to identify gaps or excess, recommendations, and an action-based implementation plan.

**Aurora** (also in DuPage, Kendall, and Will Counties)

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**Bartlett** (also in North/Northwest Cook and DuPage Counties)

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**Burlington**

- Assistance updating the **comprehensive plan** to align the village's goals with current characteristics and needs, including increased land area. This update would recommend ways the village could strengthen and grow the local economy, protect its environmental resources including open space and drinking water, collaborate with surrounding communities for mutual economic and environmental benefits, and plan for growth. Additionally, this update would take an inventory of natural resources, community facilities, transportation facilities, and planned improvements.

**East Dundee** (also Cook County)

- Assistance developing a **Fox River Corridor Sub-Area Plan** for the Eastern portion of the East Dundee riverfront. The proposed project would accomplish three primary objectives: (1) increase walkability within the village (2) create sustainable infrastructure that encourages a higher utilization and preservation of the Fox River (3) lead to greater connectivity to the Fox River Bike Trail and the riverfront downtowns of East Dundee, West Dundee, and Carpentersville.

## Geneva

- Assistance convening a **developer discussion panel** to identify barriers to redevelopment of certain sites within the East State Street TIF district, which expires in 2022. The goal is to solidify the East State Street corridor as an asset for the residents and bring long lasting economic benefit to the community. The City is also interested in obtaining a suite of accompanying recommendations, and input from stakeholders in the study area.
- Guidance developing **zoning recommendations** for the East State Street corridor. This portion of the project will study the barriers to redevelopment due to existing development controls (setbacks, parking regulation, drive thru regulations, etc.) in the current zoning regulations. The result of the study will be zoning that can guide future redevelopment and is better aligned with the vision identified by the panel recommendations and community input.

## Kendall County

### Aurora (also in DuPage, Kane, and Will Counties)

- *RTA will be evaluating this application. See the end of this memo or [RTA website](#) for description and application.*

### Oswego

- Assistance creating a **unified development code** to regulate the future development of the community. The Village of Oswego will use the unified development code to help update the 2015 Comprehensive Plan to include best management practices for development, incorporate sustainability initiatives, update zoning codes and ordinances, and implementing safe and efficient infrastructure.

### Minooka (also in Will County)

- Assistance developing a **comprehensive plan** that updates the village's plan that was developed six years ago. The Village of Minooka is seeking to create a new vision for the area due to the increased population and industrial and commercial sectors and is wanting to create a land use map and guidelines for the multi-jurisdictional community to refer to when addressing potential uses and proposed zoning actions in the village.

## Lake County

### Beach Park

- Assistance with a **rail station feasibility study** for the placement of a commuter rail station between Waukegan and Zion along the Union Pacific-North line. The study would include a travel market assessment, identifying alternative locations of available

land, analyzing the potential impacts a new station would have to existing service on the rail line, and cost estimates to construct and maintain a new station. *RTA will be evaluating this application. See the end of this memo or [RTA website](#) for description and application.*

### **Fox Lake**

- Assistance developing a **Form Based Code** for an approximate 2-mile commercial corridor on Route 12 that connects to the downtown area. The current Zoning Ordinance does not provide the necessary requirements or design standards that build upon the recommendations of CMAP's 2015 Planning Priorities Report and the village's Comprehensive Plan. A Form Based Code that improves the character as well as the pedestrian, bicyclist, and driver experience of Route 12 will guide the future development of the corridor.

### **Highland Park**

- Assistance developing a **housing sub-market study** that would achieve the following objectives: (1) analyze the existing housing stock (2) determine future housing market demand based on changing demographics (3) provide strategies to increase the housing stock for high-demand demographics (4) identify residential neighborhoods suitable for targeted investment programs. The housing study would help the City align its zoning ordinance and housing policies with market realities, and help inform peer communities.

### **Lake County**

- Assistance developing a **HUD 5-Year Consolidated Plan Update** that pairs transportation access to affordable housing projects and employment, in order to create a targeted funding strategy. Expertise is needed with examining transportation needs of Lake County through the lens of housing and employment for low- and moderate-income individuals, and with developing metrics that can measure the impact of the improvement spending strategy.

