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Public Involvement and Agency Coordination Plan



Public and Agency Coordination Plan

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Acronyms

AARP.....	American Association of Retired Persons
Active Trans.....	Active Transportation Alliance
APE	Area of Potential Effect
CCAC	Chicago Central Area Committee
CCC.....	Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
CDOT	Chicago Department of Transportation
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CMAP	Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
CNT	Center for Neighborhood Technology
CSS.....	Chicago South Shore
CSX.....	CSX Transportation
CTA	Chicago Transit Authority
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
EIS.....	Environmental Impact Statement
FAQs	Frequently Asked Questions
FEIS.....	Final Environmental Impact Statement
FEMA.....	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FTA.....	Federal Transit Administration
GPTC.....	Gary Public Transit Corporation
IBEW	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
IDEM.....	Indiana Department of Environmental Management
IDNR	Illinois Department of Natural Resources
IDOT	Illinois Department of Transportation
INDEM.....	Indiana Department of Environmental Management

INDNR	Indiana Department of Natural Resources
INDOT	Indiana Department of Transportation
LPA.....	Locally Preferred Alternative
MED.....	Metra Electric District
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MPC.....	Metropolitan Planning Council
NEPA.....	National Environmental Policy Act
NHPA.....	National Historic Preservation Act
NICTD.....	Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District
NIRPC	Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
NOI	Notice of Intent
NPS	National Parks Service
NRSC	Natural Resources Conservation Service
RDA.....	Regional Development Authority
ROD.....	Record of Decision
RTA	Northeastern Illinois Regional Transportation Authority
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
SSL.....	South Shore Line
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USDOT	United States Department of Transportation
USEPA.....	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS.....	United States Fish and Wildlife Service

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) have initiated the environmental review process for the West Lake Corridor Project (Project) in Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared as part of this process, with the FTA as the Federal Lead Agency and NICTD as the Local Project Sponsor responsible for implementing the Project under NEPA.

NICTD's existing South Shore Line (SSL) provides a vital transportation link that connects Northwest Indiana to Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. NICTD is proposing the West Lake Corridor Project as a southern branch extension of the SSL route to reach high-growth areas in Lake County, Indiana. The Project would expand NICTD's service coverage, improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County. Specifically, the Project is intended to:

- Serve high-growth areas in central, southern, and western Lake County, Indiana
- Conveniently connect more Northwest Indiana residents to downtown Chicago jobs and major activity centers
- Establish a solid modal alternative between the two metropolitan regions other than driving
- Lower commuting travel times and costs
- Increase NICTD system ridership
- Promote economic development opportunities
- Create local jobs in Northwest Indiana
- Attract and retain families and younger residents
- Provide a valued transportation asset for use by all Northwest Indiana residents.

The proposed Project would involve an approximate 9-mile southern extension of NICTD's existing SSL between Hammond and Dyer. The Project would include new track improvements along the existing CSX Transportation and former Monon railroad corridors, with a flyover to the existing SSL in Hammond. Four stations would be included at Munster/Dyer Main Street, Munster Fisher/45th Streets, South Hammond, and Downtown Hammond. A maintenance facility would also be needed to store and maintain the vehicles. Trains on the new Project branch line would connect with the existing SSL and ultimately Metra Electric District's (MED) line to the north, providing new transit service between Dyer and Metra's Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago. A map of the study area for the Project is shown in **Figure 1-1** (West Lake Corridor Project Study Area).

1.2 Purpose of Plan

This Public and Agency Coordination Plan (Plan) identifies the outreach efforts that the FTA and NICTD will undertake during the environmental review process for the Project. A key focus of the Plan is to facilitate Project understanding with the public and agencies. It will also serve to solicit ideas, input, and comments on the Project, as well as seek feedback on the potential transportation, social, and environmental consequences. The Plan describes the Project's overall approach and involvement techniques that will be used to provide the FTA and NICTD with the benefit of public and agency insights during the course of the environmental review process.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

The purpose of the environmental review process is to promote informed decision-making by considering the potential environmental and social impacts of the Project. The FTA and NICTD will engage federal, state, and local agencies with a defined interest in the Project, as well as the public that could potentially be affected by the Project. NICTD's Plan is structured to encourage participation between government officials, agencies, private businesses, and citizens. The environmental review process involves the following major steps:

- Scoping and Screening
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

2.1 Scoping and Screening

Scoping is the first step in the environmental review process under NEPA. It involves a 30-day scoping period to obtain comments, including both public and agency scoping meetings. Scoping provides an early and open process for the public and agencies to provide input on the scope, or range, of issues to be addressed in the EIS and identify the potentially significant issues related to the proposed action. The input FTA and NICTD receive during scoping will help to identify the appropriate alternatives and the depth and breadth of environmental analysis to be completed. The input received will also serve to identify and eliminate from detailed study the issues that are not significant or have been covered by prior studies.

A 30-day scoping period was conducted for this Project from October 13, 2014 to November 11, 2014. The FTA and NICTD invited agencies and organizations by letter to participate in the scoping process and attend scoping meetings. The public was notified via newspaper advertisements, website, mail-out, email blasts, and flyers. The FTA and NICTD held both the agency and public scoping meetings for the Project on October 28, 2014 at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana 46321. Details of the agency and public scoping process and comments received are provided in a *Summary Scoping Report* (NICTD 2014), which is available on the Project's website at: <http://www.nicdwestlake.com/project-documents.html>.

A broad range of reasonable alternatives were considered for the Project from the onset. The alternatives were evaluated and screened based on operational and engineering constraints, constructability, cost, and environmental factors. This screening enabled the FTA and NICTD to eliminate alternatives that are not feasible or prudent, as well as to refine and further consider better performing alternatives. Ultimately, the screening process yielded a more well-defined Project that will advance into the DEIS.

2.2 Draft Environmental Impact Statement

The FTA and NICTD will prepare a DEIS document following scoping and screening to more fully assess the Project and disclose potential impacts. The DEIS will:

- Identify the Purpose and Need for the Project;
- Describe the Project and alternatives considered;
- Evaluate the affected environment and potential environmental impacts of the Project;
- Enable decision-makers to identify the solution that best meets the Project Purpose and Need; and
- Provide the public and agencies opportunities to review and comment on the Project.

The DEIS document will be circulated for public and agency comment over a 45-day review period. During this time, a public hearing(s) will be held to present the results of the DEIS and formally record all comments received. Following the public review period, NICTD will select a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Project that can further advance in the environmental review process, as well as the FTA's New Starts funding program.

2.3 Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision

In order to complete the environmental review process, a FEIS will be prepared by the FTA and NICTD. The FEIS will respond to comments received on the DEIS and include the LPA selected for the Project. The FTA will also issue a ROD that states the proposed action, environmental findings, and mitigation requirements. The FTA intends to issue a single FEIS and ROD document pursuant to Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) Section 1319 Accelerated Decisionmaking in Environmental Reviews, unless FTA determines that statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude a combined document.

3. PROJECT SCHEDULE

The DEIS is expected to take about 18 months. Public meetings and hearings will be held during this timeframe, along with individual stakeholder meetings and other meetings upon request. Each meeting will provide the opportunity to receive comments on the Project and input into the process. Three rounds of public and agency review are planned during the DEIS phase as follows:

- **Scoping Period and Meeting(s):** A 30-day scoping period was held in fall 2014, including public and agency scoping meetings on October 28, 2014. During these meetings, NICTD described the study objectives, as well as solicited input on the purpose and need, alternatives considered, and environmental issues being studied for the Project. The public scoping meeting was conducted in an Open House format, with staffed information stations to answer questions and provide clarification on the Project. The public scoping meeting was publicized on the Project website, in area newspapers, and via e-mail blasts to agencies and stakeholder groups. A separate agency scoping meeting was held for regulatory and other agencies along the study corridor; a meeting invitation was mailed to these agencies.
- **Public Meeting(s)/Workshop(s):** A second round of public meeting(s) is targeted for spring 2015. These meetings will serve to update the public and agencies on the Project and receive input on Project elements such as integrating stations with the surrounding communities. The meetings are proposed to be held in a workshop format to maximize public input.
- **Circulation of DEIS and Hearing(s):** The third round of input will involve the circulation of the DEIS in fall 2015. The public and agencies will have the opportunity to provide comments on the DEIS over a 45-day review period, during which time a public hearing(s) will be held to present the results and receive comments on the DEIS.

Following the comment period on the DEIS, the combined FEIS and ROD document would take about 6 months to complete through 2016, depending on the level of comments received on the DEIS. The environmental review process would then be following by more detailed design, engineering, and construction from 2016 to 2023. Service start-up for the NICTD West Lake Corridor Project is targeted for 2023.

4. PUBLIC OUTREACH

The public outreach component of the Project will seek to engage, inform, and receive input from the public for consideration during the environmental review process. The public is defined as those communities, elected representatives, interested stakeholders, businesses, civic organizations, and environmental justice populations with an interest in the Project.

4.1 Compliance with Federal Requirements

Public outreach and planning for the Project will be conducted in compliance with federal requirements (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1506.6). These federal requirements state that public participation enables all interested parties to have the opportunity to provide input/comment to the process and be made aware of Project developments. The methods to accomplish these goals include:

- Holding public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times;
- Utilizing visual presentations when feasible to present plans and Project results;
- Making public information available in electronically accessible formats, to maximize the opportunity for public review; and
- Coordinating the public outreach process to receive public input.

4.2 Goals and Objectives of Public Participation Efforts

The goals of the public participation and outreach efforts are to:

- Promote public input into the process;
- Maintain a fluid communication process that provides information and receives public feedback;
- Build public understanding of the Project; and
- Execute a grassroots and web-based strategy to engage multiple segments of the public population.

The objectives are to:

- Conduct public meetings to encourage public participation;
- Develop presentation materials both print and web-based that convey clear understanding of the Project;
- Be responsive to public inquiries;
- Proactively engage the public; and
- Build a consensus of Project understanding.

4.3 Stakeholder and Community Coordination

NICTD will maintain a Project database of stakeholders that will include elected officials, agencies, organizations, and special interest groups. Stakeholders will receive e-mail updates regarding Project developments, and they will be invited to key meetings during the environmental review process. NICTD may hold special meetings with stakeholders to convey Project information, hear comments, and coordinate efforts. NICTD's database for the Project currently includes the following stakeholders, with detailed contacts found in each respective appendix:

- **Appendix A:** Agency Mayors/Managers/Elected Officials
- **Appendix B:** Lake County/ Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) Commissioners
- **Appendix C:** Railroad Organizations
- **Appendix D:** Northwest Indiana Bus Transit Agencies
- **Appendix E:** Public Agency/Civic Organizations - Chicago Region Primary
- **Appendix F:** Adjacent Indiana and Illinois Counties/Towns
- **Appendix G:** Environmental Justice Organizations
- **Appendix H:** Special Interest Groups
- **Appendix I:** Grass Roots Stakeholders

4.4 Communication Tools

The FTA and NICTD will use the Project website, written materials, and e-mail as a means to communicate with the public and agencies.

4.4.1 Project Website

NICTD will develop and maintain a dedicated website for the Project. The website will serve as an outreach tool to convey timely information and provide updates on Project milestones to interested parties. The website will also provide the opportunity for the public to submit on-line comments/questions about the Project. The website will be updated as the Project advances through the environmental review process.

4.4.2 Written Materials

NICTD will develop written materials and visuals to convey the Project to the public. These will include: fact sheets, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), briefs, maps, and presentations.

4.4.3 E-Mail

NICTD will use the Project website and e-mail to communicate electronically with agencies and the public during the environmental review process.

4.5 Environmental Justice Strategies

Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, defines environmental justice as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people – regardless of race, ethnicity, income, or education level – in transportation decision-making. Environmental justice programs promote the protection of human health and the environment, empowerment via public participation, and the dissemination of relevant information to inform and educate affected communities.

Environmental justice outreach activities anticipated under this Plan will be done in accordance with Executive Order 12898; United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Updated Final Order on Environmental Justice, 5610.2(a) (USDOT 2012); and FTA Circular 4703.1 Environmental Justice Policy Guidance for Federal Transit Administration Recipients (FTA 2012).

The strategies NICTD will use to build and sustain meaningful participation for all stakeholders will include one or more of the following tools as needed to achieve the goals of the Executive Order as it applies to the Project:

- Coordinate with area organizations that represent the interests of environmental justice populations of concern;
- Distribute Project information via minority publications, faith organizations, schools, social and community organizations;
- Translate materials to ensure suitable communication; and
- Provide accessible formats to ensure appropriate communication media for the disabled and those with limited access to electronic media.

5. AGENCY COORDINATION

Agency coordination will be on-going throughout the environmental review process for the development of the EIS. The FTA and NICTD will perform agency coordination to achieve the following:

- An open exchange of information, ideas and concerns throughout the environmental review process; and
- Avoid or minimize potential impacts on the natural and human environments.

5.1 Interagency Involvement

Federal, state, and local agencies that may have jurisdiction by law, special expertise, or other interest in the environmental review process and its outcomes have been identified as potential Cooperating Agencies and Participating Agencies.

5.1.1 Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating Agencies are, by definition in Title 40 CFR 1508.5, federal agencies with jurisdiction, by law or special expertise, with respect to any environmental impact involved in the Project. A state or local agency of similar qualifications may also, by agreement with the FTA, become a Cooperating Agency. Cooperating Agencies have a slightly greater degree of authority, responsibility, and involvement in the environmental review process than Participating Agencies (discussed below).

Following are the agencies invited to become Cooperating Agencies (**Appendix J**):

- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

The USACE accepted the invitation to be a Cooperating Agency. The FRA declined the initiation to participate as a Cooperating Agency, but elected to serve as a Participating Agency in the process instead. Responses from the two agencies are provided in the *Scoping Summary Report* (NICTD 2014).

5.1.2 Participating Agencies

Participating Agencies can be federal, state, tribal, regional, and local agencies that may have an interest in the Project. The responsibilities of these agencies include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in the environmental review process, especially with regards to the development of the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, methodologies, and level of analysis;
- Participating in the scoping process;
- Identifying issues of concern regarding potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts;
- Providing meaningful and timely input; and

- Commenting on the DEIS and FEIS.

Following are the federal, state, regional, and local agencies invited to become Participating Agencies (**Appendix J**), including those who accepted the invitation to participate:

Federal

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Illinois Division
- Federal Highway Administration, Indiana Division
- US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- US Department of Interior National Park Service (NPS) -- Accepted
- US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) -- Accepted
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) -- Accepted

State

- Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)
- Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- Illinois State Department of Agriculture – Declined Invitation
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources (INDNR) -- Accepted
- Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)
- Indiana State Department of Agriculture

Regional

- Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) -- Accepted
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) -- Accepted
- Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) -- Accepted
- Metra
- Northeastern Illinois Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) -- Accepted
- Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) -- Accepted
- Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) -- Accepted

Local

- City of Calumet City
- City of Chicago
- City of Hammond -- Accepted
- Cook County -- Accepted
- Lake County
- Town of Dyer -- Accepted
- Town of Munster -- Accepted
- Town of St. John
- Village of Burnham
- Village of Dolton

Responses from the agencies are provided in the *Scoping Summary Report* (NICTD 2014). Accepting the designation as a Participating Agency does not indicate Project support and does not provide the agency with increased oversight or approval authority beyond its statutory limits, if applicable. Meetings will be held with agencies to discuss specific subjects of interest, concerns, and recommendations at key milestones in the environmental review process, as needed.

Participating Agencies will be encouraged to provide input, review, and comment on the Project, and they will be invited to attend key meetings throughout the environmental review process.

5.1.3 Coordination Points and Responsibilities

The key coordination points between the FTA, NICTD, Cooperating Agency, and Participating Agencies, including which agency is responsible for activities during that coordination point, are listed in **Table 5-1** (Agency Coordination Points and Responsibilities).

Table 5-1: Agency Coordination Points and Responsibilities

Coordination Point	Originating Agency	Receiving Agency	Task
Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare DEIS	FTA	EPA	FTA develops NOI; FTA publishes NOI in Federal Register.
Identification of Cooperating and Participating Agencies	FTA with NICTD	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	FTA invites agencies; agencies accept or decline in writing within 30 days.
Coordination Plan including Schedule	FTA with NICTD	Public, Participating and Cooperating Agencies	NICTD and FTA prepare draft Coordination Plan; recipients review and comment; FTA and NICTD finalize Plan considering comments.
Scoping Meetings	FTA with NICTD	Public, Participating and Cooperating Agencies	NICTD and FTA hold Scoping meetings to hear comments on purpose and need; range of alternatives; and environmental issues. NICTD prepares Scoping Summary Report.
Purpose and Need	FTA with NICTD	Public, Participating and Cooperating Agencies	NICTD and FTA prepare draft purpose and need, discuss and hear comments during scoping and refine purpose and need considering comments.
Range of Alternatives	FTA with NICTD	Public, Participating and Cooperating Agencies	NICTD and FTA prepare draft range of alternatives, discuss and hear comments during scoping and refine draft range of alternatives considering comments.
Assessment Methodologies	FTA with NICTD	Participating and Cooperating Agencies	NICTD and FTA discuss methodologies with permitting, Cooperating and Participating Agencies.
DEIS	FTA with NICTD	Public, Participating and Cooperating Agencies	NICTD in cooperation with FTA will develop DEIS document.
DEIS Circulation	FTA with NICTD	Public, Participating and Cooperating Agencies	NICTD in cooperation with FTA will circulate DEIS document and hold public hearing(s) during DEIS comment period.
Identify Locally Preferred Alternative	FTA with NICTD	Public, Participating and Cooperating Agencies	NICTD will identify and announce LPA.
FEIS	FTA with NICTD	Public, Participating and Cooperating Agencies	NICTD in cooperation with FTA will complete FEIS document.
ROD	FTA	Public, Participating and Cooperating Agencies	FTA will prepare ROD; Cooperating Agencies will review ROD; FTA will sign ROD; FTA will distribute signed ROD to public and Participating Agencies.
Combined FEIS/ROD Circulation	FTA with NICTD	Public, Participating and Cooperating Agencies	NICTD in cooperation with FTA will circulate combined FEIS/ROD document.

5.2 Section 106 Consultations

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires the FTA and NICTD to consider the effects of the Project on historic properties, as well as seek comments from Consulting Parties based on their special knowledge of, concern for, or mandated regulatory role relative to historic properties (36 CFR Part 800). The purpose of Section 106 is to avoid unnecessary harm to historic properties from federal actions. The FTA and NICTD initiated the Section 106 process with the Illinois and Indiana State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO), tribal governments, and other Consulting Parties concurrent with the NEPA environmental review process.

As part of the Section 106 process, the FTA and NICTD will identify historic properties within the Project's Area of Potential Effects (APE) and make an assessment of potential adverse effects. This information will be distributed to the SHPOs and Consulting Parties for a review and comment period as part of Section 106 consultations. If there are no potential adverse effects, the FTA and NICTD will proceed with the federal undertaking (i.e., the Project). If potential adverse effects are identified, the FTA and NICTD will begin consultations to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effects with the SHPOs and Consulting Parties. Section 106 consultations will continue until resolution of adverse effects between the FTA, NICTD, SHPOs, and Consulting Parties is reached through redesign of the Project or in an executed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which will outline agreed-upon measures that the FTA and NICTD will take to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effects.

5.2.1 Consulting Parties

The FTA initiated the Section 106 Consultation Process for the Project with the State Historic Preservation Offices -- INDNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology and Illinois Historic Preservation Agency -- on September 29, 2014. Thereafter, the FTA and NICTD invited agencies, organizations, and/or individuals to participate in the Section 106 process, and upon acceptance, were designated Consulting Parties for Section 106 consultations. The views of the public will also be considered throughout the Section 106 process, and will be solicited in concurrence with the meetings conducted as part of the environmental review process.

Following are the agencies and organizations invited to become Section 106 Consulting Parties (**Appendix K**):

Historic Preservation Organizations

- Calumet City Historical Society
- Dyer Historical Society
- Dolton Historical Society
- Hammond Historic Preservation Commission
- Hammond Historical Society
- Indiana Landmarks – Northwest Field Office
- Indiana Landmarks
- Lake County Historical Society
- Landmarks Illinois
- Munster Historical Society
- Preservation Chicago
- Schererville Historical Society
- St. John Historical Society

Tribal Governments

- Ho-Chunk Nation
- Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
- Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
- Otoe-Missouria Tribe
- Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Potawatomi - Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Potawatomi - Forest County Potawatomi
- Potawatomi - Hannahville Indian Community
- Potawatomi - Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
- Potawatomi - Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
- Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa/Meskwaki
- Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri
- Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma
- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Of those listed, the Hammond Historical Society, Indiana Landmarks (Northwest Field Office), Lake County Historical Society, and Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma accepted the invitation to be a Section 106 Consulting Party. Responses from these organizations and tribe are provided in the *Scoping Summary Report* (NICTD 2014).

APPENDIX A
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APPENDIX F-2
Scoping Report Summary



Scoping Summary Report

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Acronyms

CDOT	Chicago Department of Transportation
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CMAP	Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
CRP	Comprehensive Regional Plan
CTA	Chicago Transit Authority
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
IHB	Indiana Harbor Belt
IDEM	Indiana Department of Environmental Management
IDNR	Illinois Department of Natural Resources
IDOT	Illinois Department of Transportation
INDNR	Indiana Department of Natural Resources
INDOT	Indiana Department of Transportation
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century
MED	Metra Electric District
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NICTD	Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District
NIRPC	Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
NOI	Notice of Intent
NPS	National Parks Service
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
RDA	Regional Development Authority
ROD	Record of Decision
RTA	Northeastern Illinois Regional Transportation Authority
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users
SSL	South Shore Line
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USDOI	United States Department of Interior
USHUD	United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
USDOT	United States Department of Transportation
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Overview

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) have initiated the environmental review process for the West Lake Corridor Project (Project) in Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is being prepared as part of this process, with the FTA as the Federal Lead Agency and NICTD as the Local Project Sponsor responsible for implementing the Project under NEPA.

The environmental review process builds upon NICTD's prior West Lake Corridor studies that examined a broad range of alignments, technologies, and transit modes. The studies concluded that a rail-based service between the Munster/Dyer area and Metra's Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago would best meet the transportation needs of the study area. Thus, NICTD advanced a "Commuter Rail" Alternative for more detailed analysis in the DEIS. NEPA also requires consideration of a "No Build" Alternative to provide a basis for comparison to the Commuter Rail Alternative.

- **No Build Alternative:** The No Build Alternative is defined as the existing transportation system, plus any committed transportation improvements included in the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission's (NIRPC) *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan* (CRP) (2011) and Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) *Go To 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan* (2014) through the planning horizon year 2040. It also includes capacity improvements to the existing Metra Electric District's (MED) line and Millennium Station as part of NICTD's and the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority's (RDA) *20-Year Strategic Business Plan* (2014).
- **Commuter Rail Alternative:** The Commuter Rail Alternative would involve an approximate 9-mile southern extension of NICTD's existing South Shore Line (SSL) between Dyer and Hammond, Indiana (**Figure 1-1**). The Project would include new track improvements along the existing CSX Transportation and former Monon railroad corridors, with a flyover to the existing SSL in Hammond. Four stations would be included at Munster/Dyer Main Street, Munster Fisher/45th Streets, South Hammond, and Downtown Hammond. A maintenance facility would also be needed to store and maintain the vehicles. Trains on the new Project branch line would connect with the existing SSL and ultimately MED line to the north, providing new transit service between Dyer and Metra's Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago.

Two alignment design options are also being considered for the Project, including a possible extension to St. John, Indiana on the southern end and another along the Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) Kensington Branch through Calumet City, Burnham, and Chicago, Illinois on the northern end. Design options for four other possible station locations and three potential maintenance facility sites are also being studied.

1.2 Purpose of Report

This report documents compliance with NEPA Scoping requirements for the environmental review process and summarizes the comments, feedback, and input received from the agencies and public during the Scoping period for the Project.

2. SCOPING PROCESS

2.1 Overview of Scoping Process

According to the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) NEPA Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] § 1500), federal and state lead agencies should engage in the agency and public Scoping process to help define the appropriate range of issues and the depth and breadth of analysis to be addressed in a major environmental document. In short, Scoping is the process of determining the "scope" of the EIS. It takes place at the beginning of the environmental review process and serves the following purposes:

- Identifying a range of actions, reasonable alternatives, and impacts to be considered;
- Connecting previous planning decisions with current project development;
- Establishing a decision-making framework;
- Looking for opportunities to streamline the project and collaborate with partners; and
- Organizing the study and defining boundaries and responsibilities.

