



October 25, 2018

Michael Horsting, AICP  
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Regional Transportation Authority  
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Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Metra Support for the Village of Western Springs CP/LTA Application

Dear Mr. Horsting,

This letter is to express Metra's support for the Village of Western Spring's 2018 application to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Community Planning and Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Local Technical Assistance grant programs. The City is requesting funding to create sub-area plans for two sites that could contribute to the use of Metra and Pace services.

The two sites are within the larger walkshed of the Western Springs Metra station and could be conducive to increased ridership on Metra service through their redevelopment into transit supportive uses. A plan for redevelopment would help reach that potential.

Metra supports this application's consideration for Community Planning/Local Technical Assistance Program funding. If this project is selected, Metra staff looks forward to participating in the study's steering committee as technical advisors. Note that Metra support for the implementation of the outcomes of this study depends on the results of the study and is subject to future funding availability. If you have any questions concerning Metra's support for this application, please contact David Kralik, Department Head of Long Range Planning, at (312) 322-8035 or dkralik@metrarr.com.

Sincerely,

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