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**RE: RTA Access to Transit Program Application**

Dear Mr. Minnella:

I am pleased to inform you that your application to the Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA) Access to Transit Program has been selected and will proceed to the next step in the application process. Following internal review and consultation with our regional partners, your project was chosen for its ability to support multi-modal transit access and transit ridership, which will benefit both the local community and regional transit system.

To secure funding for this project, the RTA will prepare and submit an application to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program for Fiscal Year 2020-2024 in the first quarter of 2019. The CMAQ program requires that the projects sponsor initiate Phase I engineering through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) prior to application. If you have not already begun this process, please reach out to IDOT as soon as possible. Please note that funding for Phase I engineering is not available through the Access to Transit or CMAQ programs. RTA staff will coordinate with you during the CMAQ application process as portions of your project may need to be revised to fit within the program parameters.

The 2020-2024 CMAQ Program of projects is expected to be finalized and approved by the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee in fall of 2019. The RTA will notify you at that time of your application's status, the final funding amount approved, and the required local match amount. The RTA agrees to contribute funding for half of the local match (equal to 10% of the total project budget) and requires that the City of Aurora contributes half of the local match amount, as well. Please note that project funding is not guaranteed until it has been chosen and approved for the CMAQ Program.

We look forward to working with you on this project. Please feel free to contact Brian Hacker, Senior Planner, if you have any questions at 312.913.3211 or [hackerb@rtachicago.org](mailto:hackerb@rtachicago.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lorri Newson', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Lorri Newson  
Director of Capital Programming, Local Planning & Program Management