During the Scoping process, agency and public comments are solicited in response to the information provided and are used to identify reasonable alternatives and potential environmental effects in the preparation of the EIS. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Section 6002 specifies that the lead agencies must provide Cooperating and Participating Agencies and the public the opportunity for involvement during the development of the purpose and need statement and range of alternatives.

2.2 Initiation of Scoping

The FTA issued the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS in the Federal Register, Volume 79, Number 189, on September 30, 2014. The NOI notified interested parties regarding the intent to prepare the EIS, provided information on the nature of the proposed Project and possible alternatives, and invited public participation in the environmental review process. The NOI also provided information on how and when comments on the scope of the EIS should be submitted. Additionally, the NOI supplied information, including the dates, times and locations of the agency and public Scoping meetings. The published NOI is provided in **Appendix A**.

2.3 Scoping Period and Meetings

The Scoping process was conducted in accordance with NEPA and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requirements. The 30-day Scoping period began on October 13, 2014 and ended November 11, 2014. The FTA and NICTD invited agencies and organizations by letter to participate in the Scoping process and attend Scoping meetings. The public was notified via newspaper advertisements, website, mail-out, email blasts, and flyers. The FTA and NICTD held both the Agency and Public Scoping Meetings for the Project on October 28, 2014 at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana 46321. Details of the Agency and Public Scoping process and comments received are provided in the following sections.

3. AGENCY SCOPING

The FTA and NICTD invited agencies to participate in the environmental review process by inviting them to be Cooperating Agencies and/or Participating Agencies under NEPA or a Consulting Party under Section 106 of the NHPA. Each is described in the following sections. Sample invitation letters are provided in **Appendix B**.

3.1.1 Cooperating Agencies

According to CEQ (40 CFR 1508.5), a "Cooperating Agency" means any federal agency, other than a lead agency, that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposed project or project alternative. A state or local agency of similar qualifications or, when the effects are on lands of tribal interest, a Native American tribe may, by agreement with the lead agencies, also become a Cooperating Agency. Cooperating Agencies are by definition Participating Agencies as well, and while the roles and responsibilities of both are similar, the Cooperating Agencies have a slightly greater degree of authority, responsibility, and involvement in the environmental review process.

The FTA mailed Cooperating Agency invitation letters to two agencies with a potential interest in the Project: the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The USACE accepted the invitation to be a Cooperating Agency. The FRA declined the initiation to participate as a Cooperating Agency, but elected to serve as a Participating Agency in the process instead. Responses from the two agencies are provided in **Appendix D**.

3.1.2 Participating Agencies

Participating Agencies can be federal, state, tribal, regional, and local government agencies that may have an interest in the Project. The FTA mailed Participating Agency invitation letters to the agencies listed in **Table 3-1** (Agencies Invited to Serve as Participating Agencies). The table also indicates which agencies accepted the invitation to participate. Responses from the agencies are provided in **Appendix D**.

Table 3-1: Agencies Invited to Serve as Participating Agencies

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• Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Illinois Division	No Response
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• US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	No Response
• US Department of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD)	No Response
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• US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)	Accepted Invitation
• US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Accepted Invitation
State	
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• Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)	No Response
• Illinois Environmental Protection Agency	No Response
• Illinois State Department of Agriculture	Declined Invitation
• Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)	No Response
• Indiana Department of Natural Resources (INDNR)	Accepted Invitation
• Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)	No Response
• Indiana State Department of Agriculture	No Response
Regional	
• Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)	Accepted Invitation
• Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)	Accepted Invitation
• Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)	Accepted Invitation
• Metra	No Response
• Northeastern Illinois Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)	Accepted Invitation
• Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA)	Accepted Invitation
• Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)	Accepted Invitation
Local	
• City of Calumet	No Response
• City of Chicago	No Response
• City of Hammond	Accepted Invitation
• Cook County	Accepted Invitation
• Lake County	No Response
• Town of Dyer	Accepted Invitation
• Town of Munster	Accepted Invitation
• Town of St. John	No Response
• Village of Burnham	No Response
• Village of Dolton	No Response

3.1.3 Section 106 Consulting Parties

The FTA initiated the Section 106 Consultation Process for the Project with the State Historic Preservation Offices -- INDNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology and Illinois Historic Preservation Agency -- on September 29, 2014. In the initiation letters to the SHPOs (see **Appendix B**), the FTA delegated authority to NICTD to undertake coordination activities regarding the preparation of information, analyses, and graphics in support of the Section 106 Consultation Process for the Project.

Thereafter, NICTD invited historic organizations to be Section 106 Consulting Parties based on their special knowledge of, concern for, or mandated regulatory role relative to historic properties in the Project study area, and the FTA invited Native American tribal governments to participate. A sample invitation letter for Section 106 Consulting Parties is provided in **Appendix B. Table 3-2** (Organizations Invited to Serve as Section 106 Consulting Parties) shows the organizations and tribes that were invited to participate in the Section 106 consultation process. Of those listed, the Hammond Historical Society, Indiana Landmarks (Northwest Field Office), Lake County Historical Society, and Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma accepted the invitation to be a Section 106 Consulting Party. Responses from these organizations and tribe are provided in **Appendix D**.

Table 3-2: Organizations Invited to Serve as Section 106 Consulting Parties

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• Dyer Historical Society	No Response
• Dolton Historical Society	No Response
• Griffith Historical Society	No Response
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• Hammond Historical Society	Accepted Invitation
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• Munster Historical Society	No Response
• Preservation Chicago	No Response
• Schererville Historical Society	No Response
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• Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	No Response
• Otoe-Missouria Tribe	No Response
• Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	Accepted Invitation
• Potawatomi - Citizen Potawatomi Nation	No Response
• Potawatomi - Forest County Potawatomi	No Response
• Potawatomi - Hannahville Indian Community	No Response
• Potawatomi - Pokagon Band of Potawatomi	No Response
• Potawatomi - Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	No Response
• Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa/Meskwaki	No Response
• Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska	No Response
• Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma	No Response
• Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	No Response

3.2 Agency Scoping Meeting

An Agency Scoping Meeting was held to solicit comments from agencies invited to participate in the environmental review process for the Project. Meeting details are as follows:

- **Time:** Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- **Location:** Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana
- **Attendees:** 16 signed in

The meeting included a PowerPoint presentation by NICTD, followed by an open session for questions and answers. In addition to poster display boards in the room, participants were provided with a Project fact sheet and Scoping Booklet. The Scoping Booklet provided information about the Project, including the Project background and description, NEPA requirements, procedures and schedule, purpose and need, initial alternatives considered, issues to be considered in the EIS, agency involvement, and outreach and public participation. Meeting materials are provided in **Appendix C**, and the agency sign-in sheets are found in **Appendix D**.

3.3 Agency Scoping Comments

The agency scoping comments are summarized in this section, with the detailed comments from each agency provided in **Appendix D**. The main comments received from the agencies involve the following environmental resources or other issue areas:

- Monon Trail and safety of users
- Erie Lackawanna Trail
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) parks
- Noise and vibration impacts
- Air impacts
- Hazardous materials and contaminated sites
- Contamination and remediation of Grand Calumet River
- Proposed crossing over the Grand Calumet River
- Wetlands, nature and forest preserves, and critical habitat
- Federally and State listed threatened and endangered species and migratory bird populations
- Soil stabilization
- Historic districts
- Environmental justice and transit-dependent populations
- Proposed maintenance facility locations and associated noise, air, and traffic impacts
- Proposed station locations
- Size of parking areas at proposed stations
- Transit-oriented development and economic opportunities at proposed stations
- Induced development
- Diesel trains and associated noise and air impacts
- Electric trains and electric lines to accommodate them
- Freight traffic

- Grade crossing safety
- Mitigation
- Green buildings
- Resolution of support for the project

City of Hammond

- Erie Lackawanna Trail, which merges with the Monon Trail in the study area at Douglas Street, and the Dan Rabin Transit Plaza are recipients of a LWCF grant.
- Wishes to retain the Monon Trail and would like to know how the Project would affect the trail and trail users and how fencing or separations between the trains and trail users would affect the neighborhoods and downtown area.
- Expressed comments about the proposed location of maintenance facility south of 173rd Street.
- Would like to know how electric lines would be constructed if electric trains were used and expressed concerns with diesel trains.
- Opposed to the proposed line being used for freight traffic.
- Would like to know how the proposed alignment would affect street crossing at State Street and Willow Court and how it would affect the Chicago Street/Gostlin Street reconstruction project.
- Inquired about the size and location of parking facilities, impacts from lighting from the parking area, and buffering from adjacent uses at the proposed station locations in Hammond. The city also questions the potential of using the existing parking structure in Downtown Hammond.
- Proposed station locations present the opportunity for transit-oriented development, which could provide new housing and economic development opportunities. The city looks forward to pursuing the project with NICTD.
- In addition to the potential noise and air impact, the city noted issues with ground contamination that may exist in the former Monon yard or along the proposed alignment.
- Two National Register Historic Districts are located in the study area: Forest Avenue Area and Downtown Hammond.

INDNR, Co-Trustees

- Grand Calumet River is one of the most contaminated rivers in the country due to a long history of chemical dumping and discharges. Contaminated segments average 8 to 10 feet in depth.
- USEPA, IDEM, INDNR, and USFWS have partnered to remediate and restore the West Branch of the Grand Calumet River. The Indiana Natural Resource trustees do not want to see the remediation damaged by new bridge piers in the river channel.

INDNR, Division of Fish and Wildlife

- INDNR checked the Natural Heritage Program data and concluded that the Project would not affect any INDNR owned nature preserves. They also concluded that no plant or animal species listed as state or federally threatened, endangered, or rare have been reported to occur within the Project corridor.

- NICTD and FTA should avoid or minimize impacts to fish, wildlife and botanical resources to the greatest extent possible, and compensate for impacts. INDNR recommended several measures to avoid or minimize potential impacts including: utilizing existing structures to produce fewer impacts to streams, wetlands, and surrounding habitat; bank stabilization; formal wetland remediation; mitigation plan for potential impacts to riparian habitat and wetlands; soil stabilization for exposed soils; and several additional measures to avoid, minimize or compensate for impacts to fish, wildlife and botanical resources.

NIRPC

- Issued Resolution 14-32 in support of increased investment in commuter rail connecting Chicago to Northwest Indiana and the expansion of the West Lake Corridor. The Commission sees itself as a partner with NICTD and as a regional policy body is strongly committed to the successful implementation of a commuter rail project in Northwest Indiana.

USACE

- Any impacts to wetlands and waterways will require a permit from the USACE under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Efforts to avoid and minimize these impacts must be made.

USFWS

- Wetlands may exist in the Fisher 45th Street area in southern Munster. Wetlands delineations will be necessary in this area.
- There may also be wetlands associated with the proposed crossings of the West branch Little Calumet River, West Branch Grand Calumet River, and/or Calumet River/Calumet Sag Channel, depending upon the route chosen.
- IHB route would bisect the Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve in Illinois, which contains numerous wetlands and the Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve.
- Existing bridge over the West Branch Little Calumet River includes several piers within the river channel, which are known to collect debris and contribute to flooding problems during high water events. Therefore, the DEIS needs to evaluate the impacts of leaving this bridge in place to serve the commuter line versus removing it and replacing it at the same site with a clear span bridge with no in-channel piers.
- USFWS will request mitigation for wetland losses; the mitigation ratio for the loss of forested wetland is 4:1, with 2: or 3:1 for emergent and scrub-shrub wetlands.
- USFWS, in conjunction with the other Natural Resources Trustees (INDNR and IDEM) has been working with the USEPA to remediate the severely polluted sediments within both the West and East Branches of the Grand Calumet River in Indiana. Because of the dredging and capping, the Trustees are opposed to any construction activities that could compromise the integrity of the cap, including the placement of piers and abutments for a new railroad bridge. If it is determined by the FTA that a new bridge will be necessary to cross the West Branch Grand Calumet within Hammond, this bridge must be a clear span, with no piers or abutments within the river channel.
- DEIS will need to evaluate potential impacts to migratory bird populations and the presence of bald eagles nesting/attempting to nest within wetland and woodland habitats in the Grand Calumet/Cal-Sag Channel/Lake Calumet area. The Project sponsor should avoid or minimize impacts wherever possible.

- There are several threatened and endangered species and critical habitat in Lake County and Cook County; however, the USFWS stated that none of the Lake County listed species are known within the West Lake Corridor Project Study Area. Most of the Cook County listed species are also not known within the Corridor, including the Hine's emerald dragonfly and its Critical Habitat. However, the USFWS does not know the status of some of the species within the Forest Preserves, Nature Preserves, and other protected habitats within the Corridor.

USDOJ, NPS

- There are 21 LWCF projects within Lake County Indiana that may be within or close to the West Lake Corridor Study Area. Each of these sites is encumbered by the LCWF Act and Section 6(f). The NPS recommended that the INDNR be contacted to determine the exact location for each of these 21 sites.

USEPA

- Northern portion of the study area near the West Branch Grand Calumet River is in a designated Area of Concern in the Great Lakes Basin. There have been ongoing remediation efforts by EPA and the INDNR to address polluted sediments in the river. EPA wants to ensure that the integrity of the remediation is maintained and that efforts are not disturbed and/or disrupted. If a new bridge crossing is necessary for the project, then it is recommended that the bridge be designed to span the river without piers or abutments that would compromise the integrity of the remediation efforts.
- Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois are designated non-attainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard. EPA plans to propose a revised ozone standard December 1, 2014 and finalize in October 2015.
- Concurs with the general environmental resources and potential impacts identified in the Scoping Booklet and NOI. The EPA provided additional comments and recommendations on:
 - Identification and assessment of alternatives and options
 - Transit-dependent populations
 - Populations with environmental justice concerns
 - Air quality
 - Water resources
 - Vegetation and wildlife habitat
 - Induced development
 - Green buildings
 - Mitigation

3.4 Section 106 Consultations

The following is a summary of the comments received through the Section 106 consultation process. The comments are provided in **Appendix D**.

INDNR, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

- Requested additional information to facilitate their identification and evaluation under 36 CFR 800.3, 800.4 and recommended review of INDOT's *Cultural Resources Manual*. The agency also identified contact persons for follow-up.

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

- There may be places of traditional religious or cultural importance present or within the vicinity of the proposed project and further consultation is requested.

4. PUBLIC SCOPING

Members of the public were invited to participate in a public Scoping meeting. The meeting was intended to inform the public of the EIS process, as well as provide an opportunity to comment on the purpose and need, alternatives being considered, key environmental considerations, and public and agency coordination process.

NICTD issued a press release and advertised the public Scoping process and meetings in three study area newspapers, *Sun Times*, *Times*, and *Gary Crusader*. NICTD also posted an announcement of the meetings on the Project's website, sent e-mail blasts to stakeholders listed in the Project database, distributed project flyers, and mailed postcards to over 19,500 residences and businesses in the study area. The press release, newspaper advertisements, postcard, and flyer can be found in **Appendix A**.

4.1 Public Scoping Meeting

The Public Scoping Meeting for the environmental review process was held as follows:

- **Time:** Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
- **Location:** Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana
- **Attendees:** 94 signed in

Meeting participants were asked to sign in and were given a project factsheet, Section 106 handout, and comment card. The meeting began with a welcome and definition of meeting format, which was followed by a PowerPoint presentation that summarized the purpose of the project, study process and execution timeline, alternatives being considered, and key environmental considerations. An open house was convened after the presentation. During this time, meeting participants were able to walk around the room and learn more about the Project via display boards. Project staff was available to provide additional information and answer any questions. Participants were able to provide verbal comments directly to a court reporter that was present on site and/or they could submit written comments on comment cards. Completed comment cards could be submitted at the meeting or submitted after the meeting. A copy of the meeting presentation and materials is provided in **Appendix C**, with the public sign-in sheets found in **Appendix E**.

4.2 Public Comments Received

Over the course of the Scoping period, NICTD provided the public with multiple opportunities to submit comments. These were offered via online submission through the Project e-mail or website online comment section, by mail to the NICTD Project office, via the automated phone line, transcribed at the Scoping meeting, and through comment cards that were provided at the Scoping meeting. In total, 144 public comments were received through these outreach methods. The following is a breakdown of the number of comments received:

- **Online:** 110
- **Mailed:** 3
- **Automated Phone:** 10
- **Comment Cards:** 15
- **Transcribed:** 6

A summary of the main comments received from the public is provided below by subject area. A complete compilation of the public comments is provided in **Appendix E**.

Support for the Project

The following is a summary of the support or lack of support for the Project:

- Of the 144 comments received, 40 percent were in favor of the Project. Reasons for support included economic growth, improved connectivity, expanded access, and overall positive benefits.
- Of the 144 comments received, 32 percent were against the Project. Reasons for the lack of support included costs and taxpayer burden; the need to prioritize other basic infrastructure improvements, such as roads and bridges; and the Project does not reflect the needs of the larger community; impacts to residential properties.

Environmental Issues

The following environmental issues were raised in the comments:

- Noise and vibration impacts to residential properties
- Impacts to property values
- Impacts to adjacent businesses and residences
- Property acquisitions and potential displacements
- Impacts to the Monon Trail
- Impacts on parking in adjacent neighborhoods
- Safe access to stations

Other Issues

- There were several requests for additional information.
- One comment challenged the project in concept and the value proposition that it would potentially deliver.
- One comment wanted to know whether the Project would be accepted by Metra.
- One commenter recommended utilizing the former Michigan Central (MC) route between Hammond and Kensington.
- There was a question on whether the Gary Station would be shut down to accommodate this Project expansion.

5. SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

The Scoping process documented in this report complies with NEPA and Section 106 requirements, providing both the agencies and public an opportunity for early input into the environmental review process for the Project. The agency and public comments received during Scoping will help the FTA and NICTD finalize the Project's purpose and need, alternatives considered, and issues to be addressed in the DEIS. The input received will provide direction into the assessment of the social, natural environment, and economic factors considered in the DEIS.

A DEIS document will be prepared following Scoping to more fully assess the Project and disclose potential impacts. The DEIS will:

- Identify the Purpose and Need for the Project;
- Describe the Project and alternatives considered;
- Evaluate the affected environment and potential environmental impacts of the Project;
- Propose actions that will help mitigate unavoidable impacts;
- Enable decision-makers to identify the solution that best meets the Project Purpose and Need; and
- Provide the public and agencies opportunities to review and comment on the Project.

The DEIS document will be circulated for public and agency comment over a 45-day review period. During this time, a public hearing(s) will be held to present the results of the DEIS and formally record all comments received. Following the public review period, NICTD will select a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Project that can further advance in the environmental review process, as well as FTA's New Starts funding program.

In order to complete the environmental review process, the FTA intends to issue a single Final EIS (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) document pursuant to Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) Section 1319 Accelerated Decisionmaking in Environmental Reviews, unless FTA determines statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude a combined document. The FEIS/ROD would respond to comments received on the DEIS, include the LPA selected for the Project, and state the environmental findings and mitigation requirements.

APPENDIX A Scoping Notifications



are in captive service. In addition, the stenciling requirements would destroy the historical appearance of the freight cars that have been preserved for historical, education, and interpretive purposes.

Regarding reflectorization relief, MRSR states that these requirements would destroy the historical appearance of the freight cars which have been preserved for historical, educational, and interpretive purposes. Application of the reflectorized tape or decals on wood-bodied equipment is difficult. Further, there is no practical safety purpose served by applying reflectorization because of the captive service and the extreme care under which MRSR operates such equipment, as well as the fact that the equipment is rarely operated in times other than daylight hours. During the Christmas season, the last train on each operating day operates during hours of darkness on the return trip. On those occasions, crossings not equipped with automatic crossing protection will be protected by flagmen equipped with lights and fuses to warn approaching motorists and to illuminate the cars. Current MRSR management is not aware of any train or vehicle accidents at grade crossings involving MRSR trains.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Fax: 202-493-2251.
- Mail: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W12-140, Washington, DC 20590.

- Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by November 14, 2014 will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the document, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). See <http://www.regulations.gov/#/privacyNotice> for the privacy notice of regulations.gov or interested parties may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 23, 2014.

Ron Hynes,
Director, Office of Safety Compliance and Assurance.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Environmental Impact Statement for West Lake Corridor Project in Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as the Federal Lead Agency, and the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD), as the Local Project Sponsor, intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Lake Corridor Project (Project) in Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois. The Project is an approximately 9-mile proposed southern branch extension of NICTD's existing South Shore Line (SSL) between Dyer and Hammond, Indiana. Additionally, the Project would operate on about 15 miles of existing SSL and Metra Electric District's (MED) line to the Millennium Station in downtown Chicago. Alternatives to be considered include a No Build, Commuter Rail, and several design options for the latter in terms of route alignment, station locations,

maintenance facility sites, and vehicle mode. More information can be found on the Project's Web site at: <http://www.nictdwestlake.com>.

The EIS will be prepared in accordance with regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as well as provisions of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The purpose of this notice is to alert interested parties regarding FTA's plan to prepare the EIS; provide information on the nature of the proposed Project; solicit public and agency input regarding the scope of the EIS including the project's purpose and need, alternatives to be considered, and the impacts to be evaluated; and announce that public and agency scoping meetings will be conducted. This input will be used to assist decision makers in determining a locally preferred alternative (LPA) and preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). If the No Build alternative is eliminated, an LPA will be selected and the project sponsors will request permission from FTA to enter into Project Development per requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5309. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) would be issued after the project has entered Project Development. FTA intends to issue a single FEIS and ROD document pursuant to MAP-21 Section 1319 requirements, unless FTA determines statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of the combined document pursuant to Section 1319.

Dates, Times and Locations: A public scoping meeting to present information and accept comments on the study will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321.

Comparably, an interagency scoping meeting for federal, state, regional and local resource and regulatory agencies will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321. Appropriate agencies that may have an interest in this project, or have a potential interest in becoming a participating agency, will be notified of the meeting through separate direct correspondence.

The building used for the meetings is accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person who requires special assistance, such as a language interpreter, should contact the NICTD West Lake Corridor Project at 219-250-2920 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

Comment Due Date: Written comments on the purpose and need for the proposed improvements, and the scope of alternatives and impacts to be considered should be sent to NICTD West Lake Corridor Project via any of the methods outlined in the Addresses section below, on or before Tuesday, November 11, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the EIS should be sent to: NICTD West Lake Corridor Project, 33 East U.S. Highway 12, Chesterton, IN 46304; via email at project.email@nictdwestlake.com; or on the project's Web site at <http://www.nictdwestlake.com/comment-online.html>.

Additional Information: Contact Mark Assam, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Region 5, 200 W. Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606, 312-353-4070, mark.assam@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Project Background

The concept of providing more direct access to transit in central, southern, and western Lake County has been considered for more than 25 years in regional transportation studies. As early as 1989, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) released a study that identified a South Shore extension as a potentially viable means to expand mass transit in the region. Since that time, multiple evaluations have occurred. In 2011, NICTD's West Lake Corridor Study concluded that a rail-based service between the Munster/Dyer area and Metra's Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago would best meet intraregional public transportation needs of the study area. In June 2014, NICTD released its *20-Year Strategic Business Plan*, which highlighted the importance of the West Lake Corridor Project.

II. Scoping

The FTA and NICTD will undertake a scoping process for the Project that will allow the public and interested agencies to comment on the scope of the environmental review process. NEPA scoping has specific objectives to identify the significant environmental issues associated with alternatives to be examined in detail, while also limiting consideration of issues that are not truly significant. As such, the FTA and NICTD invite all interested individuals and organizations, public agencies, and Native American tribes to comment on the scope of the EIS, including the

project's purpose and need, alternatives to be studied, impacts to be evaluated, and evaluation methods to be used.

III. Purpose and Need for Project

NICTD's existing SSL provides a vital transportation link that connects Northwest Indiana to Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. NICTD is proposing the Project as a branch extension of the SSL route to reach high-growth areas in Lake County, Indiana. The Project would expand NICTD's service coverage between Northwest Indiana and the Chicago region, improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County. Specifically, the Project is intended to:

- Serve high-growth areas in central, southern, and western Lake County, Indiana
- Conveniently connect more Northwest Indiana residents to downtown Chicago jobs and major activity centers
- Establish a solid modal alternative between the two metropolitan sub-regions other than driving
- Lower commuting travel times and costs
- Increase NICTD system ridership
- Promote economic development opportunities
- Create local jobs in Northwest Indiana
- Attract and retain families and younger residents
- Provide a valued transportation asset for use by all Northwest Indiana residents

IV. Alternatives

The EIS for the Project will evaluate a No Build Alternative and a Commuter Rail Alternative. The two alternatives are described as follows:

No Build Alternative: The No Build Alternative is defined as the existing transportation system, plus any committed transportation improvements included in NIRPC's *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan*. It would not include a major transit investment in the West Lake Corridor. As such, the No Build Alternative serves as the NEPA baseline against which the environmental effects of the proposed project are measured.

