

RTA Grant for Inter/Intra County Paratransit Transportation  
Plan: Application and Agreement

Accounts Payable (1) cert.  
Transportation (2) cert.

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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COUNTY OF LAKE )

COUNTY BOARD, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ADJOURNED REGULAR JUNE, A.D. 2008 SESSION

JULY 8, 2008

MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD:

A joint resolution authorizing the Chair of the County Board, the County Clerk and the County Engineer to apply to the Regional Transportation Authority for a technical assistance grant for the completion of an Inter/Intra County Paratransit Transportation Plan, in concert with various townships in Lake County. This study would advance the long-term goal of coordinated countywide paratransit service to meet needs of seniors and persons with disabilities or medical needs. This resolution appropriates \$100,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety Funds for the entire cost of the proposed study to be reimbursed 80% by the RTA and designated as Section No. 08-00280-00-ES.

WE RECOMMEND adoption of this resolution.

Aye Nay

Aye Nay

*Alanna O'Keefe* ✓ \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

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Chair

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Vice-Chair

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Public Works and Transportation Committee

Financial and Administrative Committee

## R E S O L U T I O N

**WHEREAS**, this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, by prior resolution at its meeting of November 14, 2006, adopted a resolution in support of the Lake County Coordinated Services Committee's (LCCTSC) goal to develop a plan to provide borderless paratransit service in Lake County to meet the needs of those mobility challenged constituent populations in Lake County, which may include the poor, the elderly, those with medical needs and/or the disabled, who have been determined to be eligible by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), or a service board of the RTA, for existing and future local, state and/or federally funded non-traditional transit service programs; and

**WHEREAS**, this County Board of Lake County, Illinois by prior resolution at its meeting of June 10, 2008, endorsed the revised "Plan for Using the new Collar County Transportation Empowerment Funds" (the PLAN) as a planning document; and

**WHEREAS**, the PLAN, as a planning document, contains allocations of future revenue towards the long-term goal of coordinated countywide paratransit service to meet needs of said mobility challenged constituent populations; and

**WHEREAS**, Pace, in March of 2008, completed its Lake County Coordinated Paratransit Initiative Study which identified the numerous public and human resource agencies that are currently providing and/or funding some level of transportation services in Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is apparent from the Pace study that there are many instances where (1) services overlap, (2) client eligibility is not consistent among the providers, (3) there are geographic areas of the County with little or no service, and (4) geo-political boundaries create artificial barriers; and

**WHEREAS**, Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) has grant funding available under its Regional Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) for transit planning projects that

enhance transit, including studies for new institutional arrangements to address emerging transportation needs within non-traditional markets; and

**WHEREAS**, the certain townships which provide paratransit service are willing to be financial participants in a study that enables progress to be made towards reaching the said long-term goal of coordinated countywide paratransit service, with the County DOT in the lead as provided by the PLAN, and which would be consummated by future separate agreement among the said townships and the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTA is poised to approve a grant application to Lake County entitled "Inter/Intra County Paratransit Transportation Plan" to address (1) the coordination of public and private paratransit services in Lake County; (2) priorities for improving access to existing transit services; (3) recommendations for new or expanded services; (4) the institutional framework necessary to implement the plan's recommendations and address policy issues; and (5) a business plan that includes estimates of cost to implement the plan's recommendations, forecasts revenue requirements, and identifies funding sources; and

**WHEREAS**, the RTA required authorization language for approval of a grant application and execution of a technical assistance grant itself is contained in Appendix A.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of Lake County, that the Chair of the County Board, the County Clerk, and the County Engineer of Lake County, Illinois, be authorized, and they are hereby directed to apply for a grant from the RTA under its RTAP program to develop an "Inter/Intra County Paratransit Transportation Plan". The County Engineer shall transmit in writing the final grant request agreement to be executed by the Chair of the Lake County Board and the County Clerk.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Appendix A is approved herewith and the County Engineer is authorized to act for the county on the matters as authorized in Appendix A.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Engineer is authorized to pursue an agreement or agreements with the said townships for presentation for approval to the County Board for township financial participation in the "Inter/Intra County Paratransit Transportation Plan" towards the 20% local match.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that \$100,000 of ¼% Sales Tax for Transportation and Public Safety Funds is appropriated for the entire cost of the proposed study to be reimbursed \$80,000 by the RTA and partially by said townships and designated as Section No. 08-00280-00-ES.

Dated at Waukegan, Illinois  
this 08th day of July 2008

**Appendix A: RTA required authorization language for Grant Application**

**Resolution authorizing applications for and execution of a technical assistance grant under the Regional Transportation Authority's general authority to make such Grants.**

**Whereas**, the Regional Transportation Authority (the "Authority"), is authorized to study public transportation problems and developments; and to conduct, in cooperation with other public and private agencies, such studies; and

**Whereas**, the Authority has the power to expend funds for use in connection with these studies, and

**Whereas**, the Authority has the power to make and execute all contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers; and

**Whereas**, approval for said funds will impose certain financial obligations upon the recipient, including the provisions of a 20% match (\$20,000).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF County of Lake, Illinois:**

**Section 1.** That the County Engineer is authorized to execute and file applications on behalf of County of Lake with the Regional Transportation Authority for a technical assistance grant for "Inter/Intra County Paratransit Transportation Plan".

**Section 2.** That the County Engineer is authorized to furnish such additional information, assurances, certifications and amendments as the Regional Transportation Authority may require in connection with this technical assistance grant application.

**Section 3.** That the County Engineer is authorized and directed on behalf of the County of Lake to execute and deliver grant agreements and all subsequent amendments thereto between

the County of Lake and the Regional Transportation Authority for technical assistance grants, and the County Clerk is authorized and directed on behalf of the County of Lake to attest said agreements and all subsequent amendments thereto.

**Section 4.** That the County Engineer is authorized and directed to take such action as is necessary or appropriate to implement, administer and enforce said agreements and all subsequent amendments thereto on behalf of the County of Lake.

**PRESENTED and ADOPTED** the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Title:** County Board Chair

**Title:** County Clerk

**Recommended for Execution**

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Director of Transportation/County Engineer