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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.) Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Plan

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Describe the proposed study area boundaries for your project using streets, geographic features, jurisdictional boundaries, etc: We are the #54 Community Area of Riverdale. 115th to 138th - State Street (Illinois Central Railroad) Cottage Grove Bishop Ford Freeway). More known as the Greater Roseland district.

Which existing transit services are in the study area? (Name rail station and/or bus routes) The CTA Board and DPD is pursuing the development of the CTA Redline Extension. The project includes the 130th street station. We have the Michigan Ave Bus and the Pace Bus serving the district. The main bus route is 130th street.

Have there been any long-range plans (i.e., comprehensive plan, bicycle pedestrian plan, land use plan, transportation plan, etc.) created within the last 10 years that include the proposed study area? (Include link to plan)

The community lacks a pedestrian friendly designs at intersections and the zoning of the district has not occurred in decades. Our commercial zones have been overlap with trucking companies and waste agencies. Meanwhile, people must travel great distances to shop for food and pursue jobs. We need a new housing, transportation and commercial zoning plan to allow for commerce and a grocery store.

Simply, we are unable to maximize the existing zoning and land use variances. Not able to advance at a reasonable timeframe any community plan. No centralize or agreed upon community plan.

If yes, describe how the proposed project will build from, update, and/or implement recommendations from the previous plan:

The Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives, CTA Consultants, CDPH, CDOT, CHA, the Office of Sustainability and the New City Planning Commissioner Boatwright is interested in a new civic engagement on zoning and land use. A regional tour with Commissioner Boatwright is scheduled soon.

What is the goal of this plan? What are you looking to accomplish?

The City pursued a developer to build a grocery store known as Yellow Banana. Their contract ends on April 1, and a new Development and RFP will be pursued in Mid April. The CTA Board and consultants have pursued a TID plan for 115th street. The Redline Extension TIF was enacted in 2022 to raise \$1 million to serve as a matching fund for Federal Grants.

The RTA strives to advance community empowerment and equitable opportunities for all residents through our program. If selected, do you commit to working with the RTA to ensure all residents have an opportunity to participate during the planning process and that plan recommendations will include equitable solutions to transportation, housing and development and policy?

Yes

Describe what areas in the planning process and the types of recommendations you're looking for that need to be centered on equity:

To put the 130th station on the Map and moving our zoning and transportation planning forward; to assist with civic engagement on Grocery Store and commercial zoning; to maximize Transit Area Development with the 130th station; introduce housing density options in Riverdale; to develop an action plan to better direct municipal agencies of our collective public request to community development. To create additional spaces for food production and recreational access to Forest Preserve and the scheduled Roseland Medical District. We want to increase landscape layers and pursue agreed upon development planning within the public housing cluster and for the homeowners cluster pursue Healthy Homes modeling. Amend uses of the Metropolitan Water District and Waste Management zones under the city's Cumulative Health Impact Ordinance to formally consider Greener infrastructure.

Is there any additional information you want us to know?

The City Commissioner of Planning is interested in finally getting The Riverdale community involved. The walking tour is scheduled for April 2nd

The Aldridge Elementary school and students obtained T.A from CTA Innovation Team to develop a mimi development plan for the 130th street station area. The community was recently identified as a Environmental Justice Zone.

Closing Questions

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

Other: Redline Extension TIF Coalition Board members

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

Technical assistance flow chart

How difficult was it to fill out this application?

Somewhat difficult