Commuter Rail Alternative: The Commuter Rail Alternative would include an approximately 9-mile southern extension of NICTD's existing SSL between Dyer and Hammond, Indiana. The project would involve new track improvements along the existing CSX Transportation and former Monon railroad corridors, with a flyover to the existing SSL in Hammond. Four

potential stations would be included at Munster/Dyer Main Street, Munster Fisher/45th Streets, South Hammond, and Downtown Hammond. A maintenance facility would also be needed to store and maintain the vehicles. Trains on the new Project branch line would connect with the existing SSL and ultimately the MED line to the north, providing new transit service between Dyer and Metra's Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago, and as such, core capacity improvements to the existing MED line and Millennium Station may be required to accommodate the Project.

Two alignment design options are also being considered for the Project, including a possible extension to St. John, Indiana on the southern end, and another along the Indiana Harbor Belt Kensington Branch through Calumet City, Burnham, and Chicago, Illinois on the northern end. Design options for four other possible station locations and three potential maintenance facility sites are also being studied. Vehicle mode options include Electric Heavy Rail, Diesel Heavy Rail, and Combined Electric/Diesel Rail. The Project route alignment, station locations, maintenance facility sites, and vehicle mode will be further refined during the environmental review process, working in close consultation with the public, agencies, and key stakeholders.

V. Probable Effects/Potential Impacts for Analysis

The FTA and NICTD will evaluate each alternative for significant social, economic, and environmental impacts. Anticipated primary resource topics include: Transportation, land use, socioeconomic and economic development, parklands and trails, neighborhoods and community facilities, environmental justice, noise and vibration, hazardous materials, ecosystems, water resources, and short-term construction impacts. The EIS will also address displacements and relocations, historic and archaeological resources, visual quality, vegetation, farmlands, air quality, and energy. The potential impacts to these resources will be evaluated both for the short-term construction period and long-term operation of each alternative. In addition, indirect and cumulative effects of the proposed project will be identified. Measures to avoid or minimize and mitigate project impacts will be developed, as needed.

VI. FTA Procedures

The FTA and NICTD will comply with applicable federal environmental laws, regulations, and executive orders

during the environmental review process. These requirements include, but are not limited to, the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508) and FTA’s Regulations on Environmental Impact and Related Procedures (23 CFR Part 771). The FTA and NICTD will also comply with the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s air quality conformity regulations (40 CFR part 93), Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act, Executive Order 11988 on Floodplain Management, Executive Order 11990 on Wetlands, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice, and DOT Order 5610.2(a) on Environmental Justice.

Under a Commuter Rail scenario, NICTD intends to seek federal funding for the Project under FTA’s New Starts program. The New Starts program involves a multi-year, multi-step process, including completion of the environmental review procedures, which project sponsors must traverse before funding is approved. The steps in the New Starts process and basic requirements of the funding program can be found on FTA’s Web site at www.fta.dot.gov.

VII. Paperwork Reduction

The Paperwork Reduction Act seeks, in part, to minimize the cost to the taxpayer of the creation, collection, maintenance, use, dissemination, and disposition of information. Consistent with this goal and with principles of economy and efficiency in government, it is FTA policy to limit insofar as possible distribution of complete printed sets of NEPA documents. Accordingly, unless a specific request for a complete hardcopy of the NEPA document is received before it is printed, FTA and its grant applicants will distribute only electronic versions of the NEPA document. A complete copy of the environmental document will be available for review at the grant applicant’s offices; an electronic copy of the complete environmental document will be available on the grant applicant’s Project Web site at www.nictdwestlake.com.

Marisol R. Simón,

Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2014–0092]

Pipeline Safety: Request for Revision of a Previously Approved Information Collection: National Pipeline Mapping System Program

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On July 30, 2014, (79 FR 44246) PHMSA published a notice and request for comments in the **Federal Register** titled: “Pipeline Safety: Request for Revision of a Previously Approved Information Collection: National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) Program (OMB Control No. 2137–0596)” seeking comments on proposed changes to the NPMS data collection. PHMSA has received a request to extend the comment period in order to provide more time to evaluate the proposed revisions. PHMSA is extending the comment period from September 29, 2014, to December 1, 2014.

DATES: The closing date for filing comments is extended from September 29, 2014, until December 1, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. PHMSA–2014–0092 through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202–493–2251
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

- *Instructions:* Identify the docket number, PHMSA–2014–0092, at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You should know that anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received in any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.).

Therefore, you may want to review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or visit <http://www.regulations.gov> before submitting any such comments.

- *Docket:* For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12–140 on the ground level of DOT’s West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: “Comments on: PHMSA–2014–0092.” The Docket Clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (internet, fax, or professional delivery service) of submitting comments to the docket and ensuring their timely receipt at DOT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Nelson, GIS Manager, Program Development Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, by phone at 202–493–0591 or email at amy.nelson@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 30, 2014, (79 FR 44246) PHMSA published a notice and request for comments on the proposed changes to the NPMS data collection. The NPMS is a geospatial dataset that contains information about PHMSA-regulated gas transmission pipelines, hazardous liquid pipelines, and hazardous liquid low-stress gathering lines. The NPMS also contains data layers for all liquefied natural gas plants and a partial dataset of PHMSA-regulated breakout tanks. PHMSA is proposing to expand the collection of this data to include more detailed information on several data elements.

On September 4, 2014, the American Gas Association (AGA) requested PHMSA extend the comment period by 30 days. AGA supported their request stating that, within the notice, PHMSA outlines thirty-one different pipeline attributes that are requested in a geospatial format specified by PHMSA and that a 60-day comment period does not allow AGA, or its operators, time to fully evaluate the burden associated with meeting PHMSA’s proposal. AGA also stated that the additional time

Postcard Mailer/Process

The following protocol was followed for the Scoping Notification postcard mailer to project corridor residences and businesses.

1. The project study area map was utilized as an overlay to the mailing house mapping system. The resulting coverage map was extended ½-mile east and west of the project alignment.
2. The resultant postal delivery count for business and residences was 20,202. Eliminating vacancy registrations from the project mailing resulted in a final count of 19,456. An additional 243 addresses were provided from the project database. This provided a final mail total of 19,699 delivered in the Project study area.
3. The postcard layout utilized a 4.25" X 6" card. The copy utilized follows as a Save The Date invitation for meeting attendance by the public. For postal efficiency, the presort standard rate (drop ship option) was utilized. This allowed for mail arrival by priority mail at a 3 digit distribution facility with delivery expected within four days of receipt. Mailing was executed by October 6, 2014 to be received by October 13, 2014, which represented the beginning of the scoping period on October 13, 2014.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

WHAT: West Lake Corridor Project Public Scoping Meeting

WHEN: October 28, 2014

WHERE: Center for the Visual and Performing Arts
1040 Ridge Rd., Munster, IN 46321

TIME: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

To inform the public and receive public input regarding project scope, purpose and need, and potential environmental issues.

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NICTD West Lake Corridor Project Scoping Notification

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Gerald R. Hanas
General Manager 10/6/14
#855659 HSPAXLP

NICTD West Lake Corridor Project
Newspaper Meeting Announcement – Scoping Notification
September 25, 2014

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The purpose of the scoping period and meeting is to inform the public about the West Lake Corridor Project and receive public input regarding the project’s scope, purpose and need, and potential environmental issues.

The facility used for the scoping meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person who requires special assistance, such as a language interpreter, should call our West Lake automated comment line at 219-250-2920 at least 48 hours before the meeting.

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Comments must be submitted by November 11, 2014.

The scoping process is being conducted in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for historic resources.

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NEWS & UPDATES

Scoping Notification

You are invited to mark your calendar and join us.

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NEWS & UPDATES

The materials from the NICTD West Lake Project, Agency and Public Scoping Meetings, held October 28, 2014 are now posted on the [project website](#), for your reference. As a reminder, your scoping comments are due by November 11, 2014, to be documented in the scoping period. Thank you for your interest in this project.

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**News Release****For Immediate Release**

September 26, 2014

**The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) Enters NEPA Scoping Period
for the West Lake Corridor Project***NICTD Announces Public Scoping Meeting on October 28, 2014*

CHESTERTON, IN... NICTD, in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), has initiated the environmental review process for the West Lake Corridor Project in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NICTD is proposing the West Lake Corridor Project as a southern extension of the South Shore Line to reach high growth areas in central, southern, and western Lake County. The project would expand NICTD's service coverage between Northwest Indiana and the Chicago region, improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County.

The purpose of the environmental review process is to promote informed decision-making by considering the potential environmental and social impacts of the project. It is structured to encourage participation between government officials, agencies, private businesses, and citizens. NICTD must complete the environmental review process to receive potential federal funding for the project.

Scoping is the first step in the environmental review process under NEPA. It is an early and open process for the public and agencies to provide input on the project scope, purpose and need, and potential environmental issues. A 30-day scoping period will be conducted from October 13 to November 11, 2014. During this time period, a public scoping meeting will be held on October 28, 2014 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321. The public and interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend. The public can submit comments at the meeting, on line at www.nictdwestlake.com, by e-mail at project.email@nictdwestlake.com, or call our automated comment line 219-250-2920. Written comments can also be mailed to: NICTD West Lake Corridor Project, 33 East U.S. Highway 12, Chesterton, IN 46304. Comments must be submitted by November 11, 2014.

Mark Yagelski, NICTD Board Chairman stated, "this evaluation represents a unique opportunity to improve Indiana's access to Chicago and enhance our regional economy. This is the first step in a multi-year effort to secure federal funding for West Lake."

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APPENDIX B

Sample Agency Invitation Letters

Cooperating Agency Letters



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September 29, 2014

Colonel Christopher T. Drew
Commander and District Engineer
United States Army Corps of Engineers
111 North Canal Street, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60606

RE: Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency in the Environmental Review Process for the West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois

Dear Colonel Drew:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in cooperation with the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Lake Corridor Project (Project) in Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). FTA is the lead agency and NICTD is the joint lead agency and Project sponsor. This letter invites your agency to be a Cooperating Agency in the EIS process for the Project.

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The Project route alignment, station locations, and maintenance facility will be further refined during the environmental review process, working in close consultation with the public, agencies, and key stakeholders. A map of the major Project components and the study area is provided as an attachment.

In accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6 and 23 CFR 771.111(d), your agency has been identified as one that has jurisdiction in this proposed Project due to the potential need to cross multiple waterways along the corridor. Accordingly, you are being extended this invitation to serve as a Cooperating Agency in the EIS process. As a Cooperating Agency, you would be requested to provide the following regarding development of the Project EIS:

- Meaningful input on the methodologies and level of detail required by your agency to evaluate impacts to your resource(s);
- Participation in coordination meetings, and/or field visits, as appropriate;
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If your agency does not wish to be a Cooperating Agency, you will have the opportunity to become a Participating Agency. If you elect not to become either a Cooperating Agency or a Participating Agency, the FTA respectfully requests that you decline this invitation in writing indicating that your agency is unable to provide the degree of involvement requested or has other program commitments precluding any involvement in the EIS process. Your response may be transmitted electronically to Mark Assam of our staff at mark.assam@dot.gov.

The FTA and NICTD greatly appreciate your input, and we invite you to an Agency Scoping Meeting for the Project as follows:

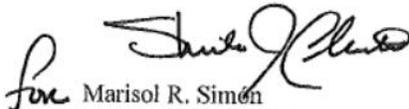
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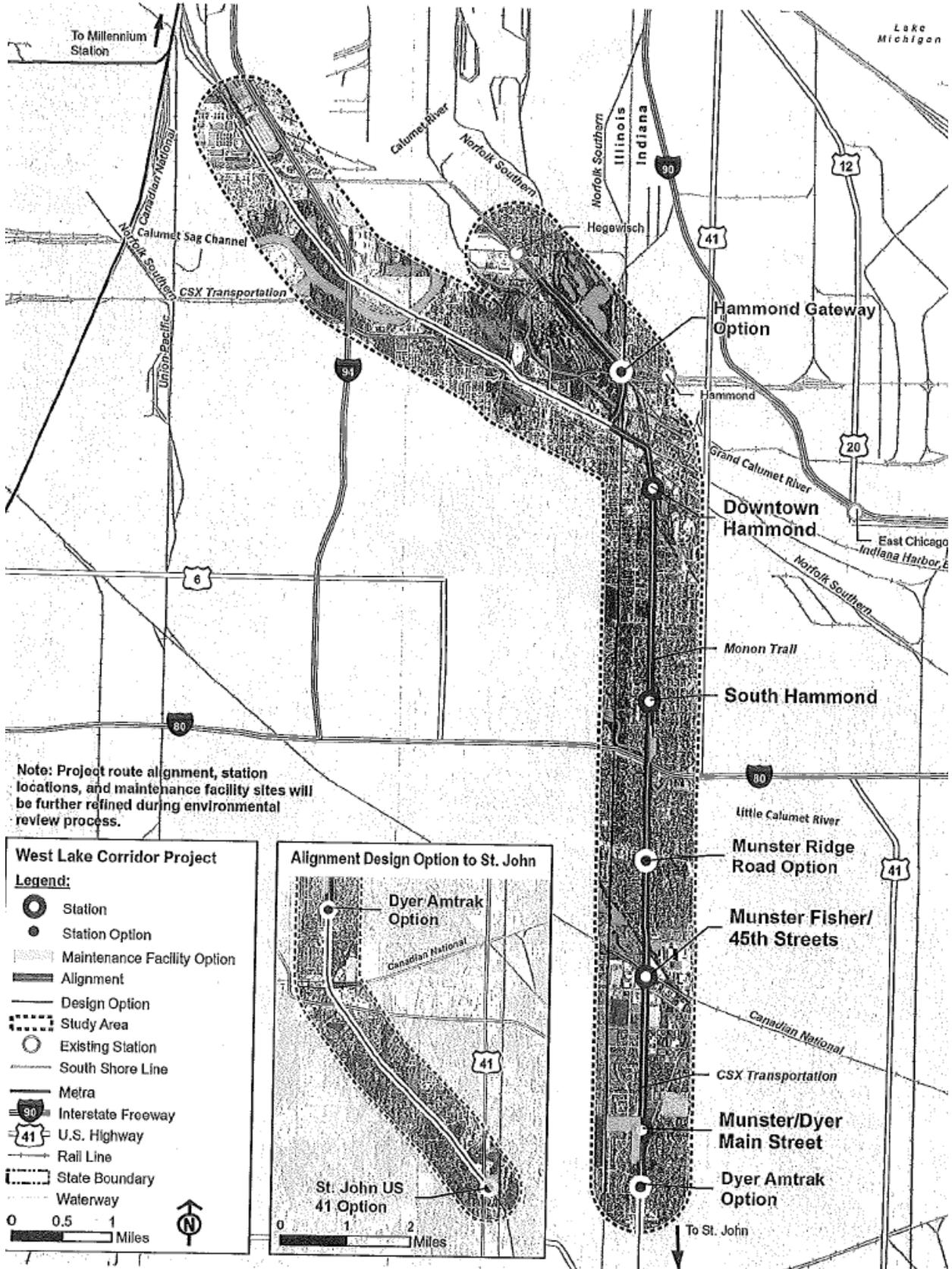
If you have additional questions, please contact Mark Assam, FTA Environmental Protection Specialist, at 312-353-4070 or mark.assam@dot.gov. Thank you for your cooperation and interest in the West Lake Corridor Project.

Sincerely,


Marisol R. Simon
Regional Administrator

Enclosure: West Lake Corridor Project Study Area

Cc: Mark Assam, FTA Region 5
Reginald Arkell, FTA Region 5
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September 29, 2014

Laurence Hasvold, Regional Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration, Region 4
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Chicago, IL 60606

RE: Invitation to be a Cooperating Agency in the Environmental Review Process for the West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hasvold:

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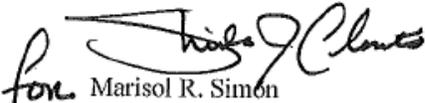
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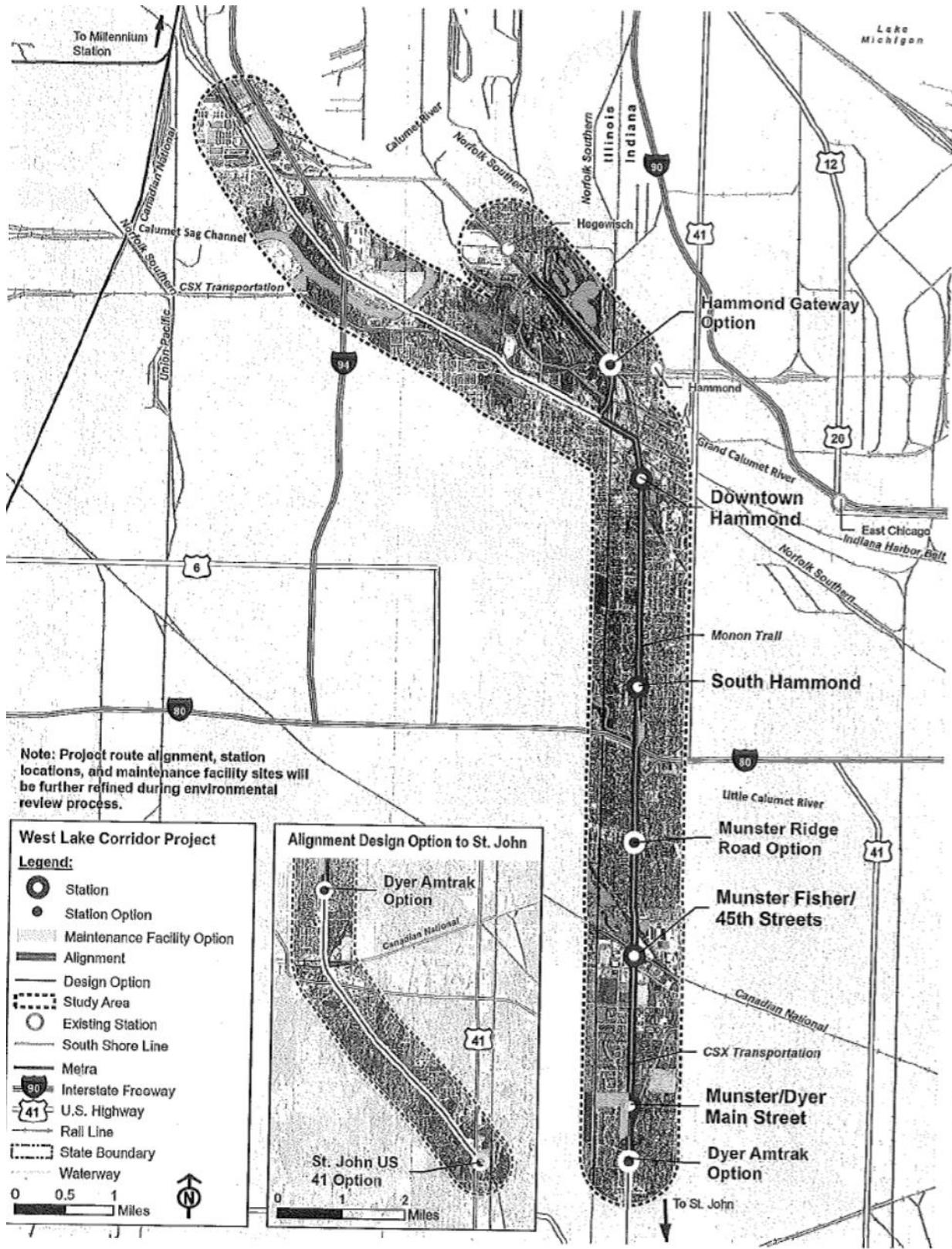
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for Marisol R. Simon
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October 1, 2014

Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
Mayor
City of Calumet City
204 Pulaski Road
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RE: Invitation to be a Participating Agency in the Environmental Review Process for the West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois

Dear Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush:

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If your agency does not wish to be a Participating Agency, the FTA respectfully requests that you decline this invitation in writing indicating that your agency has no jurisdiction or authority with respect to the Project; has no expertise or information relevant to the Project; and does not intend to submit comments on the Project. Your response may be transmitted electronically to Mark Assam of our staff at mark.assam@dot.gov.

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September 29, 2014

Chad Slider
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Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2739

RE: FTA Section 106 Historic Review Initiation: Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois

Dear Mr. Slider:

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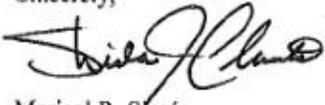
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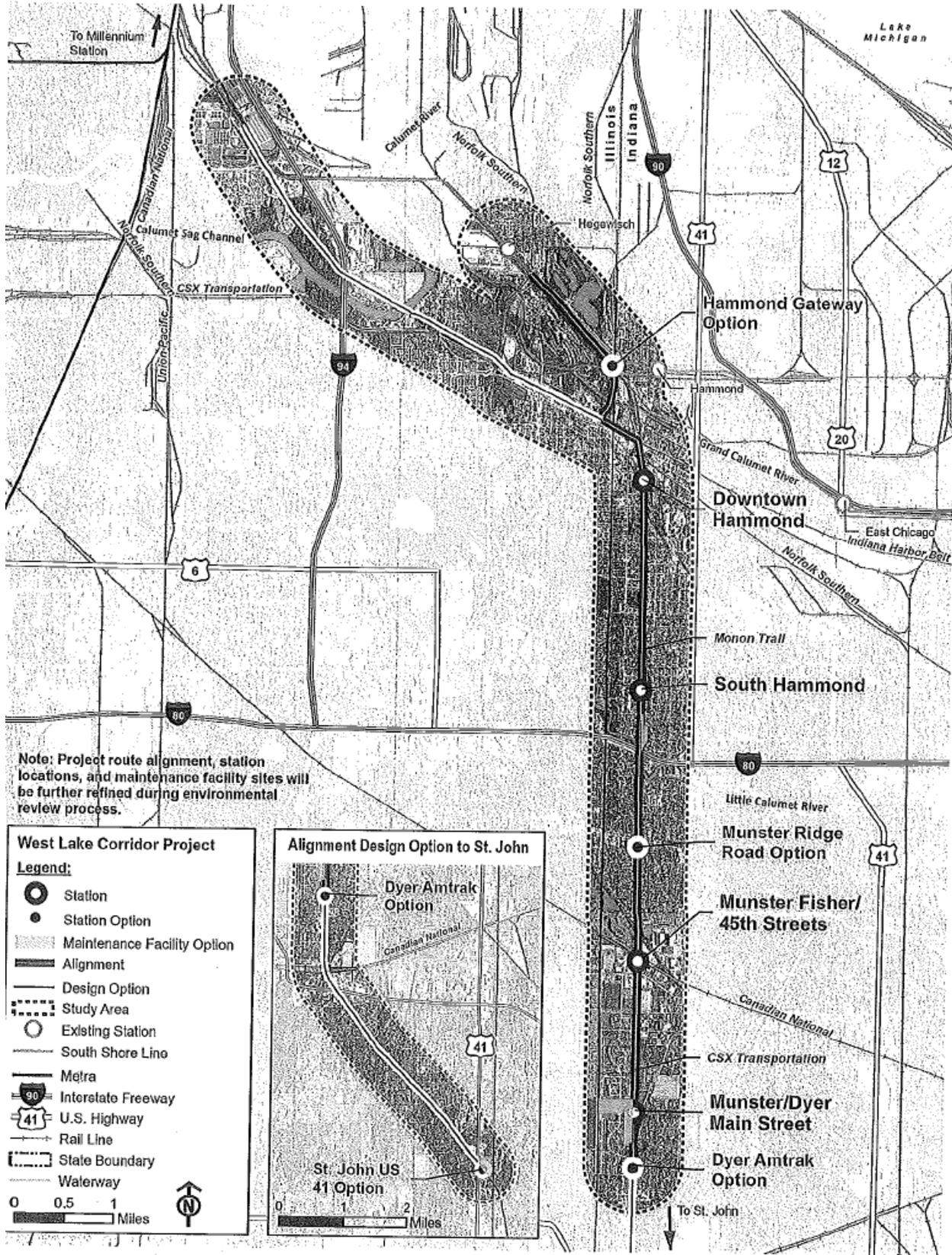
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September 29, 2014