### **Lake Zurich**

- Assistance **updating the Zoning and Land Development Code** in conjunction with the release of the new comprehensive plan. Through the update, the village would like to continue to integrate stormwater management into land use, consider expanding residential density requirements near downtown and employment-rich areas, examine parking requirements/maximums in residential and business districts, and identify ways to promote electric vehicle infrastructure within the village boundary.

### **Libertyville**

- Assistance analyzing the existing conditions of environmental contamination and organize a **developer discussion panel** with the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to decide the best-suited development method for a site. The Village of Libertyville requests this assistance in order to use the findings of the site analysis and developer panel to

formulate a brownfield redevelopment plan that can encourage existing property owners to work together with the perspective developers

- Guidance conducting a **developer discussion panel** to obtain information on what type of development is best suited for a former commercially zoned area. With assistance from the Urban Land Institute (ULI), the Village of Libertyville is looking to either expand commercial potential or implement mixed-use strategies in an economic development plan that stems from the village's Economic Development Strategy priorities.

#### **Waukegan**

- Assistance developing a **Unified Development Ordinance** to replace old ordinances drafted 30 years ago. The new ordinances should reflect new residential and commercial growth patterns and redevelopment in disinvested areas of the city that have strong transportation access but little development.

## **McHenry County**

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

- Assistance developing an **updated comprehensive parks and recreation master plan** for the village to align with the guidelines set forth by the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association Accreditation Standards. This project would help the village identify opportunities to share services and physical space with local partners, as well as collaborate with other public and private entities to offer niche programming and services that are not currently provided by the Algonquin Recreation Department. Project components would include a public input process, inventory of existing internal and external resources to identify gaps or excess, recommendations, and an action-based implementation plan.

#### **Cary**

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#### **Crystal Lake**

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#### **Lake in the Hills**

- Assistance **updating existing Zoning and Subdivision Control Ordinances into a Unified Development Ordinance** and updating overall zoning. The current ordinances are not up to contemporary standards, and are insufficient in meeting the needs of future development and sustainable growth. The update would bring ordinances in line

with current community planning standards, and improve the ability to manage and conserve water and energy resources.

### **Lakemoor**

- Assistance developing a **Town Center Plan**, which builds on the recommendations of the village's Comprehensive Plan created through CMAP's LTA program. The Town Center Plan will transform underutilized properties and incompatible land uses into a mixed-use style development that will create a walkable and active center. The plan will also include green infrastructure and complete streets components.

### **Lakewood**

- Assistance creating a **corridor plan** along Illinois State Route 47. The plan would include transportation and economic development components for a three-mile stretch of IL State Route 47 between Route 176 and Conley Road. The village's existing comprehensive and subarea plans along the corridor are not in line with the changing landscape of retail and housing preferences. The village is interested in creating a context sensitive and economically sustainable plan along this regionally significant route.

### **McHenry County Planning and Development**

- Assistance developing a **comprehensive plan** that aims to utilize the Fox River as a hub for recreation, commerce, and residence. The McHenry County Planning and Development department plans to work with the City of McHenry, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the McHenry County Conservation District to review existing plans and identify common goals and opportunities to update into a new vision for the river.
- Guidance on ways to create and maintain a **comprehensive agricultural resource guide** that would benefit municipalities, agencies, residents, and farmers. Resources available to the public would include community gardens, CSAs, farmers markets, training programs, policy guides, food hub opportunities, as well as composting and waste disposal for various produces for all user groups targeted.

### **Prairie Grove**

- Assistance **updating the 2004 comprehensive plan** to incorporate elements of the village's 2010 TOD plan, address municipal water supply issues that stem from a private water/sewer system, and help revive a recently purchased transit oriented development that initially failed in 2007 after the crash. Areas for improvement include land use, economic development, housing, infrastructure improvements, open space programming, and image and identity.

