APPLICATION FORM

RTA Community Planning Program and CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program

Deadline: Noon on Friday, October 26, 2018

This application form is online at www.rtachicago.org/applications. You may submit the form by email to applications@rtachicago.org. Please submit one application per project as a PDF package. Please avoid submitting multiple PDFs for the same application.

Name: Village of Streamwood

Applicant

Name: Matt Mann

Main Contact of Application

Title: Director of Public Works

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TYPE OF APPLICANT

(please check all that apply)

☑ Local Government
☑ Multijurisdictional group*
☐ Nongovernmental organization*

Please list the members of the group (including government and nongovernmental organizations):

Village of Streamwood
301 E. Irving Park Rd.
Streamwood, IL 60107

Streamwood Park District
550 S Park Blvd.
Streamwood, IL 60107

*Applications submitted by multijurisdictional groups and nongovernmental organizations must include a letter indicating support from each relevant local government. See the FAQs for more information. Nongovernmental applicants are strongly encouraged to contact CMAP or the RTA prior to submitting their application to discuss their project and the demonstration of local support.
1. Project Location. Please provide a brief description of the location of your project. You may include a map if that helps to describe location, but this is not required. If your project helps to implement a past plan, please include a link to that plan.

The proposed project is the development of a bicycle and pedestrian pathways plan for the Village of Streamwood. Streamwood is situated in the far northwest suburban region, and is wholly located within Cook County.

Streamwood is a village within Cook County, Illinois, United States. It is a northwest suburb of Chicago, and is a part of the Chicago metropolitan area. Streamwood is one of the three communities that make up the "Tri-Village" area, along with Bartlett and Hanover Park. Streamwood was first incorporated as a village on February 9, 1957. The proposed project is located within the Village of Streamwood, incorporated in February 9, 1957, the village is a home-rule community with 39,858 residents. The Village and the Park District are collaborating to make the trail system in the area and Cook County a better connected transportation option system in the region. The northern border of Streamwood is predominantly Cook County Forest Preserve land.

The project is aimed at furthering the Village's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan, which can be found at http://www.streamwood.org/services/Community-Development/Planning-and-Development/Comprehensive-Plan.aspx.
2. Project Description. Please tell us what you would like to do in your community, and what assistance is needed. If you have more than one idea, please submit a separate application for each project. Please be specific, but also brief (less than two pages per project idea)—we simply want to have a basic understanding of what you want to do. For plan updates please tell us how you will be building upon (or replacing) the previous work. Program staff will follow-up with you if we need any additional information to fully understand your proposed project. (Please limit your responses to 6000 characters including spaces).

The Village of Streamwood is seeking assistance to develop a comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle pathways plan. This plan would inventory existing facilities, identify key gaps, estimate costs of investment, and prioritize the development of new paths and connections. These efforts would allow the Village to unite the east and west sides of our community, and connect the Village to the region as a whole. This would enable the Village to connect disparate areas of our community and encourage alternative transit options, giving residents access to important destinations including regional transportation facilities, recreational venues, job centers, and shopping areas.

The Village of Streamwood updated its Comprehensive Plan in 2018. One of the key goals of this plan is to provide opportunities for connectivity within the community through the establishment of a comprehensive plan for pedestrian and bicycle facilities. A comprehensive trail plan would focus on improving the walkability of the community, encouraging alternative transportation opportunities, and adapting to changing travel choices and demands.

Currently, the Village has a fractured bike and pedestrian system. Some paths are owned and maintained by the Village, while others are owned and maintained by the Streamwood Park District. Still other paths within the community are privately-held. Connections between these different path systems are inconsistent. A more robust system exists on the west side of the Village, which is not readily accessible to older sections of the community on the east side. Unsafe or inconvenient access discourages residents from considering pathways as an alternative transportation mode. Making travel more safe, convenient, and accessible is an important component in encouraging alternatives to automobile trips.

Many of the Village’s neighboring communities have more developed pathway systems. These pathways also lead to key regional destinations such as the Metra Stations in Hanover Park and Bartlett, or Woodfield Mall and the Northwest Transportation Center in Schaumburg. The Cook County Forest Preserve, which borders the Village on the north, has recently made significant improvements to its pathway system and installed bike-sharing facilities. This system leads to a much larger regional system. Finding appropriate connections to all of these facilities is important.