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Springfield, Illinois 62701-1507

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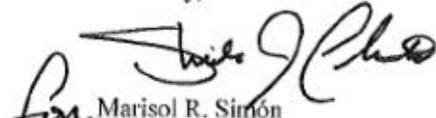
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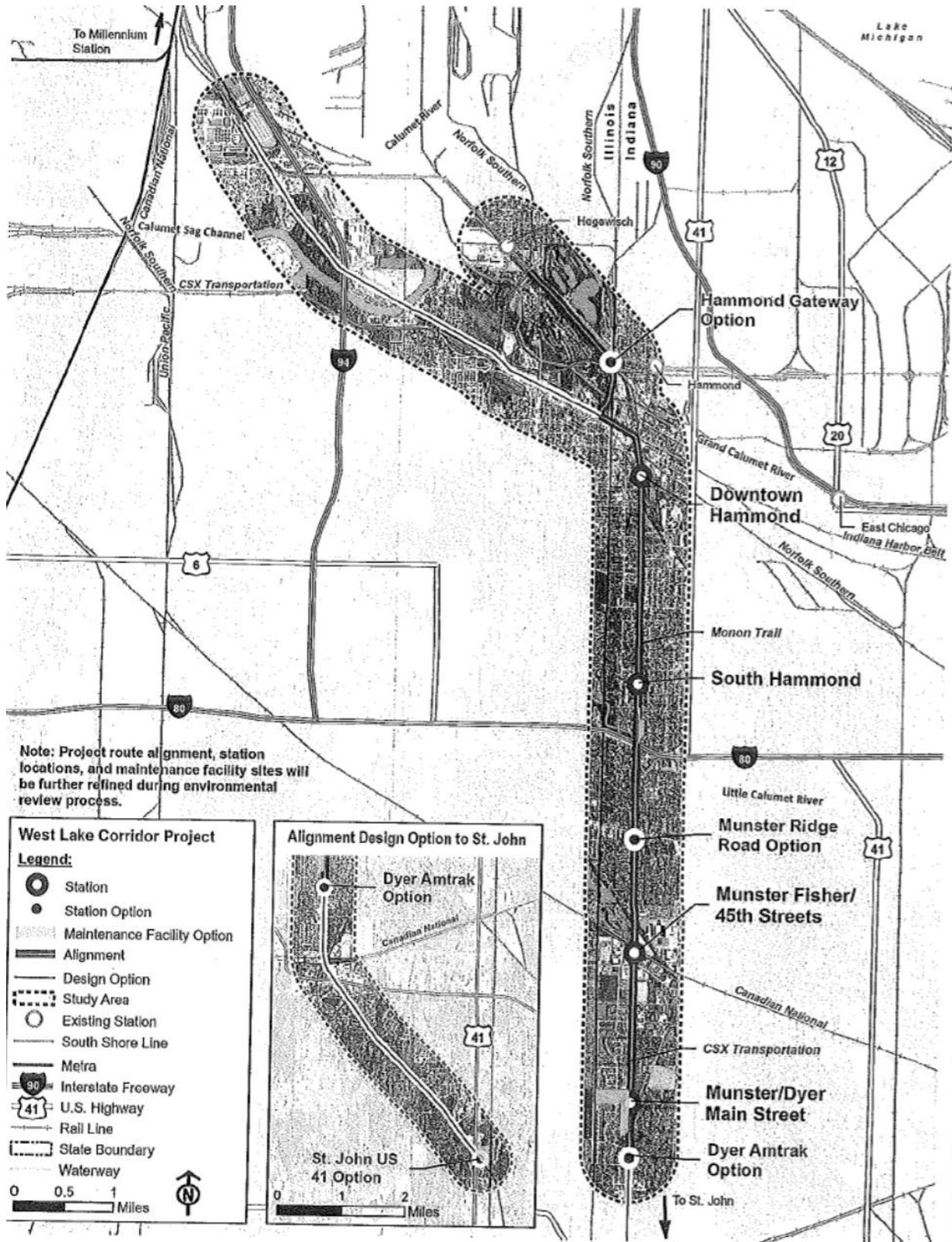
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Sample Consulting Party Letter



NORTHERN INDIANA
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October 22, 2014

Tiffany Tolbert
Director
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RE: Section 106 Notification of Undertaking and Request for Comment on
West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Tolbert:

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Project Description and Federal Undertaking

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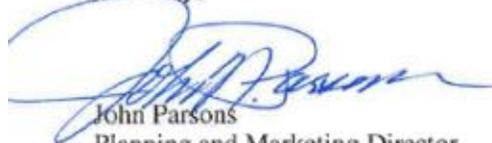
Responsibilities of a Consulting Party

A Consulting Party is typically an agency, group, or organization with special knowledge of, concern for, or a mandated regulatory role relative to historic properties in the Area of Potential Effects (APE). Historic properties include buildings, structures, objects, sites, districts, and archeological sites that are on or eligible for the NRHP, which is kept by the National Park Service. Consulting Parties will have a formal and defined role in the Section 106 process to help FTA and NICTD consider the impacts of the proposed Project on historic properties. Additional information about the Section 106 consultation process is available online at <http://www.achp.gov/citizensguide.html>.

If you are interested in participating as a Consulting Party for this Project under the Section 106 guidelines, please respond in writing within 30 days of receipt of this letter to John Parsons at NICTD at the address provided on the attached form. We request that your response include a statement of demonstrated interest in historic properties associated with this Project, as stipulated in the Section 106 regulation (36 CFR § 800.2(c)). NICTD will notify Consulting Parties and other interested stakeholders of future public meetings in the Section 106 and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process.

If you would like additional information or have any questions about this process, please contact me at (219) 926-5744 ext. 204 or john.parsons@nictd.com.

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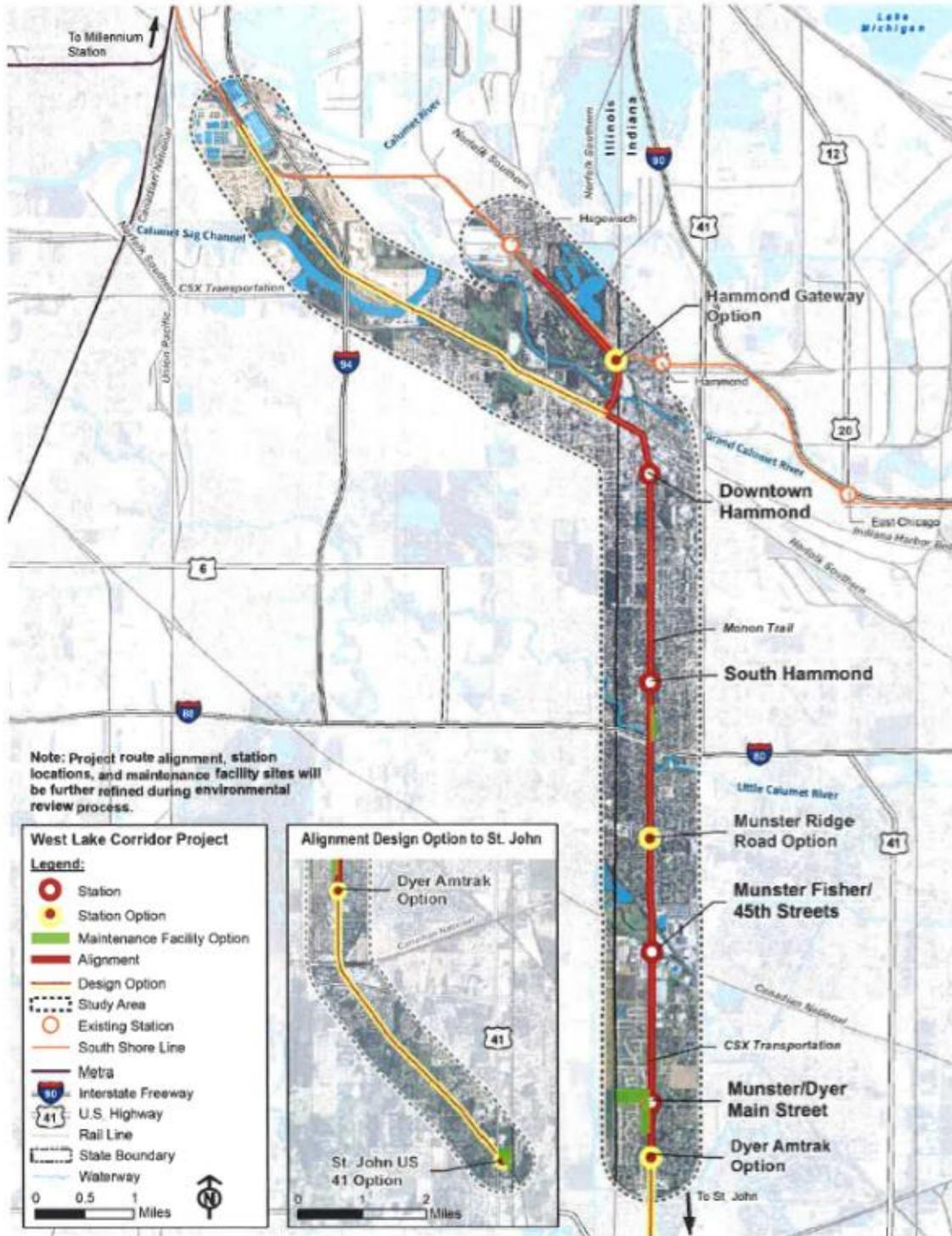


John Parsons
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**SECTION 106
Consulting Parties Acceptance Form
West Lake Corridor Project
Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois**

Yes, I _____, wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Lake Corridor Project. My demonstrated interest in historic properties as associated with this Project is described as follows:

Or;

No, I _____, do not wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Lake Corridor Project.

Date: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return to:
John Parsons
Director of Marketing and Planning
Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District
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Sample Consulting Party Letter for Tribes



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October 3, 2014

Mr. John Blackhawk
Chairperson
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
100 Bluff St.
Winnebago, NE 68071

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Your timely response will greatly help us incorporate your concerns into Project development. For that purpose, we respectfully request that you complete the enclosed Project Consultation Options form and forward it to our office by November 3, 2014. If you have any questions or comments on the proposed Project, please contact Mark Assam, FTA Environmental Protection Specialist, at 312-353-4070 or mark.assam@dot.gov.

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Marisol R. Simón
Regional Administrator

Enclosures

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PROJECT CONSULTATION OPTIONS

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Project Name: West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois

Please check the appropriate response. Use the back of this form or additional sheets if you wish to make comments:

Project	There are no known places of traditional religious or cultural importance present or within the vicinity of the proposed project and further consultation is not requested.	There are or may be places of traditional religious or cultural importance present or within the vicinity of the proposed project and further consultation is requested.	Our organization has no interest associated with this proposed project and further consultation is not required.
West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana and Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have chosen to continue consultation, please indicate the manner in which you wish to do so:

Mail (address): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Other (please describe) _____

(NAME OF TRIBE) designated contact for this proposed Project:

 NAME, TITLE (please print) Phone

 SIGNED Date

Please return to: Mark Assam
 Environmental Protection Specialist
 Federal Transit Administration, Region 5
 200 W. Adams Street, Suite 320
 Chicago, IL 60606

Or e-mail: mark.assam@dot.gov

APPENDIX C

Scoping Meeting Materials

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**AGENCY SCOPING MEETING**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

THE CENTER FOR VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
EAST BALLROOM, 1040 RIDGE ROAD, MUNSTER, IN 46321

***** AGENDA *****

1. Introductions and Purpose of Meeting
2. Presentation on Project and Process
3. Comments and Questions
4. Next Steps

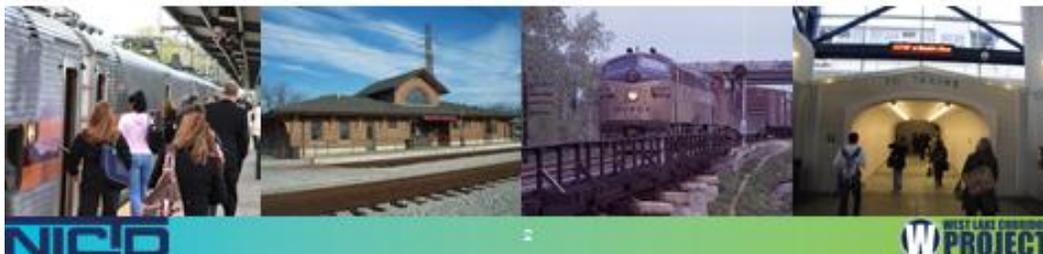
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Scoping Meeting Presentation

Purpose of Scoping Meeting

- Start Federal Environmental Review Process
- Share Information
- Seek Input
- Define How You Can Be Involved



History of Project

- Regional Agency Conducted Initial Study 1989
- NICTD Completed *West Lake Corridor Study* 2011
- Released *20-Year Strategic Business Plan* June 2014
- *Began Environmental Review Process* Sept 2014



National Environmental Policy Act

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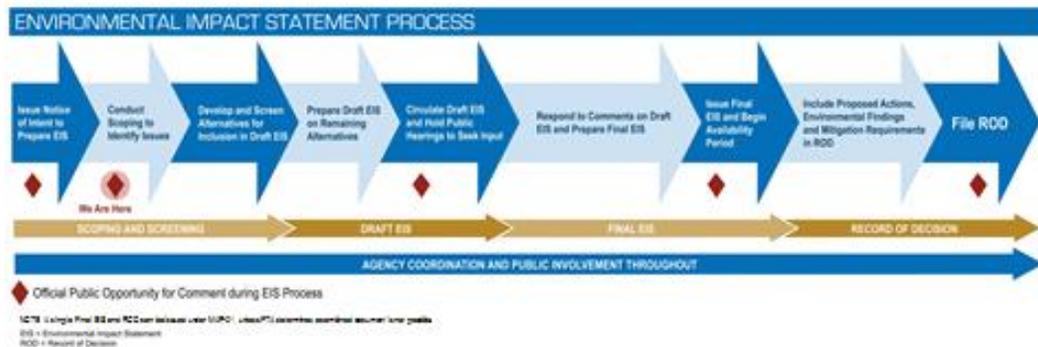
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Draft EIS Document



Overall EIS Process



What is Scoping?

- **First Step in Environmental Review Process**
 - Allows for Early Coordination and Outreach
- **Notify Public and Agencies**
 - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being Prepared
 - Solicit Input on Process and Project
- **Helps Guide “Scope” and Content of EIS**
 - Purpose and Need for Project
 - Alternatives Considered
 - Key Issues Addressed



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What is Purpose and Need for Project?

- **Serve High-Growth Areas in Lake County**
- **Conveniently Connect to Chicago**
- **Establish Alternative to Driving**
- **Lower Commute Times and Costs**
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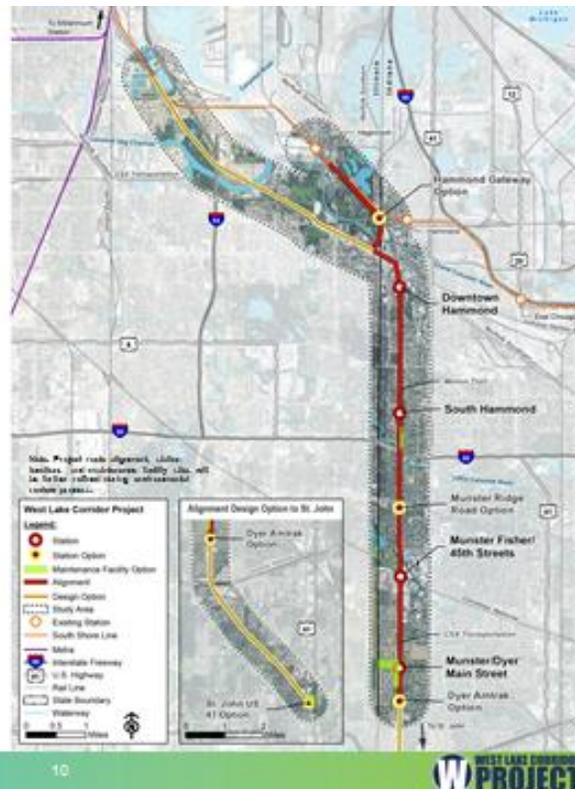
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Stations

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- Shelters
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Metra Storage Yard Tracks, Elburn, IL



Metra Shop Building, 14th Street, Chicago, IL

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NICTD Shop Building, Michigan City, IN



Metra Diesel Locomotive

Vehicle Options

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NICTD South Shore Electric Vehicles



Combined Diesel/Electric Locomotive in Montréal



What are Key Environmental Considerations?

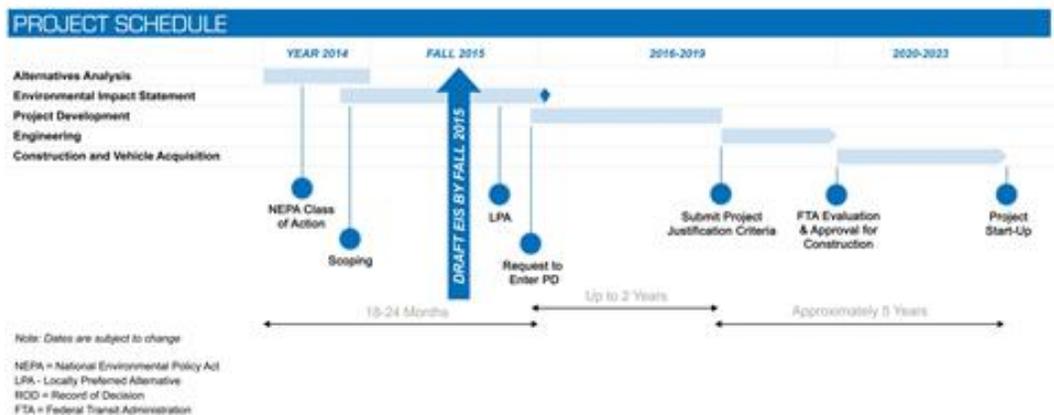
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- Hazardous Materials
- Safety and Security
- Short-Term Construction



What are Next Steps in EIS?



What is Overall Project Schedule?



How Can You Participate?

- **Today's Scoping Meeting**
 - Review Information on Display Boards and Handouts
 - Provide Written Comments on Comment Cards
 - Provide Comments Verbally to Court Reporter
- **Additional Opportunities**
 - Project Website: <http://www.nictdwestlake.com/>
 - E-mail: project_email@nictdwestlake.com
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Please Submit Scoping Comments By November 11, 2014



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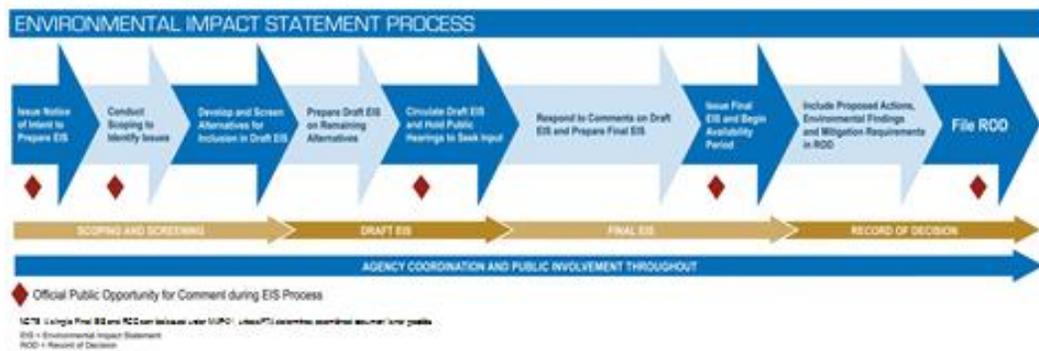
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Combined Diesel/Electric Locomotive in Montréal



What are Key Environmental Considerations?

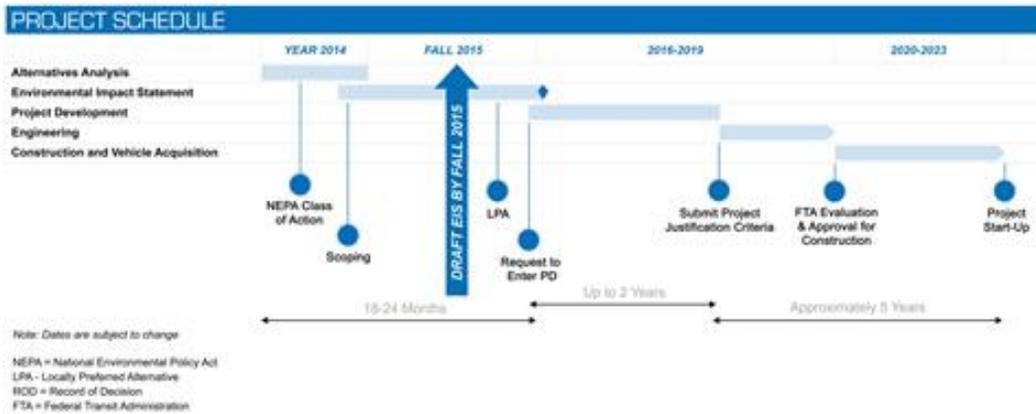
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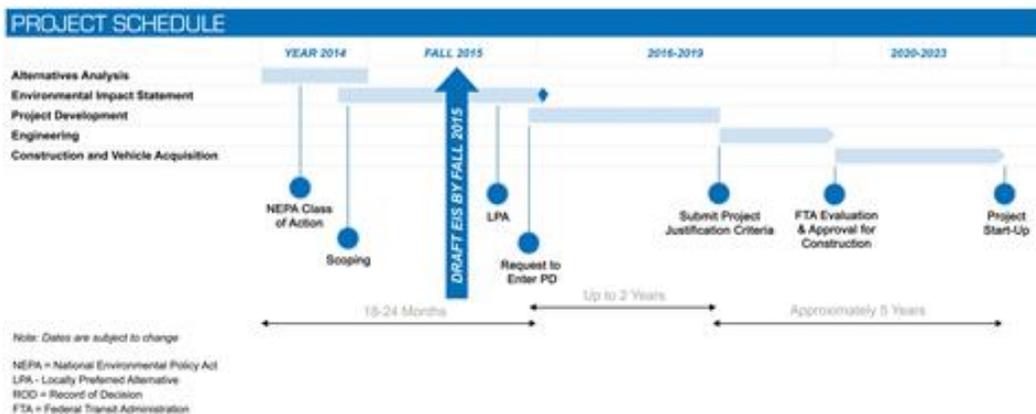
What are Next Steps in EIS?



What is Overall Project Schedule?



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Scoping Booklet

October 2014

Prepared for:

Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District

Prepared by:

AECOM

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Acronyms

DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
FEIS	Final Environmental Impact Statement
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
IHB	Indiana Harbor Belt
LPA	Locally Preferred Alternative
MED	Metra Electric District
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NICTD	Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District
NIRPC	Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
ROD	Record of Decision
SSL	South Shore Line

What Is The Purpose Of This Scoping Booklet?

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) have initiated the environmental review process for the West Lake Corridor Project (Project) in Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared as part of this process, with the FTA as the Federal Lead Agency and NICTD as the Local Project Sponsor responsible for implementing the Project under NEPA. To determine the scope, content, and significant issues to be addressed in the EIS, FTA and NICTD are conducting agency and public "scoping." This scoping booklet is intended to help interested parties understand the scoping process, provide pertinent information about the Project, and establish an early and open process for obtaining public and agency input.

What Is The History Of The Project?

The concept of providing more direct access to transit in central, southern, and western Lake County has been considered for more than 25 years in regional transportation studies. As early as 1989, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) released a study that identified a South Shore extension as a potentially viable means to expand mass transit in the region. Since that time, multiple evaluations have occurred. In 2011, NICTD's *West Lake Corridor Study* concluded that a rail-based service between the Munster/Dyer area and Metra's Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago would best meet the public transportation needs of the study area. In June

2014, NICTD released its *20-Year Strategic Business Plan*, which highlighted the importance of the Project.



What Is The Purpose And Need Of The Project?

