

2019/2020 Local Technical Assistance and Community Planning Programs

Application Number: 34

Project Title: DuPage County DOT Mobility Plan

Applicant: DuPage County Division of Transportation



Project Description:

In DuPage, evolving demographics are conflicting with the ability to provide mobility. Public transit service reductions, elimination of government-sponsored programs, and the rise of mobility-as-a-service companies make it increasingly difficult for disadvantaged demographic groups to find affordable transportation across boundaries.

Employers wish to attract quality labor at all levels, but find themselves at a disadvantage to Chicago companies and often do not know what employee assistance options are available. Local government agencies understand the change in socioeconomic conditions, and oftentimes they understand their constituents' needs but lack a coordinated long-term vision for augmenting and supporting a more mobile population; or, they lack the resources to sustain the transportation needs of the community.

In recognition of the need for regional coordination, DuPage County is seeking to develop its first county-wide Mobility Plan. The Plan will identify ways to overcome the barriers presented to disadvantaged demographics in DuPage, particularly older adults, people with disabilities, transit-dependent workers, and people undergoing economic hardship. As a replacement for the DuPage Area Transit Plan (DATP), the County will coordinate with transit providers, mobility management agencies, communities, and bike/ped advocates to create a unified, intermodal mobility vision for DuPage.

Mobility Plan Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: Framework for the future

Vision for DuPage

Change Mobility in DuPage

- o Develop Focus Areas, Actionable Pilots

Forge partnerships

Goal 2: Partnerships

Roles and Responsibilities

Mobility Advisory Committee

- o Information network for flexible advocacy

- o Develop strategic approach

- Use model agreements

Encourage public and private partnerships

Annual Developer, Corporate, HR Director Forum

Integrate ChooseDuPage, workNet and ED agencies

Develop partnerships with ANL and State agencies for PILOT programs

Investment

- o Grants

- o Incentives and Benefits

- o Cost trends

- o Subsidies and subsidy standards

Land use and transit coordination

- o Mobility-friendly corridor design

- o Transit-oriented development

- o Smart Growth

2019/2020 Local Technical Assistance and Community Planning Programs

- o Municipal partnerships
- o Annual Agency Coordination Forum

Goal 3: Mobility for All

Inclusivity

Connected Multi-modal network

- o Service Gap analysis “where are services falling short? Where can they be augmented?”
 - o First/Last Mile: Examine logical FMLM options for key areas and corridors of the County
 - o Flexible Microtransit: agency or privately supported?
 - o On Demand services: are these right for DuPage commuters?
 - o RideDuPage: analysis of service locations and support
 - o Paratransit: where are there needs and are we addressing the needs?
 - o Non-Motorized network

Safety: coordinate with State, County and municipal ADA

- o Reduce or eliminate bike/ped KAB crashes

Digital Mobility

- o OMF: digital mobility platform development
- o Equity: digital mobility across the economic spectrum

Trails: County, Forest preserve and community vision for mobility and use in FMLM

- o Coordinate plans with subarea plans like EOWA Bike/Ped Plan and DC Trails Policy Plan

Multi-modalism and highways

- o Policy recommendations supporting mixed mode on regional arterials and expressways
- o Support for fair and equitable pricing and multi-modal use of managed lanes and use of managed lane receipts

DuPage County believes partnership with RTA and CMAP is essential but recommends use of a consultant for executing the plan.

Project Location: DuPage County - county-wide, specific subareas and corridors to be determined