### **Woodstock**

- *RTA will be evaluating this application. See the end of this memo or [RTA website](#) for description and application.*

## **Will County**

**Aurora** (also in DuPage, Kane, and Kendall Counties)

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## **Joliet**

- Assistance developing a **site plan and RFP** for a 4.6 acre City-owned site adjacent to the Joliet Gateway Transportation Center. The City is interested in a multi-family development that would accommodate a growing workforce and capitalize on commuters from two Metra lines and an Amtrak service. Goals of the plan include: (1) evaluating a multi-family development as an appropriate land use (2) determining how a development can be optimized to best accomplish objectives of the City and the overarching region (3) developing an RFP to attract private investment (4) preparing a marketing strategy for the RFP.

**Lemont** (also in Southwest Cook and DuPage Counties)

- Assistance developing a **parking utilization and civic space study** for downtown Lemont. The study will focus on examining current parking utilization, parking demand and availability, predicting future parking needs, and exploring ways to create an active downtown through civic spaces and transit-oriented development

**Minooka** (also in Kendall County)

- Assistance developing a **comprehensive plan** that updates the village's plan that was adopted six years ago. The Village of Minooka is seeking to create a new vision for the area due to the increased population and industrial and commercial sectors and is wanting to create a land use map and guidelines for the multi-jurisdictional community to refer to when addressing potential uses and proposed zoning actions in the village.

## **Mokena**

- Assistance developing a **comprehensive plan** that is an update to the village's 2002 Comprehensive Plan. The Village of Mokena is seeking a revision to include the Western Basin and the 191<sup>st</sup> Street Corridor areas, and assistance is requested to review the existing plan and to update accordingly as well as to hold public meetings and gather public input relative to the plan updates.

**Monee**

- Assistance developing a **comprehensive plan** that updates the village’s most recent comprehensive and supplemental plans based on recent growth trends. The Village of Monee looks to involve residents, community organizations, businesses, local developers and land owners, elected officials, and other governmental agencies and land planning institutions to incorporate strategies for historic preservation, transportation, and residential and economic development.

### **Peotone**

- Assistance developing a **planning priorities report** for the village during a transition period of selecting a new Village Administrator. The Village of Peotone will utilize assistance in assessing the community’s positions relative to zoning and land use, service delivery, capital improvement program development, and economic development strategies.

### **Plainfield**

- Guidance developing a **master plan** focusing on the village’s central area that encompasses the historic downtown and proposed downtown expansion area. The Village of Plainfield is looking to guide sustainable growth by focusing on the areas of transportation and mobility, housing, the environment, economic development, establishing community amenities, and creating development guidelines that are specific to the area.

### **Will County**

- Assistance conducting a **comprehensive transportation and land use plan** around freight clusters to address community and environmental impacts of freight and protect agricultural areas. Has six main goals: (1) implementation of recommendations to address externalities associated with freight; (2) land-use development strategy around freight clusters; (3) coordinate transportation and land use policies; (4) balance performance criteria regarding multiple factors; (5) provide growth principles that encourage government and community collaboration; and (6) identifying land use principles that provide for transit and active transportation options.

## **Regional**

### **Forest Preserves of Cook County**

- Assistance developing a **multimodal transportation access plan** that identifies ways to access the Forest Preserves through the use of public transportation, bicycling and pedestrian routes. The desired outcomes of the plan include: (1) ensuring access to the Forest Preserves is included in all local and regional transportation planning and initiatives (2) identifying key forest preserve sites to focus multimodal transportation planning efforts (3) identifying and engaging key stakeholders responsible for improving multimodal transportation access to the preserves (4) providing recommendations for implementing a strategic plan.

#### Metra

- *RTA will be evaluating this application. See the end of this memo or [RTA website](#) for description and application.*

#### Pace

- *RTA will be evaluating this application. See the end of this memo or [RTA website](#) for description and application.*

## 2018 project applications evaluated by the RTA

Full applications can be found on the [RTA website](#).

#### Aurora

- The City of Aurora requests a **transit-oriented development plan** that is focused on a one-quarter to one-half mile radius around the Aurora Transportation Center in downtown Aurora. Plan recommendations would target infrastructural and aesthetic improvements that will enhance the sense of place, identify key sites for the construction of new, higher density residential development, and will identify ways to provide and enhance river and riparian habitat, creating a wildlife-friendly environment.