NICTD's existing South Shore Line (SSL) provides a vital transportation link that connects Northwest Indiana to Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. The proposed Project would involve a southern branch extension of the SSL route to reach high-growth areas in Lake County, Indiana. The Project would expand NICTD's service coverage, improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County. Specifically, the Project is intended to:

- Serve high-growth areas in central, southern, and western Lake County, Indiana
- Conveniently connect more Northwest Indiana residents to downtown Chicago jobs and major activity centers
- Establish a solid modal alternative between the two metropolitan regions other than driving
- Lower commuting travel times and costs

- Increase NICTD system ridership
- Promote economic development opportunities
- Create local jobs in Northwest Indiana
- Attract and retain families and younger residents
- Provide a valued transportation asset for use by all Northwest Indiana residents



What Is The Environmental Review Process?

NEPA requires federal agencies to assess the potential impacts of their actions on the human and natural environment and to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects where reasonably feasible. Since NICTD intends to seek federal funding for the Project, the FTA and NICTD must comply with NEPA.

The purpose of the environmental review process under NEPA is to promote informed decision-making by considering the potential environmental and social impacts of the Project. The FTA and NICTD will engage regulatory agencies with a defined interest in the Project and the public that could potentially be affected by the Project. The environmental review process is structured to encourage participation between government officials, agencies, private businesses, and citizens. The environmental review process involves the following steps:

- Scoping and Screening
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision

Scoping and Screening

Scoping is the first step in the environmental review process under NEPA. It is an early and open process for the public and agencies to provide input on the scope, or range, of issues to be addressed and identify the significant issues related to the Project. The input received during scoping will help to identify the appropriate alternatives and the depth and breadth of environmental analysis to be completed. It will also serve to identify and eliminate from detailed study the issues that are not significant or have been covered by prior studies. The following key steps will be conducted during the environmental scoping process:

- Invite local, regional, state, and federal agencies, Tribal Governments, and other interested parties to comment on the scope of the Project, including the purpose and need, alternatives considered, key issues evaluated, and evaluation methods;
- Connect previous planning decisions with current Project development;

FTA Procedures

The FTA and NICTD will comply with applicable federal environmental laws, regulations, and executive orders during the environmental review process. These requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Council on Environmental Quality implementing NEPA
- FTA's Regulations on Environmental Impact and Related Procedures
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's air quality conformity regulations
- Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990
- Section 404 of Clean Water Act
- Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act
- Section 7 of Endangered Species Act
- Section 4(f) of Department of Transportation Act
- Executive Order 11988 on Floodplain Management
- Executive Order 11990 on Wetlands
- Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice
- DOT Order 5610.2(a) on Environmental Justice.

NICTD intends to seek federal funding for the Project under FTA's New Starts program. The New Starts program involves a multi-year, multi-step process, including the environmental review procedures, which project sponsors must complete before federal funding is approved. The steps in the New Starts process and basic requirements of this federal funding program can be found on FTA's website at www.fta.dot.gov.

- Establish a decision-making framework; and
- Determine the scope and significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS.

A broad range of reasonable alternatives will be considered for the Project from the onset. The alternatives will be evaluated and screened based on operational and engineering constraints, constructability, cost, and environmental concerns. This screening will narrow the alternatives and provide a more well-defined Project that will advance into the Draft EIS (DEIS).

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

A DEIS document will be prepared following scoping and screening to more fully assess the Project. The DEIS will:

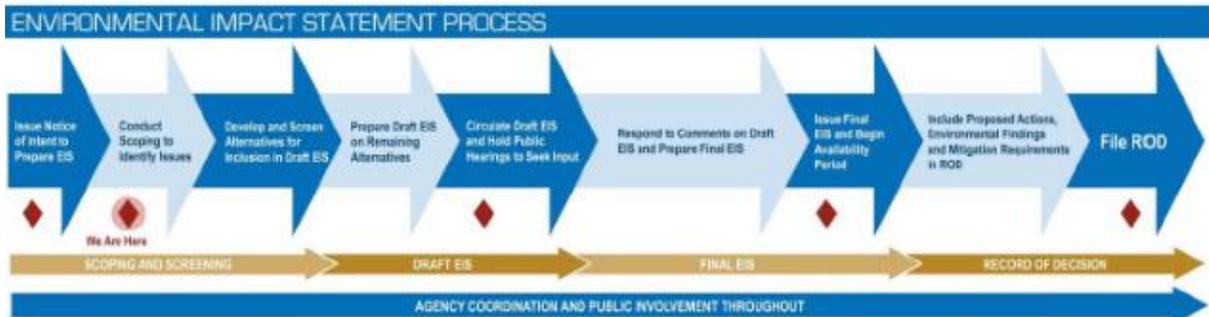
- Identify Purpose and Need for Project;
- Describe Project and alternatives considered;
- Evaluate affected environment and potential environmental impacts of Project;
- Propose actions that will help mitigate unavoidable impacts;
- Enable decision-makers to identify solution that best meets Purpose and Need; and
- Provide public and agencies opportunities to review and comment on Project.

The DEIS document will be circulated for public and agency comment over a 45-day review

period. During this time, a public hearing(s) will be held to present the results of the DEIS and formally record all comments received. Following the public review period, NICTD will select a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) for the Project that can further advance in the environmental review process, as well as FTA's New Starts funding program.

Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision

In order to complete the environmental review process, a Final EIS (FEIS) would be prepared by the FTA and NICTD. The FEIS would respond to comments received on the DEIS and include the LPA selected for the Project. The FTA would also issue a Record of Decision (ROD) that states the proposed action, environmental findings, and mitigation requirements.



◆ Official Public Opportunity for Comment during EIS Process

NOTE: A single FEIS and ROD can be issued under MAP-21, unless FTA determines a combined document is not possible.

What Alternatives Will Be Considered?

The EIS will evaluate a No Build Alternative and a Commuter Rail Alternative. A description of each alternative is provided below.

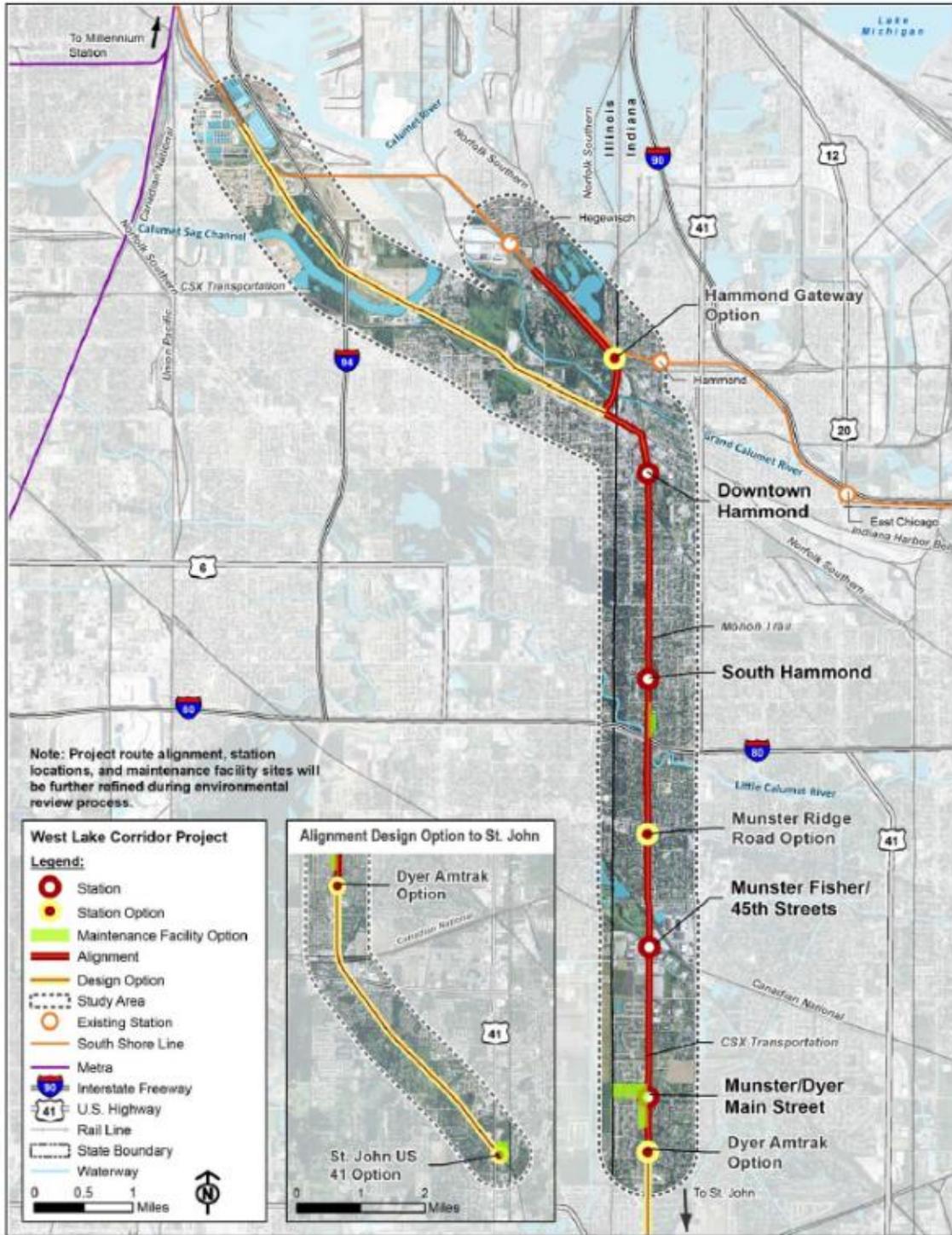
No Build Alternative

The No Build Alternative is defined as the existing transportation system, plus any committed transportation improvements included in NIRPC's 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan. It would not include a major transit investment in the West Lake Corridor. As such, the No Build Alternative serves as the NEPA baseline against which the environmental effects of the proposed Project are measured.

Commuter Rail Alternative

The Commuter Rail Alternative would involve an approximate 9-mile southern extension of NICTD's existing SSL between Dyer and Hammond, Indiana. The Project would include:

- New track improvements along existing CSX Transportation and former Monon railroad corridors, with flyover to existing SSL in Hammond;
- Four stations at Munster/Dyer Main Street, Munster Fisher/45th Streets, South Hammond, and Downtown Hammond; and
- Maintenance facility to store and maintain vehicles.



West Lake Corridor Project Study Area

Trains on the new Project branch line would connect with the existing SSL and ultimately the Metra Electric District's (MED) line to the north, providing new transit service between Dyer and Metra's Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago. To facilitate this, core capacity improvements to the existing MED line and Millennium Station may be required to accommodate the Project.



Two alignment design options are also being considered for the Project, including a possible extension to St. John on the southern end and another that would share the Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) Kensington Branch on the northern end. Design options for four other possible station locations and three potential maintenance facility sites are also being studied. The Project route alignment, station locations, and maintenance facility sites will be further refined during the environmental review process, working in close consultation with the public, agencies, and key stakeholders.



What Environmental Resources Will Be Studied?

The EIS will evaluate potential effects to the human and natural environments under the No Build and Commuter Rail Alternatives. The environmental resources to be analyzed in the EIS include:

- Transportation
- Land Use and Zoning
- Land Acquisitions and Displacements
- Socioeconomics and Economic Development
- Environmental Justice
- Neighborhood and Community Facilities
- Parks and Recreational
- Historic and Archeological
- Noise and Vibration
- Visual and Aesthetic
- Air Quality
- Energy
- Farmlands, Soils, and Geology
- Water
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Hazardous Materials
- Safety and Security
- Utilities
- Short-Term Construction Impacts
- Secondary and Cumulative Effects
- Section 4(f) Evaluation



How Can Agencies And Public Participate?

What Agencies Are Involved?

In addition to FTA and NICTD, a number of local, regional, state, and federal agencies have been invited to participate in the environmental review process. These agencies include, but are not limited to:

Local

- City of Calumet City
- City of Chicago
- City of Hammond
- Cook County
- Lake County
- Town of Dyer
- Town of Munster
- Town of St. John
- Village of Burnham
- Village of Dolton

Regional

- Chicago Department of Transportation
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
- Chicago Transit Authority
- Metra
- Northeastern Illinois Regional Transportation Authority
- Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority
- Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

State

- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
- Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
- Illinois State Department of Agriculture
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana State Department of Agriculture

Federal

- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Railroad Administration
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Agriculture

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of Interior
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Tribal Governments

- Ho-Chunk Nation
- Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
- Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
- Otoe-Missouria Tribe
- Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Potawatomi - Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Potawatomi - Forest County Potawatomi
- Potawatomi - Hannahville Indian Community
- Potawatomi - Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
- Potawatomi - Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
- Sac and Fox Tribe of Mississippi in Iowa/Meskwaki
- Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri
- Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma
- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

The FTA emphasizes early coordination with agencies to ensure that the environmental review process satisfies NEPA and other regulatory requirements. Several diverse outreach strategies and techniques will be undertaken over the course of the EIS process. Early and continuous involvement with agencies, outreach with major stakeholders, and meaningful public participation will be critical to advancing the Project into the next implementation phase.

When Will Scoping Meetings be Held?

Agency and public scoping meetings will be conducted the following dates, locations, and times:

Agency Scoping

When: October 28, 2014

Where: Center for Visual and Performing Arts,
1040 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321

Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Public Scoping

When: October 28, 2014

Where: Center for Visual and Performing Arts,
1040 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

How Can You Submit Comments?

The public can submit comments at the scoping meeting, either written on comment cards or given verbally to the on-site Court Reporter. In addition to the scoping meetings, comments can also be submitted via:

Project Website: <http://www.nictdwestlake.com>
E-mail: project_email@nictdwestlake.com
Automated Phone: 219-250-2920 (comment via voicemail)
Mail: NICTD West Lake Corridor Project
33 East U.S. Highway 12
Chesterton, IN 46304

Scoping comments must be submitted by November 11, 2014.

What Are The Next Steps?

Scoping comments will be documented and considered in refining the Project's Purpose and Need, alternatives considered, potential environmental effects to be studied, and agency coordination and public involvement process for the Project. The DEIS will be prepared following the scoping process, with a 45-day public circulation period targeted for fall 2015. Following the comment period on the DEIS, an FEIS would be prepared by the FTA and NICTD to complete the environmental review process. The FTA would also issue a ROD that states the proposed action, environmental findings, and mitigation requirements. The environmental review process would be followed by more detailed design, engineering, vehicle acquisition, and construction. Service start-up for the West Lake Corridor Project is targeted for 2023.

WEST LAKE CORRIDOR PROJECT NICTD

Project Fact Sheet

Project Overview: Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District's (NICTD) existing South Shore Line (SSL) provides a vital transportation link that connects Northwest Indiana to Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. The West Lake Corridor Project (Project) would involve a southern branch extension of NICTD's existing SSL to reach high-growth areas in Lake County, Indiana. The Project would expand NICTD's service coverage, improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County. The Project would include:

- 9-mile southern extension of SSL between Dyer and Hammond, Indiana;
- 12 trains per weekday between Dyer and Downtown Chicago;
- 4 stations in Hammond, Munster, and Dyer;
- Maintenance facility to store and maintain vehicles; and
- Improvements to Metra to accommodate Project.

Design options for the Project route alignment, station locations, and maintenance facility sites are also being considered, which will be further refined working in close consultation with the public, agencies, and key stakeholders.



Environmental Review Process: To move this Project forward, NICTD and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated the environmental review process in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared as part of this process to assess the potential impacts of the Project on the man-made and natural environments. This is a required step that NICTD must take to receive potential federal funding for the Project.

Key Milestones:

- EIS Process: 2014 to 2016
- Engineering, Vehicle Acquisition, and Construction: 2016 to 2023
- Project Completion: 2023

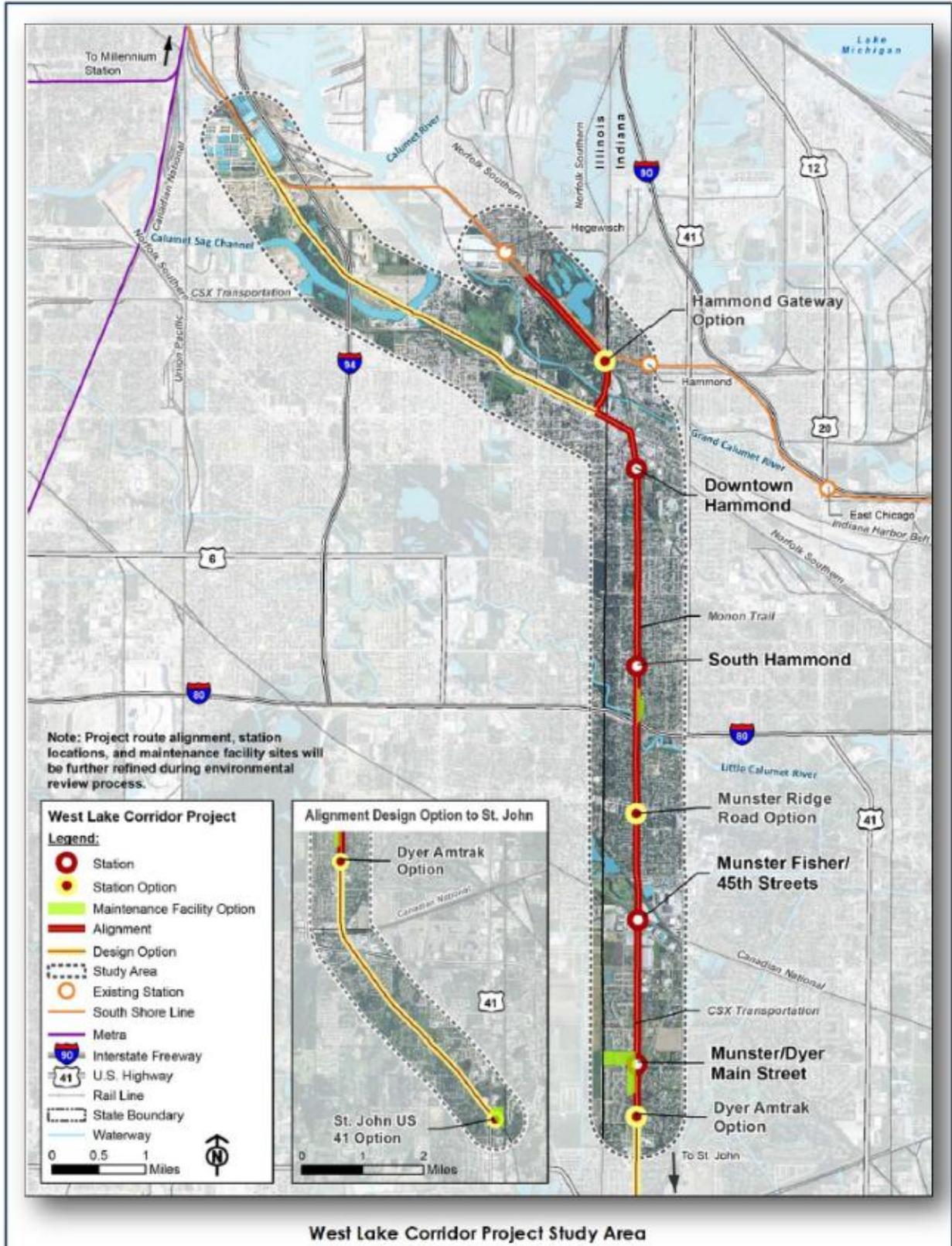
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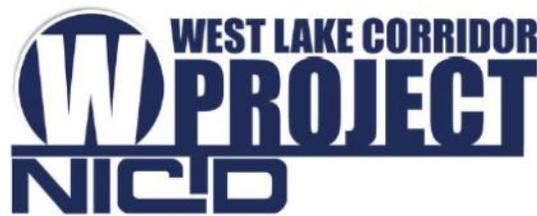
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 NOTE: A single Final EIS and Record of Decision (ROD) can be issued under MAP-21, unless FTA determines a combined document is not possible.

HOW TO REACH US:

NICTD West Lake Corridor Project, 33 East U.S. Highway 12, Chesterton, IN 46304
 website: www.nictdwestlake.com; e-mail: project_email@nictdwestlake.com; automated phone: 219-250-2920



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**WEST LAKE CORRIDOR
PROJECT
NICTD**

Section 106 and Public Involvement

West Lake Corridor Project: The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD), in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is proposing the West Lake Corridor Project (Project) in Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois. The Project would involve an approximate 9-mile southern branch extension of NICTD’s existing South Shore Line (SSL) between Dyer and Hammond, Indiana. Since the Project is anticipated to use federal funds, it is considered an undertaking that is subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act: Section 106 requires the FTA and NICTD to take into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties, and allows the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), other potential consulting parties, and public to voice their concerns and share information about historic properties that may be affected. Through the Section 106 process, the FTA and NICTD will:

- Identify historic properties within an Area of Potential Effects;
- Assess potential effects on historic properties; and
- Resolve adverse effects through consultation with SHPO, other consulting parties, and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, if needed.

Public involvement is a key ingredient in successful Section 106 consultation, and the views of the public will be solicited throughout the process. This is a great opportunity for individuals to share any historic information about the proposed project area.

National Register of Historic Places: The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) is the official list of the Nation’s historic places worthy of preservation. Under Section 106, a historic property is any district, site, building, structure, or object that is included in

or eligible for the NRHP. To be considered eligible, a property must meet the NRHP Criteria for Evaluation. This involves examining the property’s age, integrity, and significance.

Area of Potential Effects: When evaluating Project-specific impacts, Section 106 requires defining the geographic area where proposed Project activities may have an effect on historic and archeological resources. This geographic area is known as the Area of Potential Effects (APE).



Potential Historic Buildings in Hammond, Indiana

NICTD West Lake Corridor Project, 33 East U.S. Highway 12, Chesterton, IN 46304
 website: www.nictdwestlake.com; e-mail: project.email@nictdwestlake.com; automated phone: 219-250-2920

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Comment Card

Name (please print): _____

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail

Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:

APPENDIX D

Agency Scoping Comments

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS



Meeting Purpose: Agency Scoping Meeting
 Location: The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Rd, Munster, IN 46321
 Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

SIGN-IN SHEET

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John Yoran	Cook County	312/603-1601	john.yoran@cookcountyil.gov	69 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602
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Peter Fahrenwald	Regional Transp. Auth.	312-913-7244	fahrenwaldp@rtachicago.com	175 W. Jackson Chy 60604
JOSEPH M. CRIVONCHI	NICTD			
Sarah Gehos	NIRPC		sgcinosky@nirpc.org	

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS



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DATE & TIME: October 28, 2014, 2:00 to 4:00 PM
LOCATION: The Center for Visual and Performing Arts
 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321
ATTENDEES: List of attendees is provided in the attached sign-in sheets

MEETING NOTES

Purpose:	
The purpose of the Agency Scoping meeting was to meet with federal, state, regional, and local agencies that were invited to participate in the environmental review process for the West Lake Corridor Project (Project). The attendees were provided with an overview of the Project and invited to submit comments or questions on the Project.	
Discussion Points / Comments:	Commenter
1. Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) jointly owns the former Monon corridor with Hammond and Munster between the Maynard Junction with the Canadian National and Sibley Street in Hammond.	John Parsons, NICTD
2. It is anticipated that the route would be primarily single-tracked, with passing sidings north of Maynard; the extent of passing sidings would depend on the location of the maintenance facility. The CSX-owned portion of the alignment may need to be double-tracked since it would be shared with freight service.	John Parsons, NICTD
3. The river crossings were mentioned, with a concern for potential piers in the river. Rehabilitation of the existing bridges would be preferred by the resource agencies since it would generally have less impact than replacement. A mitigation strategy of the potentially impacted waterways will need to be considered and coordinated.	Elizabeth McCloskey, United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Lori White, Indiana Department of Natural Resources (INDNR)
4. It was noted that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and INDNR are managing the Grand Calumet River Cleanup Project. The INDNR is also starting a statewide wetland and stream remediation program that will be implemented by Summer 2015.	Carl Wodrich, INDNR

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Discussion Points / Comments:	Commenter
5. It is anticipated that the Monon Trail would be maintained along the corridor, but the current alignment of the trail may need to be shifted in some locations.	Lisa Ives, AECOM
6. Gary Public Transportation Corporation runs a bus route at Calumet Avenue and Ridge Road; they may want to consider rerouting this bus line to serve the Ridge Road Station.	Sarah Geinosky, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)
7. The potential effects to NICTD's existing South Shore Line (SSL) were discussed. Some existing SSL riders may shift to the West Lake Corridor Project; the potential impacts to the SSL will be assessed.	Jack Eskil, NIRPC John Parsons, NICTD
8. The need for local police and fire coverage was questioned, as well as the community's ability to collect revenue for managing parking. NICTD anticipates that it would utilize local police and fire coverage similar to its current SSL service. Charging a fee for parking could be a possibility. NICTD would coordinate with the local communities on the management of police/fire coverage, stations, and parking.	Jeff Dekker, Dyer Town Council John Parsons, NICTD

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Attachment: Meeting Sign-in Sheets

-----Original Message-----

From: Leffler, Paul M LRC [<mailto:Paul.M.Leffler@usace.army.mil>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 2:28 PM
To: Arkell, Reginald (FTA)
Cc: Assam, Mark (FTA)
Subject: RE: NICTD West Lake Corridor Project (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Reginald,

Yes our agency would like to be a cooperating agency for this project. Any impacts to wetlands and waterways will require a permit from our office under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Efforts to avoid and minimize these impacts must be made and my participation will likely focus on this goal.