Major arterials run through Streamwood, and are under the jurisdiction of state and county agencies including Schaumburg, Bode, and Bartlett Roads (Cook County), and Irving Park Road, Lake Street, Route 59 and Barrington Road (Illinois Department of Transportation). These roadways provide great opportunities for connections to regional systems that are convenient and reliable. They also can be barriers if connections are not seen as safe for travel. Working with advocacy groups to make proper connections and aid in educating users can help overcome some barriers. Coordinating these varying groups in the development and connection of pathways systems can be daunting. Leveraging opportunities for limited resources is crucial.
2. Project Description (continued)

The development of a holistic and integrated pathway plan would assist the Village in finding the most appropriate locations and connections, and avoiding unintentional conflicts between modes of transit and transit users. More specifically, the plan will focus on the following areas:

- Create safe pathway connections between key destinations along major routes and trail systems in the region and in neighboring communities;
- Create a network of trails that connect residents to local and regional shopping, area institutions, transit points, and neighborhoods;
- Create accessibility to important recreational features within the Village and forest preserve; and
- Create a public education and outreach plan encouraging bicycling and walking as viable transportation options.

The goal of the study will be to identify and prioritize specific path projects with detailed concepts, locations and geometry, and to develop cost estimates to help create an implementation plan that can be funded based on these priorities. This will create a more detailed plan for infrastructure investment, and allow the Village to leverage resources and funds in the most cost-effective manner.

Our Comprehensive Plan challenges us to work cooperatively with other agencies as we try to build a more cohesive system. We intend to work directly with the Streamwood Park District on the development of this plan. A recent community outreach study by the District found making pathway connections an important goal for residents surveyed. Working collaboratively, the Village and Park District can identify existing paths and plan for new improvements, but more importantly examine and encourage cost savings by coordinating the maintenance and operations of any shared pathway system.

Connecting the east and west sides of our community would also ensure equitable access to all residents of our community. The Village and Park District have limited capacity to properly and systemically analyze our trails and connection needs. The Local Technical Assistance program would help the Village in its efforts to coordinate this collaborative effort with the District. It would also allow us to work with other agencies and groups such as IDOT, Cook County, neighboring communities and the Forest Preserve District. It would enable the Village to make needed connections and investments within our community, and the region as a whole.
3. Additional Strategic Partnerships. Please list any additional partners you may want to include in this planning project, and specify if you have made contact with them in advance of submitting this application. (Please limit your response to 1400 characters).

The intent of this project is to build a better inventory and plan for the implementation of a holistic trail system in Streamwood that is connected throughout the community, and to the region. Toward that end, the Village will work cooperatively with the Streamwood Park District on this project. A letter of support is attached from Executive Director Dennis Stein. We also intend to work with regional partners to make broader connections and to gain community support for this endeavor. The Village will reach out to the Cook County Forest Preserve regarding their facility connections. The Village is a member of the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, which will help in developing regional connections. Additionally, the Village is an active member of Trails Linking Communities, a regional civic group aimed at encouraging bicycle and pedestrian connections. This group also works closely with the Active Transportation Alliance, which promotes alternative transportation options and connections in the Chicagoland area. We intend to seek out these groups’ support to ensure active users’ perspectives are included in the development of the plan.

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| RTA INVEST IN TRANSIT ALIGNMENT | |
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| | Delivers Value on our transit investments |
| | Build on the strengths of the transit network |
| | Keep transit competitive |
October 23, 2018

Matt Mann, P.E.
Director of Public Works
Village of Streamwood
565 S. Bartlett Rd.
Streamwood, IL 60107

Dear Matt:

The Streamwood Park District is pleased to submit this letter of support to the Village of Streamwood for the application to the CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program for the development of a comprehensive and expanded trail plan for the Streamwood community.

The Streamwood Park District would welcome the opportunity to be part of this collaborative initiative and urges your involvement in and support of this project.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dennis Stein
Executive Director