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October 26, 2018

Tony Manno, Senior Planner
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RE: CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program and RTA Community Planning Program
Application

Dear Mr. Manno:

The Village of Itasca is pleased to submit its request for technical assistance for the CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program and RTA Community Planning Program. With the enclosed application, the Village respectfully requests technical assistance in updating our Downtown Strategic Action Plan aimed at strengthening the downtown business environment, guiding development and redevelopment, building on our unique assets in the downtown area including historic buildings, parks and open space, and enhancing opportunities for transit and transit oriented development.

Itasca's Downtown Strategic Action Plan was completed in 2003, and many action steps were implemented within its first 2 years. With changes in the market since its completion, the Village's recent adoption of a new Village-wide Comprehensive Plan in 2015, and alterations in traffic patterns in downtown Itasca due to the completion of IL-390 through the community, Itasca would significantly benefit from a thorough study of its downtown area.

Included with this cover letter is the completed request for assistance form and letters supporting Itasca's grant application.

On behalf of the Village Board of Trustees, Plan Commission, and businesses and residents of Itasca, I thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Village Administrator Carie Anne Ergo at 630-228-5687 or at cergo@itasca.com.

Respectfully,

Jeffery Pruyn
Village President

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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.

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

Name:

Applicant

Name:

Main Contact of Application

Title:

Phone:

Email:

TYPE OF APPLICANT

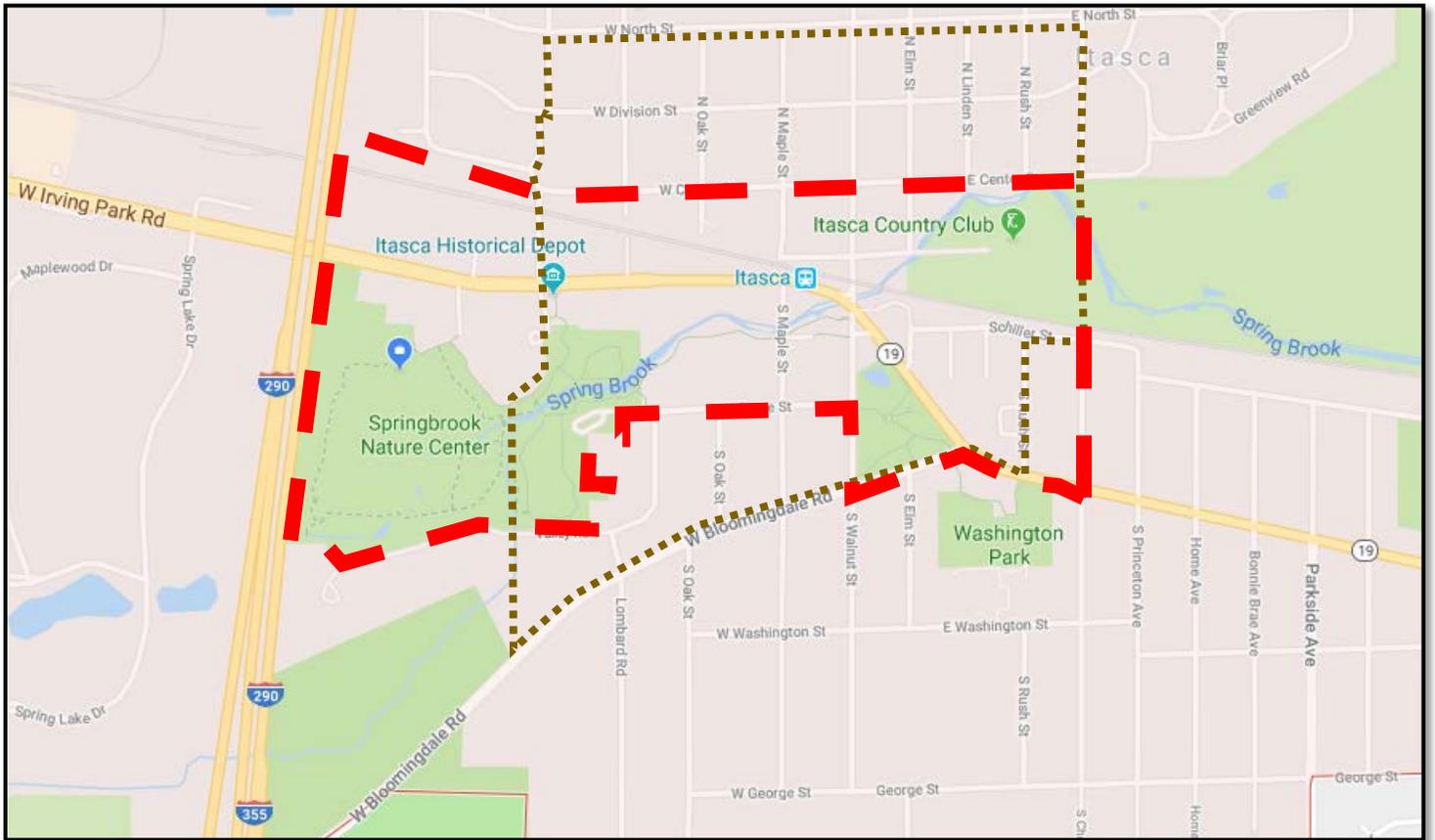
(please check all that apply)

- Local Government**
- Multijurisdictional group***
- Nongovernmental organization***

*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.