In addition it is worth noting that our office address changed last summer to:
231 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60604

Please address all correspondence to my attention. However email is the preferred method of coordination.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Leffler
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Chicago District Regulatory Branch, Project Manager
231 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1500
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Office: 312-846-5529
Website: <http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>

-----Original Message-----

From: reginald.arkell@dot.gov [mailto:reginald.arkell@dot.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 3:13 PM

To: Leffler, Paul M LRC

Cc: Mark.Assam@dot.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL] NICTD West Lake Corridor Project

Paul:

Pursuant to our conversation today, attached is an electronic copy of the letter we sent by U.S. Mail to your office regarding the NICTD West Lake Corridor Project. Based on our discussion, I understand you have not seen this letter but your agency would likely want to be a Cooperating Agency as the corridor traverses sensitive waterways/wetlands in NW Indiana. Please confirm or clarify this by email and/or U.S. Mail at your earliest convenience along with any other input you would like to provide at this time. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Reginald Arkell, AICP - Community Planner

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From: Martin, Andrea (FRA)
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2014 9:49 AM
To: Arkell, Reginald (FTA); Assam, Mark (FTA)
Cc: Noblet, Lori (MDOT) (NOBLETL@michigan.gov)
Subject: RE: Chicago/Detroit Corridor and NICTD West Lake Corridor Projects

Hi Reggie; thank you for your voicemail. I apologize for not getting back to you until now about the NICTD project. At this time, FRA will decline cooperating agency status, and work with FTA on the West Lake Corridor Project in a participating agency capacity.

The proposed NICTD project would only affect the South-of-the-Lake alternative that using the historic Michigan Central Route, and luckily would not further complicate the Chicago to Detroit/Pontiac alternatives that would swing south from Indiana Harbor down to Tolleston.

Please forward future information about the proposed project as it relates to the Michigan Central Route (capacity numbers, modeling, routing), and we will be happy to provide input, and it is also important to our decision-making process for the Chicago to Detroit/Pontiac Passenger Rail Corridor Program.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions. I look forward to working with you throughout the NEPA process.

Andrea

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From: Savko, Terry [<mailto:Terry.Savko@Illinois.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2014 2:01 PM
To: Assam, Mark (FTA)
Cc: Chard, Steve
Subject: Decline Invitation for Participating Agency - West Lake Shore Corridor Project

October 15, 2014

Ms. Marisol R. Simón
U.S. Dept. of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration
200 W. Adams Street, Suite 3120
Chicago, IL 60606-2789

Attention: Mark Assam

Re: Invitation for Participating Agency
West Lake Shore Corridor Project
Environmental Impact Statement Review Process
Cook County, Illinois and Lake County, Indiana

Dear Ms. Simón:

Thank you for your agency's October 1, 2014 correspondence notifying the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) that the U.S. DOT Federal Transit Administration is initiating an Environmental Impact Statement for the West Lake Shore Corridor Project in Cook County, Illinois and Lake County, Indiana. Your letter invites the IDOA to be a Participating Agency in the EIS process for the project.

The project is located within a highly urbanized area that is planned and zoned for non-agricultural development. Because productive agricultural land is not involved with this project, the IDOA respectfully declines your invitation to become a participating agency in the development of the West Lake Shore Corridor Project.

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From: Rick Eberly [<mailto:reberly@townofdye.net>]
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2014 2:07 PM
To: Assam, Mark (FTA)
Subject: Invitation to participate in EIS

Mark,

I recently received an invitation to participate in the Environmental Review Process for the West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois. The letter of invitation does not indicate how one is to accept the invitation. It only indicates how to decline the invitation, but I hope that I can accept the invitation by contacting you via this email. Please let me know if there is some other way that I need to indicate my acceptance of this invitation. I would be representing the interests of the Town of Dyer as I am the Town Administrator for Dyer.

Rick Eberly
Dyer Town Administrator

From: Jeffrey J Sriver [<mailto:Jeffrey.Sriver@cityofchicago.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 3:15 PM
To: Assam, Mark (FTA)
Subject: Re: Invitation to be a Participating Agency in West Lake Corridor Environmental Review Process

Hi Mark,

I am in receipt of Regional Administrator Simón's memo on this subject dated October 1, 2014. CDOT would like to be a Participating Agency in NICTD's West Lake Corridor Environmental Review Process, and we appreciate FTA's invitation. Please direct or copy further CDOT correspondence on this subject to me, and I or another CDOT Planning Section staff will represent CDOT at project meetings as required.

Thank you and please let me know if there are any questions.

-Jeff

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From: Hippensteel, Beth [<mailto:BHippensteel@dnr.IN.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2014 7:28 AM
To: Assam, Mark (FTA)
Subject: ER-17897, Lake Co.

Dear Mr. Assam:

This is a standard informational email in response to your request for an Environmental Review, which was received on October 6, 2014 for the following project:

West Lake Corridor Project, Lake Co., IN and Cook Co., IL EIS: new track improvements, four (4) new stations, and a maintenance facility along a 9 mile southern extension along the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) existing South Shore Line (SSL) between Dyer and Hammond, IN

We would like you to know that the review is in process and a formal response will be forthcoming. Please refer to the ER number in the subject line on all future correspondence regarding this project.

Please note that you can submit future requests electronically to the following email address:
environmentalreview@dnr.in.gov.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Christie Stanifer, Environmental Coordinator, at 317-232-8163 or cstanifer@dnr.in.gov, or to check on the status of a review, please contact Beth Hippensteel at: bhippensteel@dnr.in.gov, or at 317-234-1092.

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From: Fahrenwald, Peter [<mailto:FahrenwaldP@RTACHICAGO.ORG>]
Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2014 3:58 PM
To: Assam, Mark (FTA)
Subject: West Lake Corridor Project

Mark – thanks for the opportunity to attend the agency scoping meeting for the FTA/NICTD EIS, and the invitation for the RTA to be a Participating Agency.

This is to affirm that the RTA does want to be included as a Participating Agency, and I will serve as the primary point of contact. My contact information is listed below.

Regards,
Peter Fahrenwald

Peter Fahrenwald
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From: Laszewski, Virginia [<mailto:Laszewski.Virginia@epa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2014 5:09 PM
To: Assam, Mark (FTA)
Cc: Westlake, Kenneth
Subject: FTA's letter to EPA re: West Lake Corridor Project

Good Afternoon Mr. Assam,

As we just discussed over the phone regarding EPA's receipt of FTA's 10/01/2014, letter concerning the proposed West Lake Corridor project EIS:

- EPA's NEPA Implementation Section just received FTA's letter this afternoon.
- Yes, EPA agrees to be a participating agency in FTA's EIS process for the West Lake Corridor project.
- I will not be able to attend tomorrow's Agency Scoping meeting due to the short notice.
- EPA requests copies of the meeting handouts and any other project information.
- Please also send me a copy of the meeting minutes w/list of attendees and their contact information, when available.
- Please send all West Lake Corridor project information to my attention at the address below (make sure to include the mail code).
- For other future FTA projects, please send notices directly to Kenneth Westlake, Chief, NEPA Implementation Section at the same below address.

Thank you,

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November 5, 2014

Ms. Marisol R. Simon
Regional Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration
Region V
200 West Adams Street, Suite 320
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Dear Ms. Simon:

Thank you for your letter of October 1, 2014. In accordance with Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6 and 23 CFR 771.111(d), the FTA has invited CMAP to be a Participating Agency in the Environment Review Process for the West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County Indiana and Cook County, Illinois.

CMAP is pleased to accept this invitation and as such agrees to provide the following regarding development of the Project EIS:

- Participation in coordination meetings, and/or field visits, as appropriate; and
- Identification of the impacts and important issues to be addressed in the EIS pertaining to the intersection of the Project alternatives with the resource(s) in our jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

Randall S. Blankenhorn
Executive Director

TG:RSB/stk

Via e-mail:
mark.assam@dot.gov

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November 10, 2014

Marisol Simón
Regional Administrator
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Federal Transportation Administration – Region 5
200 West Adams Street, Suite 320
Chicago, IL 60606-5253

RE: West Lake Corridor Project
Lake County, IN and Cook County, IL

Dear Ms. Simón,

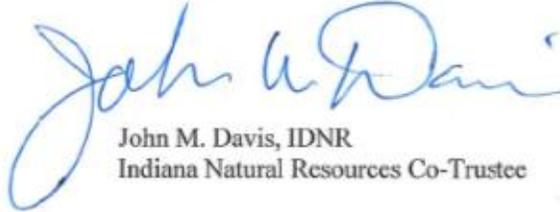
The Indiana state natural resources co-trustees would like to be considered a “Participating Agency” in the environmental review process for the West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois. Correspondence can be coordinated through Carl Wodrich, IDNR Director of Ecological Services on behalf of the Indiana natural resources trustees.

Mr. Wodrich attended the Agency Scoping Meeting on October 28, 2014 in Munster, IN and provided the following comments at that meeting to the project team;

- the Grand Calumet River (GCR), which flows through the northern Lake County cities of Gary, East Chicago and Hammond, is one of the most contaminated rivers in the country due to a long history of chemical dumping and discharges prior to environmental regulations in the 1970s, 80s and 90s; and,
- contaminated sediments in the GCR average 8-10 feet in depth; and,
- the natural resource trustees have settled claims for injury to natural resources in and adjacent to the Grand Calumet River and have used these settlement funds to leverage funding from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (USEPA) Great Lakes National Program Office under the Great Lakes Legacy Act to remediate and restore the West Branch of the GCR and portions of the East Branch of the GCR; and,
- the USEPA, IDEM, IDNR and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) have partnered together on these projects and by mid-2015, the West Branch of the GCR from Indianapolis Boulevard to the IL/IN state line will have been remediated through a combination of dredging and disposal of approximately two (2) feet of contaminated sediments with the remaining contaminated sediments being isolated by an approximately two (2) foot thick reactive cap material that varies a bit in its design between the different reaches of the river; and,
- the Indiana natural resources trustees do not want to see the nearly \$150 million in remediation and restoration efforts in the GCR damaged by new bridge piers in the river channel through this reactive cap.

Any and all correspondence regarding the West Lake Corridor Project can be sent to Mr. Wodrich at cwodrich@dnr.in.gov, or mailed to 402 W. Washington Street, W261, Indianapolis, IN 46204. If you would like to speak to Mr. Wodrich, he can be reached at 317-232-1291. Thank you very much for your consideration of our concerns with respect to our remediation and restoration efforts of the Grand Calumet River in northern Lake County, Indiana.

Sincerely,



John M. Davis, IDNR
Indiana Natural Resources Co-Trustee

Cc: Mark Assam, USDOT FTA (via email)
Elizabeth Admire, IDEM/Indiana Natural Resource Co-Trustee (via email)
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November 11, 2014

Marisol Simon, Regional Administrator
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RE: Invitation to be a Participating Agency in the Environmental Review Process for the West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois (the "West Lake Corridor Project")

Dear Marisol:

The Chicago Transit Authority accepts the FTA's invitation to be a Participating Agency in the EIS process for the West Lake Corridor Project. As you know, the CTA is currently preparing an EIS for the Red Line Extension Project (RLE). The preferred alternative for the RLE project is a 5.3 mile extension at the southern end of CTA's Red Line, utilizing right of way to be acquired along the east or west sides of the Union Pacific Railroad right of way. The proposed alignment for NICTD's West Corridor Project, utilizing the Metra Electric District's line, runs through the proposed RLE transit shed. Accordingly, the CTA has both expertise and information relevant to, and intend to submit comments on, the West Corridor Lake Project.

The CTA appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carole Morey".

Carole Morey
Chief Planning Officer



Thomas M. McDermott, Jr.
Mayor

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

BRIAN L. POLAND, AICP
Director of City Planning

TO: Lisa Ives, AECOM

FROM: Brian L. Poland, AICP, Director of City Planning 

RE: NICTD South Shore Westlake Corridor

DATE: November 7, 2014

CC: Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Mayor
Mark McLaughlin, Chief of Staff

On behalf of the City of Hammond, we appreciate meeting with you and your team as well as John Parsons and NICTD's team on October 7, 2014. It was a great opportunity for various City representatives to hear about the West Lake Corridor project and the Environmental Impact Statement process and provide you with our initial feedback.

I personally attended the scoping session at the Munster Center for Performing Arts on October 28. It was a great opportunity to seek as much public comment as possible at the beginning of the project.

As you explained on October 7, the Environmental Impact Statement process is directed by Federal regulations in which you must address a full gamut of areas of interest. My intention herein is to reiterate the City's comments and input from the October 7th meeting and supplemented by additional feedback subsequent to that meeting.

- 1) Ownership of the Railroad property.
As was discussed, the West Lake Corridor is intended for the Monon RR corridor. The Erie Lackawanna runs NW to SE through Hammond from the Little Calumet River at Indianapolis Blvd. through the downtown to where it the RR crosses the State Line near Gostlin Street. In downtown Hammond, the Monon RR corridor merges with the former Erie Lackawanna RR corridor at Douglas Street. The City of Hammond acquired the Erie Lackawanna RR corridor in a quit claim deed recorded as document number 647657 in October of 1981.

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Around 1983, the City of Hammond applied for funding to construct a linear trail on the Erie Lackawanna line as well as construct the Dan Rabin Transit Plaza. The City of Hammond obtained Land and Water Conservation Fund grant and an Urban Mass Transit Association grant. The land value of a minimum of 20' width of the 100' right-of-way of the Erie Lackawanna was used as local match. The Erie Trail land was restricted to be used for open space in perpetuity and I believe the UMTA grant restricted the Dan Rabin Plaza for Transit use for 40 years.

In reviewing Lake County's GIS system, it appears that it does not accurately show the City's ownership of the Erie ROW between Douglas and the Dan Rabin plaza.

- 2) **Maintaining the Monon Trail with the Rail use.**
The City wishes to retain the Monon Trail and is concerned on how the railroad use can function. Are there appropriate fencing or other separations between the trains and trail users? Where would be the crossing points? Would any fencing become barriers between the neighborhoods and downtown areas on either side of the railroad corridor? What would any fencing look like? Is there appropriate fencing for security but provide an inviting architecturally sensitive design to the residential areas and the downtown?
- 3) **Dan Rabin Plaza**
It was stated at the October 7th meeting, you were looking into removing/relocating the Dan Rabin Plaza. The structure was built about 1984 for the local bus service. With its regional services, GPTC has looked into reopening the Plaza after it was shuttered after the RBA shutdown. The City would be concerned that its responsibilities under the grant obligations are addressed.
- 4) **Maintenance Facility south of 173rd Street**
It was indicated at the October 7th and the October 28th meeting that one of the locations NICTD is considering for the maintenance facility is the property south of 173rd. This area of Hammond is residential and one of the more stable neighborhoods of Hammond. Locating a maintenance facility which is more of an industrial use would not be appropriate for this area of Hammond. It is my understanding from the October 28th meeting that the facility would potentially have a fueling station for diesel engines, the trains would have to run overnight to keep the engine warm, the engine could be kept warm by electricity but would result in a diesel engine being restarted in the early morning hours. This would be an adverse effect on the residential neighborhood from the noise, fumes, and fuel delivery vehicles.

- 5) Diesel versus electric trains
It is our understanding that both diesel and electric trains are being considered. Electric trains bring up the concern of how the electric lines are constructed. Diesel trains bring up the concerns of noise and fumes.
- 6) Freight Traffic
The City has well expressed its opposition to the line being used for freight purposes.
- 7) Route through Downtown Hammond
On October 7th it was discussed how the route would run north of the Dan Rabin Plaza to go under the Hohman overpass, then start to elevate to go over the E-W railroad tracks before returning to grade near Gostlin Street. We discussed the engineering of the route of making the "left" and "right" turns. The City is concerned about how street crossings will be affected at State Street and Willow Court. The City is also concerned about how the route may affect the Chicago Street/Gostlin Street reconstruction project.
- 8) Station locations
Three potential locations were being investigated for Hammond: 173rd Street, downtown Hammond, and the Gateway Station. Some of the concerns common to all of these potential locations would be the size and location of parking facilities, impacts from lighting from the parking area, buffering from adjacent uses, etc. as well as an Individual concern about the potential of using the existing parking structure in Downtown Hammond.
- 9) TOD (Transit oriented development)
The opportunity for sensitive and appropriate transit oriented development is tremendous for the station locations, which has the potential of providing new housing and economic development opportunities. Subsequent to the meetings, the City has provided the requested information for the grant application that was discussed at the October 7th meeting. We look forward to pursuing this with NICTD.
- 10) Environmental Concerns
Concerns about noise and fumes have been referenced above. Also, there are concerns about any ground contamination that may exist in the former Monon yards or along the railroad corridor. Hammond's Department of Environmental Management can provide you any assistance that is requested.
- 11) Impacts on Historic Areas
At the October 7th meeting, the National Register Historic Districts in the Forest Avenue area and Downtown Hammond were discussed. The City Planning Department is available to assist in the Section 106/ 4f process.



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November 4, 2014

NICTD
West Lake Corridor Project
33 East U.S. Highway 12
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Dear Sir:

This is in reference to the September 30, 2014 Federal Register Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for development of a commuter rail line within an approximate 9-mile corridor between Dyer and Hammond, with a possible extension southeast to St. John, all in Lake County, Indiana. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) offers the following comments.

A coalition of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD), Town of Munster, and City of Hammond owns the abandoned right-of-way of the Monon Railroad between the 45th/Fisher Streets area in Munster and Sibley Street in Hammond and proposes using this corridor, in conjunction with the active CSX track, currently utilized by Amtrak and freight trains, south of 45th Street, as the primary route of the proposed commuter rail line. New tracks will be required beyond Sibley Street. Use of a portion of the existing South Shore Line (SSL) and Metra Electric District (MED) facilities or alternative existing rail lines between Hammond and Chicago will also be addressed. Several alternatives for a rail yard/maintenance facility will be considered, including near US 41 at St. John, near Main Street in Dyer, and at the site of the former Monon rail yard in southern Hammond.

There may be wetlands in the Fisher/45th Streets area in southern Munster because numerous other proposed developments in that area have encountered wetlands. However, we do not know what specific parcel has already been purchased by the NICTD/Munster/Hammond coalition in anticipation of a passenger station in that area, so we do not know if wetlands are involved or not. Wetland delineations will therefore be necessary in this area.

There may also be wetlands associated with the proposed crossings of the West Branch Little Calumet River, West Branch Grand Calumet River, and/or Calumet River/Calumet Sag Channel, depending upon the route chosen. The crossing of the West Branch Little Calumet will likely be at the site of the existing abandoned bridge, and a crossing of the Calumet River/Cal Sag Channel would be in the vicinity of the existing Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) Railroad bridge in Burnham. The IHB route bisects Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve in Illinois, which contains numerous wetlands, including adjacent to the existing single railroad track; in Burnham, the IHB is also adjacent to wetlands, plus the Burnham Prairie Nature Preserve. Since entirely new tracks will be required in the downtown Hammond area to connect the old Monon right-of-way with the existing SSL tracks north of the West Branch Grand Calumet River, it is currently unknown where there may be a new crossing of the West Branch Grand Calumet.

The existing bridge over the West Branch Little Calumet River includes several piers within the river channel which are known to collect debris and contribute to flooding problems during high water events. Therefore, the DEIS needs to evaluate the impacts of leaving this bridge in place to serve the commuter line versus removing it and replacing it at the same site with a clear span bridge with no in-channel piers.

The FWS will request mitigation for wetland losses; the mitigation ratio for the loss of forested wetland is 4:1, with 2: or 3:1 for emergent and scrub-shrub wetlands. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, will have to determine whether or not a Section 404 permit would be required for the filling of wetlands due to the rail project. However, the Federal Transit Administration has an obligation to minimize the destruction, loss, or degradation of wetlands pursuant to Executive Order 11990, as amended by Executive Order 12608, concerning protection of wetlands, regardless of the need for a wetland fill permit.

Of particular concern to the FWS is the possibility of a new crossing of the West Branch Grand Calumet River in Hammond. The FWS, in conjunction with the other Natural Resources Trustees (Indiana Departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Management) has been working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to remediate the severely polluted sediments within both the West and East Branches of the Grand Calumet River in Indiana utilizing Great Lakes Legacy Act and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding. This multi-year project has been proceeding along various distinct segments of the river, with the westernmost portion, Reaches 6 and 7 between Hohman Avenue and the State Line, being the last segment to be remediated within the West Branch Grand Calumet; permits have been received and work will begin shortly. The work involves dredging of some of the contaminated sediments and capping of the remaining sediments with a geosynthetic grid, organoclay, and/or granulated activated carbon a minimum of 2 feet deep, topped with several feet of clean sand. Because of the dredging and capping, the Trustees are opposed to any construction activities that could compromise the integrity of the cap, including the placement of piers and abutments for a new railroad bridge. If it is determined by the FTA that a new bridge will be necessary to cross the West Branch Grand Calumet within Hammond, this bridge must be a clear span, with no

piers or abutments within the river channel. We are not aware of similar constraints to the construction of a new bridge over the river in Illinois, because to our knowledge the State of Illinois has not proposed to dredge and cap the river in that state.

Executive Order 13186, issued on January 10, 2001, directs each Federal agency taking actions having or likely to have a negative impact on migratory bird populations to work with the FWS to develop an agreement to conserve those birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). In addition to avoiding or minimizing impacts to migratory bird populations, agencies will be expected to take reasonable steps that include restoring and enhancing habitat and incorporating migratory bird conservation into agency planning processes whenever possible. Therefore, the DEIS you are preparing will need to address this issue. Included in the migratory bird issue is the presence of bald eagles nesting/attempting to nest within wetland and woodland habitats in the Grand Calumet/Cal-Sag Channel/Lake Calumet area in Illinois during the past 4-5 years. An adult eagle pair has attempted to nest at several locations in this area, but we do not have information about the success of the most recent nesting attempt, although the first several attempts were not successful. Bald eagles are protected by the MBTA and also by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; please refer to the National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines available on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Website.

As discussed in the Federal Transit Administration's October 1, 2014 letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, our agency agrees to be a Participating Agency during the EIS process. Staff at our Northern Indiana Suboffice is available to attend the interagency meetings and/or field reviews and to provide early coordination comments on the proposal. Please address correspondence to Mrs. Elizabeth McCloskey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northern Indiana Suboffice, P.O. Box 2616, Chesterton, Indiana 46304, phone (219) 983-9753, elizabeth_mccloskey@fws.gov.

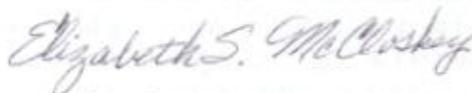
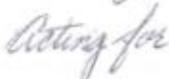
ENDANGERED SPECIES

Lake County, Indiana is within the range of the Federally endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and Karner blue butterfly (*Lycaeides melissa samuelis*), the proposed endangered northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), and the threatened Pitcher's thistle (*Cirsium pitcheri*) and Mead's milkweed (*Asclepias meadii*). Cook County, Illinois is within the range of the Federally endangered piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), Hine's emerald dragonfly (*Somatochlora hineana*), and leafy-prairie clover (*Dalea foliosa*), the proposed endangered northern long-eared bat, the threatened prairie bush clover (*Lespedeza leptostachya*), eastern prairie fringed orchid (*Platanthera leucophaea*), and Mead's milkweed, and the candidate eastern massasauga rattlesnake (*Sistrurus catenatus*) and rattlesnake-master borer moth (*Papaipema eryngii*). Also in Cook County there is designated Critical Habitat for the Hine's emerald dragonfly.

