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For which project type are you applying? (Choose one – You may apply for more than one type of assistance by completing a separate application form.) Corridor Plan

Corridor Plan

Please upload a map of the proposed study area: <https://www.formstack.com/admin/download/file/16105991610>

Describe the proposed study area boundaries for your project using streets, geographic features, jurisdictional boundaries, etc. Please specify who has roadway jurisdiction and if the study area spans multiple jurisdictions and include existing public transit services, greenways, or trails. South La Grange Road (south of 47th Street to Village limits [Plainfield Rd]. La Grange Rd is an IDOT roadway. There is the Pace bus that provides access to O'Hare in the north. Sidewalk connectivity is minimal, and there are no bike lanes.

<p>Have there been any long-range plans (i.e., comprehensive plan, bicycle pedestrian plan, land use plan, transportation plan, etc.) created within the last five years that include the proposed study area?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If yes, will the proposed project:</p>	<p>Build off an existing plan</p>
<p>If yes, please list the name of the plan(s) here and provide a link:</p>	<p>We are in the process of updating of our Comprehensive Plan, and while not adopted, intend to build upon it with this corridor plan. The Comp Plan is expected to be adopted by the end of the summer.</p>
<p>What is the goal of this plan? What are you looking to accomplish?</p>	<p>This corridor is markedly less friendly to pedestrians and cyclists, and has often been seen has disconnected from the rest of La Grange. South of 47th, the speed limit on LA Grange Rd drastically increases (from 25 to 35), but we have a number of residential properties. There are notable gaps in our sidewalks that lead to some pedestrians and cyclists in the roadway, or dangerously walking along gravel (also a major ADA issue). The commercial uses in the area is notably located in older, single-family homes., and on smaller sites with inadequate parking facilities. Access to these sites, whether vehicular or pedestrian, creates major concerns for safety. We feel this is a severely underinvested and underutilized node that needs to be better served. It has been difficult to balance the fact that this is an auto-oriented IDOT roadway but has a significant portion of single-family, multi-family, and smaller office/retail uses. It notable does not follow the same streetscape standards that can be observed on La Grange Road north of 47th street.</p> <p>We hope to see this corridor considered as part of our overall La Grange Rd corridor, and see the investment we've seen north of 47th Ave in this same area. We hope to make this street friendly to pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users. Many have stated they have fears walking to nearby downtown, even though it is only a short walk. In doing this, the businesses on the corridor will also thrive.</p>
<p>In addition to those outcomes, what are the priority goals you would like the plan to address? (Choose up to three)</p>	<p>Broaden diversity in housing choices Increase transportation resilience Attract investment and development Encourage transit-oriented development Manage parking</p>
<p>What are the priority traffic safety challenges that need to be addressed in the area? (Select all that apply)</p>	<p>ADA accessibility Bicycle and pedestrian facilities Pedestrian crossings Problematic intersections Sidewalk gaps</p>

Describe your coordination when developing this application with the roadway agency and other municipalities located along the corridor:	We are currently coordinating with RTA as we are drafting the update to our comprehensive plan. IDOT and the Village communicate (there's on-street parking along portions of this corridor, which is abnormal for an IDOT ROW). There no other municipalities located along the corridor - Countryside is to the south, but has significant street and auto barriers. Once south into Countryside, it notably becomes much auto-oriented.
What are your priority economic development outcomes in creating the proposed corridor plan? (Select all that apply)	Attract new retail development Retain businesses
Are there flooding challenges in the proposed study area?	No
Does the proposed project benefit groups who have been historically disadvantaged, or residents with limited proficiency in English?	Yes
If yes, please describe:	This area notably has received less investment than our other areas, such as the downtown and its immediate single-family area. This area includes smaller commercial businesses, and includes a significant portion of La Grange's multi-family homes. Connectivity to north La grange Rd has historically been a concern for these residents, as well as lack of walkable services that other portions of our community enjoy.
Please identify any community organizations or other key partners who will be involved in the planning process:	RTA (Pace), IDOT, La Grange Business Association, and potentially others as we advance further into the project.
The RTA and CMAP strive to advance community empowerment and equitable opportunities for all residents through our program. If selected, do you commit to working with the RTA or CMAP to ensure all residents have an opportunity to participate during the planning process and that plan recommendations will include equitable solutions to transportation and policy?	Yes
Is there any additional information you want us to know?	N/A
Please indicate your agreement to these requirements:	Yes

Please tell us if you have reviewed the contribution schedule above and understand that if selected, your community will be required to pay the contribution amount indicated:

Yes

Closing Questions

How did you find out about the call for projects? (Select all that apply)

Email from my CMAP local government network (LGN) liaison
RTA newsletter

What resources did you find helpful as you apply for the call? (Select all that apply)

Instructional videos
Web page FAQ
Receiving assistance from CMAP or RTA staff
Technical assistance flow chart

How difficult was it to fill out this application?

Very easy
