

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.

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

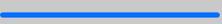
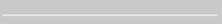
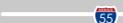
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- Deliver Value on our transit investments
- Build on the strengths of the transit network
- Keep transit competitive

Proposed Study Area Map



Legend

	Preliminary Study Boundary		CTA Rail Network
	Existing Pace Service using I-294 Tri-State Tollway		Pace Fixed-route Bus Network
	Major Airport		Metra Rail Network
			Interstate Expressway System



October 31, 2018

Mr. Michael Horsting, AICP
Manager, Local Planning
Regional Transportation Authority
175 West Jackson Boulevard, #1650
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Horsting:

The Illinois Tollway is pleased to support Pace Suburban Bus's Community Planning Program application associated with public transit market and facilities assessment along the I-294 Central Tri-State corridor from Balmoral Avenue in Rosemont to the 159th Street Interchange in Markham.

The Tollway and Pace have most recently partnered to provide a significant public transit investment to Northeastern Illinois via Pace's I-90 Market Expansion featuring new facilities and express bus routes that utilize the Flex Lanes of the Tollway facility from Elgin to Rosemont.

We are once again eager to work with Pace to implement similar types of bus service along the planned Flex Lanes of the I-294 Central Tri-State facility. Bus service along this corridor will help ease traffic congestion on the Tollway's busiest corridor, improve the environment, and support transit-oriented development opportunities in surrounding communities.

As the Tollway proceeds with the Central Tri-State project and associated construction, the Tollway and Pace can continue to work collaboratively to address the mutual goals and initiatives identified by the RTA, CMAP, Cook and DuPage Counties and the local communities through this proposed process.

The Tollway strongly supports Pace's efforts and we look forward to working with the RTA and Pace to complete this study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rocco J. Zuccheri', written over a printed name and title.

Rocco J. Zuccheri
Chief Planning Officer

CC: Nicole Nutter, Ryan Ruehle; Charlotte O'Donnell Obodzinski