None of the Lake County listed species are known within the West Lake Corridor Project Study Area. Most of the Cook County listed species are also not known within the Corridor, including the Hine's emerald dragonfly and its Critical Habitat. However, we do not know the status of some of the species within the Forest Preserves, Nature Preserves, and other protected habitats within the Corridor.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input during this environmental scoping process. If you have any questions about our comments, please contact Elizabeth McCloskey at (219) 983-9753 or elizabeth_mccloskey@fws.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Scott E. Pruitt
Supervisor

cc: Regional Director, FWS, Ft. Snelling, MN (HC/EC/NWI) (ER 14/0622)
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RESOLUTION 14-32

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED INVESTMENT IN COMMUTER RAIL CONNECTING CHICAGO TO NORTHWEST INDIANA AND THE EXPANSION OF THE WEST LAKE CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, the citizens of Indiana require a safe, efficient and effective transportation system that maintains and enhances mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "The Commission", being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County region, has established a region-wide, cooperative, comprehensive and continuing planning process to develop the unified planning work program, long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program; and

WHEREAS, The Commission enacts the plans and programs to facilitate federal, state and local funding for surface transportation improvements carried out by the Indiana Department of Transportation, the region's communities, counties and transit operators, and provides technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, The Commission as a regional policy body and as staff is strongly committed to the successful implementation of a commuter rail project in Northwest Indiana, one of the key economic development and quality of life initiatives for the region, one which will drive the future of the region; and

WHEREAS, The Commission sees itself as a partner with NICTD; and

WHEREAS, access to a world-class economy is economically beneficial to the State of Indiana;

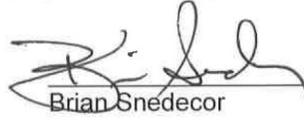
WHEREAS, more than 50,000 residents of Lake and Porter Counties commute to Illinois for employment annually;

WHEREAS, access to Chicago doubles the job base of Lake & Porter counties to 513,000 vs. 244,600;

WHEREAS, the average annual household income of \$82,000 for a South Shore commuter equates to approximately \$369 million;

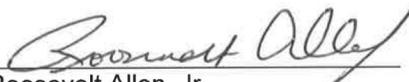
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby endorses increased investment in commuter rail connecting the Chicago market to northwest Indiana in general. The Commission also specifically endorses any opportunity for the development of the West Lake Corridor expansion.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this 16th day of October, 2014.



Brian Snedecor
Chairperson

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Early Coordination/Environmental Assessment

DNR #: ER-17897

Request Received: October 6, 2014

Requestor: US Department of Transportation
 Mark Assam
 Federal Transit Administration
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Project: West Lake Corridor Project, Lake Co., IN and Cook Co., IL EIS: new track improvements, four (4) new stations, and a maintenance facility along a 9 mile southern extension along the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) existing South Shore Line (SSL) between Dyer and Hammond, IN

County/Site info: Lake

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above referenced project per your request. Our agency offers the following comments for your information and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

If our agency has regulatory jurisdiction over the project, the recommendations contained in this letter may become requirements of any permit issued. If we do not have permitting authority, all recommendations are voluntary.

Regulatory Assessment: This proposal may require the formal approval of our agency pursuant to the Flood Control Act (IC 14-28-1) for any proposal to construct, excavate, or fill in or on the floodway of a stream or other flowing waterbody which has a drainage area greater than one square mile, or the Lake Preservation Act (IC 14-26-2) for any construction that will take place at or lakeward of the legal shoreline of a public freshwater lake. Please submit more detailed plans to the Division of Water's Technical Services Section if you are unsure whether or not a permit will be required.

Natural Heritage Database: The Natural Heritage Program's data have been checked. This project does not impact any DNR owned nature preserves. Also, no plant or animal species listed as state or federally threatened, endangered, or rare have been reported to occur within the proposed corridor. However, a historical record of the northern leopard frog (*Lithobates pipiens*), a state species of special concern, and a wet-mesic sand prairie "between EJE Railroad and Conrail Railroad tracks" near Dyer about 0.4 mile east of project, have been documented with 1/2 mile of the proposed corridor.

This review is based on the current proposed alignment. Once stations and maintenance sites are determined, or if the proposed alignment is changed, further review and comments may be needed.

Fish & Wildlife Comments: We do not foresee any impacts to the Northern leopard frog as a result of this project.

Avoid and minimize impacts to fish, wildlife, and botanical resources to the greatest extent possible, and compensate for impacts. The following are recommendations that address potential impacts identified in the proposed project area:

- 1) Stream Crossings:
 Utilizing existing structures will produce fewer impacts to streams, wetlands, and surrounding habitats. If the rehabilitation of an existing structure is not feasible, consider the following:

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Using a three span structure without piers within the Little Calumet River could provide benefits to the river by removing the existing structure and piers and allowing the river to flow unobstructed. Locating a new structure within the footprint of the existing structure and minimizing impacts to surrounding habitat will aid to further minimize impacts to the river, wetlands, and surrounding habitat.

For purposes of maintaining fish passage through a crossing structure, the Environmental Unit recommends bridges rather than culverts and bottomless culverts rather than box or pipe culverts. Wide culverts are better than narrow culverts, and culverts with shorter through lengths are better than culverts with longer through lengths. If box or pipe culverts are used, the bottoms should be buried a minimum of 6" (or 20% of the culvert height/pipe diameter, whichever is greater up to a maximum of 2") below the stream bed elevation to allow a natural streambed to form within or under the crossing structure. Crossings should: span the entire channel width (a minimum of 1.2 times the bankful width); maintain the natural stream substrate within the structure; have a minimum openness ratio (height x width / length) of 0.25; and have stream depth and water velocities during low-flow conditions that are approximate to those in the natural stream channel.

2) Bank Stabilization:

Establishing vegetation along the banks is critical for stabilization and erosion control. In addition to vegetation, some other form of bank stabilization may be needed. While hard armoring alone (e.g. riprap or glacial stone) may be needed in certain instances, soft armoring and bioengineering techniques should be considered first. In many instances, one or more methods are necessary to increase the likelihood of vegetation establishment. Combining vegetation with most bank stabilization methods can provide additional bank protection while not compromising the benefits to fish and wildlife. Information about bioengineering techniques can be found at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/20120404-IR-312120154NRA.xml.pdf>. Also, the following is a USDA/NRCS document that outlines many different bioengineering techniques for streambank stabilization: <http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/17553.wba>.

The new, replacement, or rehabbed structure, and any bank stabilization under or around the structure, should not create conditions that are less favorable for wildlife passage under the structure compared to the current conditions. A level area of natural ground under the structure is ideal for wildlife passage. If hard armoring is needed, we recommend a smooth-surfaced material such as articulated concrete mats (or riprap at the toe and turf reinforcement mats above the riprap toe protection) be placed on the side-slopes instead of riprap. Such materials will not impair wildlife movement along the banks under the bridge.

Riprap must not be placed in the active thalweg channel or placed in the streambed in a manner that precludes fish or aquatic organism passage (riprap must not be placed above the existing streambed elevation). Riprap may be used only at the toe of the sideslopes up to the ordinary high water mark (OHWM). The banks above the OHWM must be restored, stabilized, and revegetated using geotextiles and a mixture of grasses, sedges, wildflowers, shrubs, and trees native to Northern Indiana and specifically for stream bank/floodway stabilization purposes as soon as possible upon completion.

3) Riparian Habitat:

We recommend a mitigation plan be developed (and submitted with the permit application, if required) if habitat impacts will occur. The DNR's Floodway Habitat Mitigation guidelines (and plant lists) can be found online at: <http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/20140806-IR-312140295NRA.xml.pdf>.

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Impacts to non-wetland forest over one (1) acre should be mitigated at a minimum 2:1 ratio. If less than one acre of non-wetland forest is removed in a rural setting, replacement should be at a 1:1 ratio based on area. Impacts to non-wetland forest under one (1) acre in an urban setting should be mitigated by planting five trees, at least 2 inches in diameter-at-breast height (dbh), for each tree which is removed that is 10" dbh or greater (5:1 mitigation based on the number of large trees).

Remediation efforts along the west and east branches of the Grand Calumet River under the Great Lakes Legacy Act and Great Lakes Restoration Initiative have been on-going, and the last segment of remediation work along the Grand Calumet River from Hohman Avenue to the state line will begin soon. Any work proposed within the Grand Calumet River floodway for this project should avoid impacts to any mitigation planting areas from the remediation project.

4) Wetlands:

A formal wetland delineation should be conducted in order to determine the presence of and extent of any wetland habitat within the project corridor. Impacts should be avoided and minimized to the greatest extent possible.

Due to the presence or potential presence of wetlands on site, we recommend contacting and coordinating with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) 401 program and also the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 404 program. Impacts to wetlands should be mitigated at the appropriate ratio (see guidelines above).

5) Exposed Soils:

All exposed soil areas must be stabilized with temporary or permanent vegetation by November 1. Between November 1 and April 1, all exposed soils idle for longer than 7 days must be stabilized with erosion control blankets or with a bonded fiber matrix hydro-mulch. Sites must be protected from seasonal flooding by keeping traffic areas covered with stone and soil stockpiles seeded, stable and contained with silt fencing.

The additional measures listed below should be implemented to avoid, minimize, or compensate for impacts to fish, wildlife, and botanical resources:

1. Revegetate all bare and disturbed areas with a mixture of grasses (excluding all varieties of tall fescue), legumes, and native shrub and hardwood tree species as soon as possible upon completion.
2. Minimize and contain within the project limits inchannel disturbance and the clearing of trees and brush.
3. Do not work in the waterway from April 1 through June 30 without the prior written approval of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.
4. Do not cut any trees suitable for Indiana bat roosting (greater than 3 inches dbh, living or dead, with loose hanging bark) from April 1 through September 30.
5. Do not excavate in the low flow area except for the placement of piers, foundations, and riprap, or removal of the old structure.
6. Do not construct any temporary runarounds, causeways, or cofferdams.
7. Use minimum average 6 inch graded riprap stone extended below the normal water level to provide habitat for aquatic organisms in the voids.
8. Do not use broken concrete as riprap.
9. Minimize the movement of resuspended bottom sediment from the immediate project area.
10. Do not deposit or allow demolition materials or debris to fall or otherwise enter the waterway.
11. Appropriately designed measures for controlling erosion and sediment must be implemented to prevent sediment from entering the stream or leaving the construction site; maintain these measures until construction is complete and all disturbed areas are stabilized.
12. Seed and protect all disturbed streambanks and slopes that are 3:1 or steeper with

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erosion control blankets (follow manufacturer's recommendations for selection and installation); seed and apply mulch on all other disturbed areas.

Christie L. Stanifer, Environ. Coordinator, Fish & Wildlife
Our agency appreciates this opportunity to be of service. Please contact the above staff member at (317) 232-4080 if we can be of further assistance.

**Date:** November 7, 2014

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Mr. Mark Assam
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Dear Mr. Assam:

As requested by the Department of the Interior (Department), the Midwest Regional Office of the National Park Service (NPS) has reviewed Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), for the West Lake Corridor Project in Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois. The NPS offers the following comments and recommendations for your consideration:

There are 21 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects sponsored by various entities within Lake County, Indiana, that may be within or close to the proposed West Lake study area. Each of these sites is encumbered by the LWCF Act (Public Law 88-578, as amended) and specifically Section 6(f)(3) of the Act which states: "No property acquired or developed with assistance under this section shall without the approval of the Secretary (of the Interior), be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location."

We therefore recommend officials preparing the West Lake document contact Robert Bronson with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for additional consultation in determining the exact location for each of these assisted sites. Mr. Bronson is the administrator for the LWCF program in Indiana and can be contacted at the locations below:

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The LWCF projects are:

18-00005, Edward C. Dowling Park	18-00059, Wadsworth Park
18-00063, Ellendale Park	18-00071, Wadsworth Park
18-00087, Sheppard Park	18-00137, Northgate Park
18-00150, Meadows Park Acquisition	18-00189, Dowling Park Tennis Court Lighting
18-00194, Maywood Park Annex	18-00193, Harrison Park Tennis Court Lighting
18-00199, Ridgeway Park	18-00206, Meadows Park Development
18-00226, Hoosier Prairie Acquisition	18-00231, Pheasant Hills Park
18-00239, Bluebird Park	18-00302, Munster Community Park
18-00369H, Harrison Park Renovation	18-00413, State Park & Preserve Improvements
18-00417, Centennial Plaza and Trail	18-00523, Centennial Park Phase II
18-00586, Teibel Nature Park	

The Department has a continuing interest in working with the Federal Railroad Administration to ensure impacts to resources of concern to the Department and the NPS are adequately addressed. For questions or additional information regarding these sites, please contact Bob Anderson, Chief, Recreation Grants Division, Midwest Region, National Park Service, 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, Nebraska, telephone 402-661-1540, email Bob_L_Anderson@nps.gov.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,



Patricia S. Trap
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From: Dustin Anderson [<mailto:danderson@munster.org>]
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 4:33 PM
To: Assam, Mark (FTA)
Subject: West Lake Corridor Project - Environmental Review Process

Mark,

It was a pleasure speaking to you this afternoon.

As I mentioned, the invitation letter came to me later than intended.

While I did miss the initial project scoping conversation, I would very much like Munster to be included as a Participating Agency in the EIS Project.

Thank you very much,

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October 24, 2014

Marisol R. Simón
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Dear Ms. Simón:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 1, 2014 inviting Cook County to participate in the Environmental Review Process for the West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana. Cook County appreciates being asked to serve as a participating agency in the EIS process for this project and accepts your invitation. The County will be represented by John Yonan, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways, and by María Choca Urban, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Bureau of Administration. Contact information for both John and María is as follows:

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Send meeting materials for the Agency Scoping Meeting on October 28th to John and María.

Sincerely,


Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners

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John Parson, NICTD Director of Marketing and Planning
Lisa Ives, West Lake Corridor Project Manager



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Re: Scoping Comments – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Lake Corridor Project in Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois.

Dear Ms. Simon and Mr. Parsons:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reviewed the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) September 30, 2014, Federal Register Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in cooperation with the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) for the West Lake Corridor Project (Project). EPA also reviewed NICTD's West Lake Corridor Project Scoping Booklet (dated October 2014) (Scoping Booklet). EPA accepted participating agency status in FTA's environmental review process for the Project (per October 27, 2014 5:09 PM email from V. Laszewski, EPA to M. Assam, FTA). In accordance with EPA's responsibilities under Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), we are providing scoping comments regarding issues that we believe should be considered during the preparation of the EIS for this transit project.

The NOI and Scoping Booklet identify that the purpose of the Project is to expand NICTD's transit service coverage in high-growth areas of Lake County, Indiana in order to improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County. Alternatives to be considered in the DEIS include a No-build alternative and a Commuter Rail alternative. The Commuter Rail alternative has several alignment design options for route alignments, station locations, maintenance facility sites, and vehicle mode (i.e., electric heavy rail, diesel heavy rail, and combined electric/diesel rail).

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Sediment remediation

In an effort to clean up the most polluted areas in the Great Lakes, the United States and Canada committed to working with State and Provincial governments to develop Remedial Action Plans for designated Areas of Concern (AOC) in the Great Lakes Basin. The northern portion of the Project study area in Indiana is located within a designated AOC. This portion of the study area includes the West Branch Grand Calumet River. On-going remediation efforts by EPA and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to address polluted sediments in the West Branch Grand Calumet River in Indiana have been and continue to take place up to the Indiana/Illinois state line. Remediation work involves dredging of some of the polluted sediments and capping the remaining sediments. EPA and IDNR are particularly concerned that the integrity of the cap is maintained and that remediation efforts are not disturbed and/or disrupted.

The DEIS will need to address these concerns. The West Lake Corridor Project should be located, designed, constructed and operated to avoid impacts to past, present and future remediation efforts on the West Branch of the Grand Calumet River. If a new bridge crossing is necessary in this area, then we recommend the bridge be designed to span the river without piers or abutments placed in the river channel that would compromise the integrity of the cap. For additional information, contact Diana Mally, EPA Great Lakes National Program Office at 312/886-7275 or mally.diana@epa.gov.

Air quality

Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois are designated non-attainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard. EPA plans to propose a revised ozone standard December 1, 2014 and finalize October 2015. For information regarding the ozone standard, you may contact Edward Doty of our Air and Radiation Division at 312/886-6057 or at doty.edward@epa.gov.

Other issues

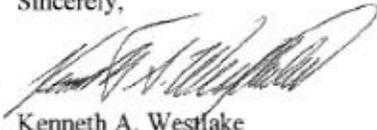
EPA concurs with the 21 general categories of environmental resources and potential impacts identified in the Scoping Booklet (page 5) and NOI (V. Probable Effects/Potential Impacts for Analysis) for proposed detailed examination in the EIS. The enclosure to this letter provides additional comments for FTA and NICTD consideration while preparing the DEIS. Our comments, in part, regard identification and assessment of alternatives/alternative options, and subjects to be evaluated, including transit-dependent populations, populations with environmental justice concerns, air quality, water resources, vegetation and wildlife habitat, induced development, and mitigation. We also recommend the project proponents consider incorporating green building strategies into the West Lake Corridor Project. By adopting green building strategies, the project proponents can maximize economic and environmental performance. Green building methods can be integrated into buildings (e.g., transit stations) at any stage, from design and construction, to renovation and deconstruction.

EPA understands that the FTA environmental review will culminate in a combined Final EIS (FEIS)/Record of Decision (ROD). We recommend FTA convene a meeting of the participating resources agencies to present and discuss FTA's proposed draft written responses to DEIS comments prior to FTA issuing an FEIS/ROD. This will provide the resources agencies an

opportunity to react to the proposed responses to the agencies' DEIS comments and for resolution of these issues to be pursued prior to release of the FEIS/ROD.

Virginia Laszewski, of my staff, is EPA's lead NEPA reviewer for this project. She may be reached by calling 312/886-7501 or by email at laszewski.virginia@epa.gov. As a participating agency, EPA will attend project meetings/conference calls and review project materials as staff time and resources allow. EPA requests at least a two-week advance notice prior to our receipt of project materials for review and prior to project meetings/conference calls.

Sincerely,



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 Chief, NEPA Implementation Section
 Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Enclosure: EPA Scoping Comments - FTA West Lake Corridor Project EIS

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EPA Scoping Comments - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the West Lake Corridor Project Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois.

Project Description: The NOI and the West Lake Corridor Project (Project) Scoping Booklet (dated October 2014) describe the Project as an approximately 9-mile southern extension of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District's (NICTD) existing South Shore Line (SSL) between Dyer and Hammond, Indiana. In addition, the Project would operate on about 15 miles of existing SSL and Metra Electric District's (MED) line to the Millennium Station in downtown Chicago. The Project would involve new track improvements along the existing CSX Transportation and former Monon railroad corridors, with a flyover to the existing SSL in Hammond. Four potential stations would be included at the Munster/Dyer Main Street, Munster Fisher/45th Streets, South Hammond, and Downtown Hammond. A maintenance facility would also be needed to store and maintain the vehicles. Two alignment design options are also being considered for the Project, including a possible extension to St. John, Indiana on the southern end, and another along the Indiana Harbor Belt Kensington Branch through Calumet City, Burnham and Chicago, Illinois on the north end. To facilitate this Project, core capacity improvements to the existing MED line and Millennium Station may be required to accommodate the Project.

The project overlaps the study area for the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Chicago-Detroit/Pontiac Passenger Rail Improvement Project, whose DEIS is currently available for public comment. That project is evaluating multiple rail corridor alternatives between Downtown Chicago and Porter, Indiana, in the heavily congested "South of the Lake" area.

Recommendation: In addition to the Project's 9-mile extension with its associated facilities and the two alignment design options, EPA recommends the DEIS evaluate and identify the specific capacity improvements to the existing MED line and Millennium Station that may be required for the Project. Impacts associated with any needed improvements and extensions should be disclosed and potential mitigation measures identified in the DEIS. FTA and NICTD should coordinate closely with FRA and the Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan Departments of Transportation to ensure that the West Lake Corridor Project and the Chicago-Detroit/Pontiac Passenger Rail Project are integrated and do not conflict in infrastructure and operations.

Purpose and Need: According to the documents "[t]he Project would expand NICTD's service coverage, improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County." "Specifically the Project is intended to: 1) Serve high-growth areas in central, southern, and western Lake County, Indiana, 2) Conveniently connect more Northwest Indian residents to downtown Chicago jobs and major activity centers, 3) Establish a solid modal alternative between the two metropolitan regions other than driving, 4) Lower commuting travel times and costs, 5) Increase NICTD system ridership, 6) Promote economic development opportunities, 7) Create local jobs in Northwest Indian, 8) Attract and retain families and younger residents, and 9) Provide a valued transportation asset for us by all northwest Indiana residents."

Recommendation: We recommend NICTD and FTA consider prioritizing the Project's goals based on substantiated need/s. Identify objectives for each goal and then identify the evaluation measures that will be used to assess how well various alternatives/options meet each goal's objective/s.

For example, one of the goals of the Project is to: *"Provide a valued transportation asset for use by all Northwest Indiana Residents."* One of the objectives under this goal might be: *"Help address unmet transit needs of people who depend on transit."* Evaluation measures to assess, disclose and compare how well proposed station locations and alternative alignment options specifically meet the transit needs of transit dependent populations might be: *"The ease (number of times/day and amount of time it takes) for identified transit dependent populations to get to and from a potential transit station location via existing and/or proposed connecting bus service route/s and/or pedestrian/bike routes."*

Recommendation: The DEIS should identify and discuss the specific needs of transit-dependent populations in and near the transit corridor/s, and the region.

Alternatives: Alternatives to be considered in the DEIS include a No-build alternative and a Commuter Rail alternative. The Commuter Rail alternative has several alignment and design options in terms of route alignment, station locations, maintenance facility sites, and vehicle mode (i.e., electric heavy rail, diesel heavy rail, and combined electric/diesel rail).

Recommendation: The DEIS alternative route alignments should be assessed for their potential to impact past, present and future ongoing remediation efforts of contaminated sediments in the West Branch Grand Calumet River in Indiana. (See our detailed comments regarding this issue later under "Water Resources" and the cover letter to this enclosure.)

Recommendation: We recommend the build alternatives also include connecting pedestrian/bikeway routes.

Recommendation: To help enhance the environment for communities in the project area, we recommend that brownfield sites in the corridor be identified and assessed for their potential as transit station locations, park-and-ride lots, and/or other supporting transit facilities.

Environmental Justice (EJ): Communities with environmental justice concerns may constitute one portion of the potential ridership along this corridor.

Recommendation: We recommend communities that may experience disproportionate impacts or barriers to participation ("EJ communities") be identified, including through use of demographic mapping, in the region and along the proposed corridor. We recommend considering the potential for disproportionate impacts at a local scale (census block levels), especially in the denser urban areas related to the project. All potential and applicable impacts to these communities, such as air quality, noise, health, fare pricing, station locations, impacts to businesses, and related changes should be assessed in the DEIS.

Recommendation: We recommend the DEIS include specific information that substantiates that representatives from affected communities and transit-dependent populations have been actively involved in the development of NICTD's 2011 West Lake Corridor Study. The DEIS should document ongoing efforts to engage EJ communities and transit-dependent populations through the remainder of the NEPA process.

Air Quality/National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)/Transportation Conformity/Air Toxics: Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois are designated non-attainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard. EPA plans to propose a revised ozone standard December 1, 2014 and finalize October 2015. For information regarding the ozone standard you may contact Edward Doty of our Air and Radiation Division at 312/886-6057 or at doty.edward@epa.gov.

Recommendation: The DEIS should discuss local and regional air quality, the project's impacts on air quality and transportation conformity with the State Air Quality Implementation Plan.

While a transit project may be anticipated to maintain or reduce emissions from private vehicles, the system may add bus or train diesel exhaust and/or electric generation emissions for trains.

Recommendation: We recommend the DEIS quantify these emissions, including emissions of greenhouse gases, and identify possible measures to reduce these emissions. Best management practices (BMPs) that will be followed to reduce emissions, particularly of diesel-related air toxics during construction and operation, should be identified. Such measures may include, but should not be limited to, strategies to reduce diesel emissions, such as project construction contracts that require the use of equipment with clean diesel engines and the use of clean diesel fuels, and limits on the length of time equipment is allowed to idle when not in active use (EPA recommends idling not exceed 5 minutes).

Climate Change/Green House Gases GHG/Increased Frequency and Intensity of Precipitation Events: Increased frequency and intensity of precipitation events can be anticipated due to climate change.