**Study Area
for
Village of Itasca
Downtown Strategic Action Plan Update**
October 2018



-  Study Area
-  Itasca Historic District

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).

2. Project Description (continued)

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).

PLAN CHARACTERISTICS

My project involves:

- The preparation of a plan.
- Updating an existing plan.
- Implementation of a previous plan.
- My project has direct relevance to public transit and supports the use of the existing transit system.
- My project is not directly related to transportation or land use, but addresses ON TO 2050 and/or Invest In Transit in other ways.

ON TO 2050 ALIGNMENT

(Please check all that apply)

- Inclusive Growth
- Prioritized Investment
- Resilience

RTA INVEST IN TRANSIT ALIGNMENT

(please check all that apply)

- Deliver Value on our transit investments
- Build on the strengths of the transit network
- Keep transit competitive



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RE: Support for the Village of Itasca's CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program and RTA
Community Planning Program Grant Application

Dear Mr. Manno:

I am writing to express the Itasca Chamber of Commerce's support of the Village of Itasca's CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program and RTA Community Planning Program Grant Application to update its Downtown Strategic Action Plan. The Itasca Chamber of Commerce represents close to 100 businesses in Itasca, including many in its Downtown.

If funded, Itasca's Downtown Strategic Action Plan update will pro-actively address challenges currently faced by many Downtown Itasca businesses and create a framework for a successful future. Further, the Plan update builds on Itasca's many strengths that make it a great business destination, such as its ideal location, proximity to multiple modes of transportation, including public transit, friendly business climate, and strong community pride.

Thank you for your consideration of the Village of Itasca's grant application. Please feel free to contact me at 630-773-2949 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirlanne Lemm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Shirlanne Lemm
President

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Dear Mr. Manno:

I am writing to express Itasca Bank & Trust Co.'s support of the Village of Itasca's CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program and RTA Community Planning Program Grant Application to update its Downtown Strategic Action Plan.

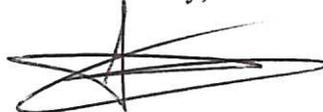
Itasca Bank & Trust Co. is a community bank, as well as the largest property owner and largest employer in Itasca's downtown. We have a vested interest in seeing the area thrive and are in the beginning stages of a total renovation of our existing building.

As such, Itasca Bank & Trust Co. has been a long-standing partner with the Village of Itasca in developing and implementing its land-use and strategic planning documents, including the formulation of its original Downtown Strategic Action Plan.

Itasca Bank & Trust Co. is excited about supporting and participating in an update to Itasca's Downtown Strategic Action Plan. This Plan update offers the opportunity to advance an economically viable mix of residential, retail, restaurant, professional services in Downtown Itasca, while ensuring new development and redevelopment meet high standards of site and building design that are compatible with Itasca's historic character.

Thank you for your consideration of the Village of Itasca's grant application. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at (630) 773-0350.

Sincerely,



James R. Mensching, President
Itasca Bank & Trust Co.

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ADVISERS GROUP, INC.

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INSURANCE AND AGENCY ADVISORY SERVICES



10/9/2018

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Dear Mr. Manno:

I am a resident and business owner in Itasca's downtown business district. I enjoy living and working here and am encouraged by the Village of Itasca's efforts to want to continue to make Itasca attractive to its residents, visitors, and businesses.

With this letter, I am expressing my support of the Village of Itasca's CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program and RTA Community Planning Program Grant Application to update its Downtown Strategic Action Plan.

Created in 2003, the Village's Downtown Strategic Action Plan encourages more residential development near the Itasca Metra station, which in turn would support new business ventures in the area. Living in Itasca's Downtown, I know first-hand that train noise has been a limiting factor to adding new residential units. Together, the Village and I, along with other property owners and residents, worked to establish a Quiet Zone under Federal Railroad Administration guidelines to reduce train noise. This is just one example of the level of cooperation that needs be in place for the community to be vibrant and successful. The grant would continue to help the Village of Itasca achieve a shared vision for Itasca's Downtown by coordinating activities attract that new residents, businesses, and visitors.

Thank you for your consideration of the Village of Itasca's grant application. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at 630-779-0566.

Sincerely,

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