#### Beach Park

- The Village of Beach Park requests a feasibility study for the placement of a commuter rail station between Waukegan and Zion along the Union Pacific-North line. The study would include a travel market assessment, identifying alternative locations of available land, analyzing the potential impacts a new station would have to existing service on the rail line, and cost estimates to construct and maintain a new station.

#### Cary

- The City of Cary requests the creation of a transit-oriented development plan for the area generally located within a half mile of the Cary Metra station with particular attention given to properties located within the first quarter mile. The project would focus on future land use and infrastructure improvements that would help to strengthen the inner core of the community and encourage private reinvestment near the station.

#### Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)

- CDOT is seeking assistance in determining a course of action for **improving mobility** along 31st Street from Sacramento Avenue to the city limits, particularly for non-auto

users (pedestrians, transit riders, and bicyclists). This work would include collecting and aggregating data of travel trends and traveler demographics in the study area and assisting with community outreach to obtain consensus on plan recommendations.

#### **Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)**

- CTA seeks assistance to complete a **comprehensive plan for the Red Line Extension (RLE) project** that will help in leveraging the full potential of the new rail service. The plan will guide development surrounding the new line so that it enhances economic vitality, supports transit ridership, promotes multimodal connectivity, provides a focus on the pedestrian environment and preserves affordable housing.

#### **Crystal Lake**

- The City of Crystal Lake requests the creation of a **transit-oriented development plan** for the areas surrounding the Crystal Lake and Pingree Road Metra stations. The project would create a development strategy for increasing the density in these areas with the goals to strengthen pedestrian walkability and to expand mixed use and transit supportive land uses for increased travel efficiency.

#### **Elevated Chicago**

- Elevated Chicago requests the development of an implementation strategy for the Elevated Chicago Workplan, focusing on CTA station access, traffic and circulation, community safety, equity, placemaking, and beautification. This assistance would include creating an action plan for each of seven CTA station areas identified by Elevated Chicago through their Workplan, and a public outreach strategy to generate public interest and engage partners to identify implementable recommendations. *CMAP and the RTA will both be evaluating this application.*

#### **Itasca**

- The Village of Itasca requests technical assistance in **updating the Downtown Strategic Action Plan** aimed at strengthening the downtown business environment surrounding the Itasca Metra station, guiding development and redevelopment, building on the Village's unique assets in the downtown area including historic buildings, parks and open space, and enhancing opportunities for transit-oriented development.

#### **Metra**

- Metra requests an **examination of 12 stations** across the region in an effort to diagnosis the reasons for low ridership. The project would include an examination of service levels, current and forecasted ridership, service options, market area characteristics, and the potential for transit-oriented development. A cost benefit analysis of each station's ongoing operations would be included to provide an overall set of recommendations for the future of each station.

#### **Pace**

- Pace requests a **transit market and facilities assessment** of the I-294 Tri-State corridor from 159th Street Interchange in Markham to the Balmoral Interchange in Rosemont that would encompass a 5-mile radius on either side of the corridor. The assessment would identify transit markets along I-294 to inform where future routes and investments in transit infrastructure could be made when the Tri-State is rebuilt, providing incentives for commuters to use public transit.

#### **Park Forest**

- The Village of Park Forest requests a **transportation alternatives study** on behalf of the villages of Park Forest, Matteson and Richton Park. The study would determine the market potential for new mobility services such as local community-based transit services, shared mobility services and non-motorized transportation alternatives.

#### **Riverside**

- The Village of Riverside requests a **comprehensive update to its Zoning Ordinance**. The update would reflect current development trends and implement the Central Business District Plan that promotes pedestrian oriented redevelopment in the District while preserving the character of the downtown. The update would also address zoning issues related to protecting the Village's national historic landmark designation.

#### **Woodstock**

- The City of Woodstock requests planning assistance to support **moving the existing Metra railyard**, now located in Crystal Lake, to a site in rural Woodstock, thereby expanding the services of the railyard to offer a full maintenance facility. The assistance would determine the extent of improvements and required land purchases needed to maximize the relocation of the railyard.