



# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

## Agenda Item 7.02

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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** CMAP Board

**From:** Stephane Phifer, Deputy of Planning

**Date:** May 28, 2025

**Subject:** CMAP 2025 Technical Assistance Call for Projects awards

**Action Requested:** Information

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The CMAP Technical Assistance and RTA Community Planning programs support communities by offering planning and implementation assistance, providing interagency expertise, leverage the region's transit network, and building local government capacity. This work aligns with the comprehensive plan for the region, ON TO 2050, and the regional transit strategic plan, Invest in Transit.

In conjunction with the RTA's Community Planning program, CMAP held a call for new technical assistance projects in spring 2025. Applications were due on April 4, 2025, and CMAP and the RTA received a combined 87 applications from 72 different applicants.

Staff evaluated applications against five application strengths.

- Achieves the goals associated with the sought-after type of assistance.
- Strengthens planning capacity.
- Increases community engagement and empowerment.
- Implements previously developed local plans.
- Facilitates collaboration across jurisdictions.

Staff also solicited input on the applications from many groups, including the transit service boards, county planning and transportation departments, and partner technical assistance providers. Staff conducted interviews with selected applicants to further understand the potential scope of work and resource requirements.

A total of 30 projects were selected for inclusion in the 2025 project group. These projects meet many of the identified application strengths, and all have strong transportation ties. Projects include four ADA self-evaluation and transition plans, six capital improvement plans, and twelve pavement management plans. Information on the selected projects is below.

Selected projects	
Community	Project type
Channahon	ADA self-evaluation and transition plan
Lynwood	ADA self-evaluation and transition plan
South Elgin	ADA self-evaluation and transition plan
Waukegan	ADA self-evaluation and transition plan
Rolling Meadows	Bicycle and pedestrian plan
Bellwood	Capital improvement plan
Blue Island	Capital improvement plan
Chicago Heights	Capital improvement plan
Kenilworth	Capital improvement plan
Minooka	Capital improvement plan
Wilmington	Capital improvement plan
Calumet Park	Corridor plan (Ashland Avenue & Obama Drive)
North Riverside	Corridor plan (26 <sup>th</sup> Street & Desplaines Avenue)
Godley	Grant readiness
Bartlett	NEXT (implementation assistance)
Fox Lake	NEXT (implementation assistance)
Bull Valley	Pavement management plan
Crest Hill	Pavement management plan
Chicago Heights	Pavement management plan
East Dundee	Pavement management plan
Greenwood	Pavement management plan
Hanover Park	Pavement management plan
Hebron	Pavement management plan
Holiday Hills	Pavement management plan
Itasca	Pavement management plan
Oak Park	Pavement management plan
Oakwood Hills	Pavement management plan
Pingree Grove	Pavement management plan
Tinley Park	Site planning pilot
Palos Park	Transportation safety plan

Follow-up communication regarding application status will be provided to all applicants, and staff will begin initiation of technical assistance projects with awardees.