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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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## 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:** The center point is at 63rd and Ashland Av, located in the Southwest Region of Chicago - West Englewood community area. 61st to 65th Street - Loomis Blvd to Woods Street

The jurisdictional boundaries of the 15th and 16th wards- State Rep. Sonya Harper, State Senator Mattie Hunter - Cook County Commissioner Dennis Deer, Congressman Jonathan Jackson

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**Which existing transit services are in the study area? (Name rail station and/or bus routes)** The center point is the Green line rail line at Ashland station. The station is service by the Ashland Av. Bus line and the 63rd Street Bus line. The station boast a very large Park and ride along with large bus/rail employees building.

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**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)**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18MD0HhWHaJQkazgSdT0W-gzWqptM6N9D/view?usp=drivesdk>  
Earle School Ordinance, approved March 20,2024  
Police Station, 63rd and Loomis  
Engineering and Design - Complete Streets Programming -63rd Loomis Blvd to Halsted  
West Englewood Library,-2023 renovation  
Providence Charter School at 6500 South Ashland Av  
Formation of the Special Service Area for West Englewood along Ashland Av  
Mayor Brandon Johnson announced March 12,2024 the section for Special Safety programming  
Repurposing of the Hotel to affordable housing - 62nd and Ashland Av.  
Odgen Park - New Football field at 65th and Loomis Blvd.

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

We are proposing to boost and introduce an Equitable Development Planning to this new body of institutions and developers to explores walkable and friendly access to the Greenline station and to promote key transportation offerings for new institutional users and their management liaisons. The proposed project will allow us all to rethink the repurposing of other large lots and CTA parking lot and it's under the railroad open spaces that stretches a four block radius and as much as 2 and a half miles. To build financial support and design concepts for commercial building renovations and utilization of second and third floor spaces at key intersections in the targeted zone. To revisit Climate Resiliency relative to current and scheduled buildings and tree canopy/heat islands effects along Ashland Av and other West Englewood sectors.

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

To better beautify, introduce pedestrian friendly designs, revisit zoning variance near the stations, remove blighted conditions and prepare plans for use in the City of Chicago Affordable Housing and Economic Development Bond Issuances scheduled for 2024-28 Comprehensive Plan. Alongside, introduce a model for climate resiliency in a Disadvantage Communities center. Add to the Chicago Transit Authority and Chicago Police department on Rail line Safety and Attraction.

**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:**

We would like to see equity in transportation and Housing for this service area. The section is not pedestrian friendly and zoning is out of date and requires attention to supporting Healthy Homes and energy conservation. The blighted conditions surrounding the station and rail lines needs a fresh look and a second set of eyes to reimagine our commercial and housing options. We also recognizes that we would need to allot gift cards and other comforts to ensure a reasonable amount of engagement.

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**Is there any additional information you want us to know?**

The planning team will need to know that Tree Canopy and Layered landscaping is being encouraged at various points in Englewood. The Heat Watch project is still a big focus. The Chicago Police department and CTA have adopted the section of 55th to 63rd , -Hamilton to Dan Ryan Expressway. The Chicago Plan Commission is scheduled to advance the Englewood Nature Trail in May 2024.

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## **Closing Questions**

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

Email from my CMAP local government network (LGN) liaison  
Other: We visit the CMAP website weekly

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

Instructional videos  
Technical assistance flow chart

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**How difficult was it to fill out this application?**

Somewhat easy

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