Recommendation: We recommend the DEIS identify and discuss how such precipitation events might impact the proposed project and its associated facilities during construction and operation. We recommend that the DEIS identify and discuss any anticipated effects of climate change on the project and possible adaptation measures. For example, discuss any effects that predicted increases in the number and/or intensity of precipitation events associated with climate change may have on sizing bridge spans, culvert openings, and stormwater management measures in order to accommodate such events and ensure project longevity, public health, and safety.

Water Resources: The wetlands, lakes, rivers and streams and their associated floodplains in the project area could be directly and/or indirectly impacted by construction and/or operation of the proposed transit project.

A portion of the project study area includes the West Branch Grand Calumet River. On-going remediation efforts to address polluted sediments in the West Branch Grand Calumet River in

Indiana have been and continue to take place up to the Indiana/Illinois state line. Remediation work involves dredging of some of the polluted sediments and capping the remaining sediments. Of particular concern is making sure that the integrity of the cap is maintained and remediation efforts are not disrupted. The DEIS will need to address these concerns.

Recommendation: The Project should be located, designed, constructed and operated to avoid any impacts to past, present and future remediation efforts on the West Branch of the Grand Calumet River. If a new bridge crossing is necessary, then the bridge should be designed to span the river without piers or abutments in the river channel that would compromise the integrity of the cap.

Recommendation: The DEIS should identify and assess floodplain impacts and potential mitigation measures to avoid and reduce impacts.

We expect a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 permit will be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for proposed discharges of dredged or fill materials to Waters of the United States. The Section 404 approval is contingent upon the project complying with the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines under the CWA. These guidelines are summarized as follows:

- Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) – There must be no practicable alternative to the proposed discharge (impacts) which would have less adverse impact on the aquatic ecosystem, so long as the alternative does not have other significant adverse environmental consequences;
- No Violation of Other Laws – The proposed project must not cause or contribute to the violation of state water quality standards or toxic effluent standards, and must not jeopardize the continued existence of federally-listed endangered or threatened species of their critical habitat(s);
- No Significant Degradation – The project must not cause or contribute to significant degradation of Waters of the United States; and
- Minimization and Mitigation of Adverse Impacts – The project must include appropriate and practicable steps to avoid impacts to regulated Waters of the United States; where impacts are unavoidable, demonstration of how impacts have been minimized; and must provide compensatory mitigation to offset unavoidable, minimized impacts to the aquatic ecosystem.

Recommendations:

- We recommend the DEIS identify the various water resources in the project area, disclose their existing conditions, and quantify impacts associated with each alternative.
- We recommend the water resources information and discussion in the DEIS demonstrate that the rail rights-of-way, potential park-and-ride lots, stations and

other ancillary project facilities avoid wetland, lake and stream impacts, to the extent feasible. Where water resources cannot be avoided, the DEIS should discuss how impacts to water resources will be minimized.

- The rationale and justification for recommending or selecting one component/option over others should be presented in the DEIS.
- We recommend that wetland delineations, and wetland and stream assessments be included in the DEIS.
- We recommend the DEIS include draft wetland and stream mitigation plans, for those impacts that cannot be avoided or minimized.
- We recommend the DEIS discuss how project alternatives will address stormwater management in order to protect and, if feasible, enhance water resources in the watershed. For information regarding stormwater management and stormwater management best practices see EPA's website: http://www.epa.gov/greeningepa/stormwater/best_practices.htm.

Federal and State Listed Species: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in its scoping letter for this project, dated November 4, 2014, noted multiple species, including endangered and proposed-as-endangered species, as being located in Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois. Additionally, many state-listed, threatened, endangered, and special concerns species are found in these counties.

Recommendation: EPA recommends that FTA/NICTD continue to coordinate with USFWS and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to determine if any of the proposed activities would or could detrimentally affect any Federally- or state-listed species, species proposed for listing, or their critical habitat. The DEIS should include the results to-date of the coordination with USFWS and IDNR regarding the proposals potential to affect any Federally- or state-listed threatened or endangered species, including the northern-long eared bat.

Vegetation and Wildlife Habitat: According to the above referenced USFWS letter, the project corridor includes Forest Preserves, Nature Preserves and other protected habitats. These areas contain, in part, wetlands, prairie and forests that provide valuable wildlife habitat. These areas also protect water quality and quantity in their watersheds, and the soil and vegetation provide carbon sinks to help ameliorate climate change.

Recommendation: Impacts to these resources should be avoided. The DEIS will need to assess the various Project components for potential impacts to these resources. If impacts cannot be avoided mitigation measures should be identified in coordination with the USFWS and IDNR.

Noxious Weeds/Invasive Species: Noxious weeds/invasive species may occur within or near the existing right-of-way (ROW). Early recognition and control of new infestations is essential to

stopping the spread of infestation and avoiding future widespread use of herbicides, which could correspondingly have more adverse impacts on biodiversity and nearby water quality.

Recommendations: We recommend the DEIS include a vegetative management plan that addresses the identification and control of noxious weed/invasive species in and near the project ROW and associated facilities during project construction and operation. The plan should list the noxious weeds and exotic plants that occur in the resource area. In cases where noxious weeds are a threat, EPA recommends the document detail a strategy for prevention, early detection of invasion, and control procedures for each species.

Induced Development: The project is intended to serve and draw ridership, in part, from rapidly developing areas in Lake County. Transit stations and associated transit park-and-ride lots may induce and accelerate development such as convenience stores, gas stations, restaurants. Induced development could have adverse impacts. For example, increases in impervious surfaces due to induced development may have the potential to cause or increase flooding, and/or impact surface and ground water quality. The project also has the potential to spur energy-efficient transit-oriented development in the vicinity of its stations.

Recommendation: We recommend the project's potential for causing induced/accelerated development be assessed and disclosed in the DEIS. Impacts associated with induce/accelerated development should be identified in the DEIS and potential mitigation measures to avoid and reduce potential impacts identified. Of particular concern are increases noise, vibration and air quality impacts for residents and other sensitive receptors, and impacts to water resources and wildlife.

Sustainability and Greening: By adopting green building strategies, the project proponents can maximize economic and environmental performance. Green building methods can be integrated into buildings such at the transit stations at any stage, from design and construction, to renovation and deconstruction. For additional information on green building, we recommend you visit our website at www.epa.gov/greenbuilding/.

Recommendation: We recommend project proponents consider using green building strategies for this transit proposal.

Section 106 Consultations

DNR

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Michael R. Pence, Governor
Cameron F. Clark, Director

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November 3, 2014

Marisol R. Simón
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Federal Agency: Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”)

Re: FTA Section 106 Historic Review Initiation: Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, West Lake Corridor Project (DHPA No. 16774)

Dear Ms. Simón:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer (“Indiana SHPO”) has reviewed your letter dated September 29, 2014, and received on October 2, for the aforementioned project in Lake County, Indiana, and Cook County, Illinois.

Thank you for notifying us of the initiation of the Section 106 review process for this Federal undertaking.

We thank you, as well, for notifying us of the FTA’s authorization of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (“NICTD”) to undertake coordination activities with the Indiana SHPO.

In Section 106 reviews, we typically request the following, additional kinds of information to facilitate the identification and evaluation, under 36 C.F.R. §§ 800.3 and 800.4, of historic properties in the project area and in the broader area of potential effects:

- 1) Provide a list of all proposed or invited consulting parties with the name and e-mail address or postal address of the appropriate contact person.
- 2) Provide a more specific description of the project and its location.
 - Include address, city, township, and county.
 - Detail any construction, demolition, and earthmoving activities.
- 3) Define the area of potential effects¹ and provide a map or a good quality photocopy of a map containing the following:
 - The boundaries of the area of potential effects and the precise location of the project area within those boundaries clearly outlined in dark ink on a copy of the relevant portion of a town, city, county, or U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle map.
 - The names of nearby landmarks clearly labeled (e.g., major streets, roads, highways, railroads, rivers, lakes).

¹ “Area of potential effects” means the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist. The area of potential effects is influenced by the scale and nature of an undertaking and may be different for different kinds of effects caused by the undertaking (see 36 C.F.R. § 800.16[d]).

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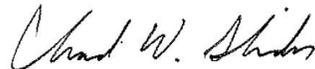
- 4) Give the precise location of any buildings, structures, and objects *within the area of potential effects* (e.g., addresses and a site map with properties keyed to it).
- 5) Give the known or approximate date of construction for buildings, structures, objects, and districts *within the area of potential effects*.
- 6) Submit historical documentation for buildings, structures, objects, and districts *within the area of potential effects*.
- 7) List all sources checked for your historical research of the *area of potential effects*.
- 8) Provide clear, recent photographs or good quality computer-generated images (not photocopies or aerial photographs), keyed to a site plan, showing any buildings, structures, objects, or land *that could be affected in any way by the project*. These photographs should be of the project area and the defined area of potential effect.
- 9) Describe the current and past land uses within the project area; in particular, state whether or not the ground is known to have been disturbed by construction, excavation, grading, or filling, and, if so, indicate the part or parts of the project area that have been disturbed and the nature of the disturbance; agricultural tilling generally does not have a serious enough impact on archaeological sites to constitute a disturbance of the ground for this purpose.

Although we realize that this project would be funded by FTA, rather than by the Federal Highway Administration or the Indiana Department of Transportation (“INDOT”), we would commend to FTA’s and NICTD’s review INDOT’s *Cultural Resources Manual*, which can be found at www.in.gov/indot/crm/. The *Cultural Resources Manual* provides specific guidance on applying the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation’s 36 C.F.R. Part 800 regulations to highway, bridge, and transportation enhancement projects, which we think could be useful to FTA and NICTD in working through the Section 106 process for this Federal undertaking.

The 36 C.F.R. Part 800 regulations governing the Section 106 review process may be found at www.achp.gov.

If you have questions about archaeological issues, please contact Wade T. Tharp at (317) 232-1650 or wtharp1@dnr.IN.gov. Questions about buildings or structures should be directed to John Carr at (317) 232-1949 or jcarr@dnr.IN.gov. In all future correspondence regarding the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, West Lake Corridor Project, please refer to DHPA No. 16774.

Very truly yours,



Mitchell K. Zoll
 Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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emc: Mark Assam, Federal Transit Administration, Region V
 Reginald Arkell, Federal Transit Administration, Region V

PROJECT CONSULTATION OPTIONS

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

Project Name: West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois

Please check the appropriate response. Use the back of this form or additional sheets if you wish to make comments:

Project	There are no known places of traditional religious or cultural importance present or within the vicinity of the proposed project and further consultation is not requested.	There are <u>or may be</u> places of traditional religious or cultural importance present or within the vicinity of the proposed project and further consultation is requested.	Our organization has no interest associated with this proposed project and further consultation is not required.
West Lake Corridor Project, Lake County, Indiana and Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have chosen to continue consultation, please indicate the manner in which you wish to do so:

Mail (address): PO Box 1527
Miami, Ok 74355-1527

Email: CStacy@peoriatribe.com

Phone: 918-540-2535

Other (please describe) _____

(NAME OF TRIBE) designated contact for this proposed Project:

Cynthia Stacy, Special Projects 918-540-2535 x31
 NAME, TITLE (please print) Manager/ NAGPRA Phone

Cynthia Stacy 10/15/14
 SIGNED Date

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 Environmental Protection Specialist
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 200 W. Adams Street, Suite 320
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Or e-mail: mark.assam@dot.gov

**SECTION 106
Consulting Parties Acceptance Form
West Lake Corridor Project
Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois**

Yes, I Richard M. Lytle, wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Lake Corridor Project. My demonstrated interest in historic properties as associated with this Project is described as follows:

I AM THE LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARIAN AT THE HAMMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE HAMMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Or;

No, I _____, do not wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Lake Corridor Project.

Date: 10 October 2014

Name of Organization: Hammond Historical Society
Address: 564 State St, Hammond, IN 46320
Email Address: lytle@hammond.lib.in.us
Phone Number: 219-931-5100

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Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District
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SECTION 106
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West Lake Corridor Project
Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois

Yes, I Bruce Woods, wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Lake Corridor Project. My demonstrated interest in historic properties as associated with this Project is described as follows:

Lake County Historian

Or;

No, I _____, do not wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Lake Corridor Project.

Date: 10/11/14

Name of Organization: Lake Co. Hist. Soc.

Address: Courthouse Sq., Suite 205, Crown Point, IN 46307

Email Address: brucewoods_mhs@yahoo.com

Phone Number: 219.662.3975

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**SECTION 106
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Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois**

Yes, I TIFFANY TOLBERT, wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Lake Corridor Project. My demonstrated interest in historic properties as associated with this Project is described as follows:

INDIANA LANDMARKS NORTHWEST FIELD OFFICE COVERS LAKE, POERTE, JASPER AND NEWTON COUNTIES. Indiana Landmarks is a statewide not-for-profit organization. Our mission is to revitalize communities, reconnect us to our heritage and save meaningful places.

No, I _____, do not wish to be a consulting party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the West Lake Corridor Project.

Date: 10/28/14

Name of Organization: INDIANA LANDMARKS - NORTHWEST FIELD OFFICE
 Address: 541 S. LAKE STREET GARY, IN 46403
 Email Address: TTOLBERT@indianalandmarks.org
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APPENDIX E

Public Scoping Comments

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS



Meeting Purpose: Public Scoping Meeting
 Location: The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Rd, Munster, IN 46321
 Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

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Richard Ludlow	Town of Schneider IN	219 712-6930		23710 Euclid St. Schneider	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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Ron Verburg	MUNSTER	2A 836 6203		8409 MORAWA Av 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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Chris Rietman		219 218 5019	oxymoronicmusic@gmail.com	930 TYLER AVE APT 418 DIER, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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ANNE HERBERT	Hammond	219-931-8852	adherb3@ 3bcglobal.net	3927 Wallace Rd Hammond, IN 46320	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Facebook
Dr. Molly Farrell	Dyer	219-865-3737	mfar6790@comcast.net	1045 Steffens Ave Dyer, IN 46304	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Don Keoghan	Munster	219-838-0649		455 Janka Dr. Munster IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Tom Drake	Lansing	208-445-6041			Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Wm Sheehan	Dyer	219 670-9708	wmshee@gmail.com	647 205th Pl, Dyer IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Jim Morjic	Wapakone	219 981 4100/342	Smorjic@qotw.com W.G.	3522 G-7 St. Gary IN 46408	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Tom Ryan		773.330.6817	TURKON45@GMAIL.NET		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Debra Campbell	City of Gary	319/841-3000	debracampbell@ cityofgary.in.us	839 Shawnee Gary 46402	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
ROBERT CASH	Hammond	312 731-7072	robertcash@group.net	4316 WIND ST. HAMMOND, IN 46320	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Eric Pitas	Hammond	219 932-6355			Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

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JOHN WIDOWFIND	CSX TRANSPORTATION	708-832-7180	John.Widowfind@csx.com	CAWMAST CITY ILLINOIS	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Scott Weber	Northwestern Lutheran Hospital Agency Commission	219-763-6060 x122	sw@nwla.org	317 Leshan St Apt 45 LA PRANITE, IN 46385	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Jonathan Hoff	Lansing, IL		Acrofrost18@gmail.com	18321 Maple ST, Lansing, IL 60438	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Brian Doyle	CN RAIL		brian.doyle@ironroad.ca	20 Bay St. Toronto ON M4W 1J7	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Julie Barsinger	Live on Garfield Ave.	219-776-7369	canmerj@yahoo.com	8552 Garfield Ave. Munster, IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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Steven Sharcaf	West Lakes		sharcaf.no1@aol.com	124 Solihury Drive	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
John Sawinski	Griffith	765 572-1	jsawins@griffith.net	1146 N. Lafayette Griffith	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Robin Mantel	Wight Co	312-261-5730	rmantel@wightco.com	211 N. Clinton Street Suite 300 N Chicago, IL 60601	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Participates in agency</u>
Bill Simms	HACDA	933-7177	Bill.Simms@att.net	6326 Van Buren, Hammond 46324	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Luiz Escanilla		(219) 359-6603	Luiz Esc		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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MARGARET GALVIN	Hammond	219-933-4715		50 Kenwood, Hammond, IN 46324	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Cornie Taylor		219-931-2823	Cornie.taylor.2013@yahoo.com	4624 Jackson Ave Hammond, IN 46324	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
NANCY NIXON		219-834-4018		9004 - WILKMAN AVE MUNSTER IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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Andrew Berlincki				Munster, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
Tim Fesko					Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
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Rev. Donnatelli	LANSING / HALL ISSACHAN MINISTRIES	708-895-6630	atthisfectonly@msn.com	PO Box 653, LANSING IL 60438	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
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Paul Rotatori	Munster		paul.rotatori@gmail.com	8118 Kraus Ave Munster, IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: Newspaper
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**Public Online Comments Received****1. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/15/2014 2:01 PM**

questions_comments: **The proposed Dyer stop is a must! I live in St. John, and the 30-35 min route up 41, to East Chicago, just isn't efficient.**

St. John/Schererville/Dyer need a closer stop.

Thank you

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 5 Months

realname: Jim

address1: Rapp

address2:

city: Saint John

state: State

zip_code: 46373

phone:

email: jimrapp12@yahoo.com**2. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/15/2014 4:17 PM**

questions_comments: **Will the Monon Corridor portion be a quiet zone?**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 7 months

realname: David Terdich

address1: 524 173RD STREET

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46324

phone:

email: d_j_terdich@yahoo.com**3. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/16/2014 8:05 PM**

questions_comments: **I currently board at Hegewisch but our plans are to move into NWI in the next few years. I work downtown and this expansion is long overdue!**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

length_of_time: 30+ years

realname: Mary Beth Swibes

address1: 1166 Memorial Dr

address2:

city: Calumet City

state: IL

zip_code: 60409

phone: 708 860-8144

email: mbswibes@gmail.com

4. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/20/2014 1:25 PM

questions_comments: **Where would the station be if there is one build in Dyer? Would it be next to the Amtrak station? Is there a map showing the location of the proposed stations? Thank you.**

Homeowner: yes
 Resident_Project_Corridor: yes
 Email_Notifications: yes
 length_of_time: 14 years
 realname: David Zapata
 address1: 528 Sheffield Ave.
 address2:
 city: Dyer
 state: IN
 zip_code: 46311
 phone: 219-865-0485
 email: dzapatamen@hotmail.com

5. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/20/2014 7:35 PM

questions_comments: **I'd just like to say that I think it is very important to extend the proposed expansion toward St. John/Crown Point area. As a Crown Point resident I know how extremely congested the traffic is around Dyer. I can only imagine that getting worse with more people trying to use a new commuter train. I frankly don't think it would be any quicker to get to the proposed Dyer station than it would be to go to East Chicago. More choice needs to be available for the Crown Point area...Dyer/Munster already have a reasonable commute to Hammond or one of the Metra stations, whereas Crown Point residents are very limited with their options.**

Homeowner: yes
 length_of_time: 1
 realname: Stephanie Solverud
 address1: 902 Kendall Ct.
 address2:
 city: Crown Point
 state: IN
 zip_code: 46307
 phone:
 email: *not provided*

6. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/22/2014 3:48 PM

questions_comments: **I am a resident in north Hammond and I live right alongside the south shore tracks. I have been renting an apartment for 4 years now and heard about some sort of expansion with the roads and tracks. What does this mean for myself and my family? Does this mean we are going to have to move? I don't mind relocating but with the cost of moving and extra deposits for a new home/apt plus nipsco, I have a bit of concern.**

Renter: yes
 length_of_time:
 realname: Jennifer Barajas
 address1: 126 Gostlin st. apt 1R
 address2:
 city: Hammond
 state: IN
 zip_code: 46327
 phone:
 email: mexicanbabe06@yahoo.com

7. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 8:44 AM

questions_comments: *None provided*

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 24 years

realname: Marilyn Stahr

address1: 11728 Leonardo Dr

address2:

city: St. John

state: IN

zip_code: 46373

phone:

email: mfs6508@att.net

8. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictedwestlake.com

Date Received: Wed 10/27/2014 10:07 AM

questions_comments: **I live along the Munster bike trail. I do not want a train in my backyard.**

Please respond with information regarding the location of the tracks.

Thank you

Julie Bensinger

cannerj@yahoo.com

9. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 10:02 AM

questions_comments: **Where is the project corridor? All of the maps I have viewed do not show what path you will be using. I live along the Munster bike trail. I do not want the South Shore in my back yard.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 1 year

realname: Julie Bensinger

address1: 8552 Garfield Ave

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 219-776-7369

email: cannerj@yahoo.com

10. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 10:01 AM

questions_comments: **I currently live in Highland but have a rental unit in Dyer. I believe this project will make both of my homes more accessible to Chicago and open them up to a new market for rental or sale. I currently have numerous friends that live in Chicago and visiting them will be much more convenient for me, if there is a station in Munster or North Hammond.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 8 Years

realname: Thomas Kubon

address1: 2919 Churchill Lane

address2:

city: Highland

state: IN

zip_code: 46322

phone: 773-350-6058

email: tpkubon@gmail.com

11. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 11:58 AM

questions_comments: *None provided*

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 30 years

realname: Robert Ochi

address1: 43 Highland Street

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46320

phone: 312-731-7072

email: robert@raigroup.net

12. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 1:03 PM

questions_comments: **As a life long resident of Lake County, I fully support the expansion of the South Shore Rail System. If we want to expand our economy, help the environment and secure a better future for tomorrow, this expansion is a must!**

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 39 years

realname: Jeremy Miller

address1: 10403 Nicklaus Street

address2:

city: Crown Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone:

email: jemiller1975@gmail.com

13. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 5:03 PM

questions_comments: **Extending the line to the Munster/Dyer area would be huge- more people would look to come out of our area and more people would look at these areas as viable places to live and work bc of easy accessability to a major metro area-this would be huge for us! I very much support this initiative.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 24 years

realname: Paru Venkat

address1: 1132 Royal Dublin Lane

address2:

city: Dyer

state: IN

zip_code: 46311

phone:

email: paru8@comcast.net

14. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 5:26 PM

questions_comments: *None provided*

Renter: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time: 58 years

realname: Bruce L Woods

address1: 112 W 71st Avenue

address2: Apt 7B

city: Merrillville

state: IN

zip_code: 46410

phone: 2197941259

email: bwoods_mhs@yahoo.com

15. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 5:28 PM

questions_comments: **Any expansion of South Shore services is a positive to the communities of NW Indiana. I live in Valparaiso and work in Chicago. I know of many professionals that would entertain moving from the suburbs of Chicago to NW Indiana, bringing along with them great salaries to spend on local goods and great income to be taxed if only there were expanded train service. We need express lines and branches that go further South. Please support expanded SOuth Shore services.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 9 years

realname: Michael Telesky

address1: 2602 Pennington Pl

address2:

city: Valparaiso

state: IN

zip_code: 46383

phone: 2196705298

email: mtelesky@comcast.net

16. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 5:28 PM

questions_comments: **I am in favor of the extension and believe it will bring many benefits to NWI! I believe it is one project that can better our area for years to come.**

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 32 years

realname: Katie Hurey

address1: 13147 James drive

address2: St john

city: IN

state: State

zip_code: 46373

phone:

email: Katiepellar@yahoo.com

17. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 5:36 PM

questions_comments: *None provided*

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 13 years

realname: Michael McIntyre

address1: 1666 Cardinal Drive

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 219-682-7148

email: madmacsent@aol.com

18. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 6:28 PM

questions_comments: **I'm against the boondoggle train and am sadden that Pete just wants this as his pet project and uses the portion of our 1.5% tax as an excuse to blow it and not look for better projects that won't tie my grandchildren's wallets forever. Just the fact that he won't truthfully answer the freight on the line question is a lie and what is corrupt about the County leaders and this proposal. Time for a change!!! Commuter rail never makes money, it only loses it, mostly from those that don't benefit from it. I work in Chicago and this train will do nothing for my commute. I'd rather see Pete work on the tax reciprocation between IL and IN so my income tax stays in IN and not IL.**

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 53 yrs

realname: Mike ORourke

address1: 8564 Wheeler Pl

address2:

city: Crown Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone: 2192424212

email: naylormail@juno.com

19. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 7:05 PM

questions_comments: **This is a project that, alot of people feel, would run OVER budget, and costs too much to begin with. Bad, BAD, BAD IDEA!!**

Renter: yes

length_of_time: 37 years

realname: Jason Hawkins

address1: 6221 Kennedy Ave

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46323

phone:

email: jdigz@outlook.com

20. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 7:11 PM**

questions_comments: **PLEASE keep this project moving forward. Our communities absolutely need the additional opportunities, income and positive growth the extension of this rail line will bring.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 35 years

realname: Jennifer Doffin

address1: 12467 Washington St

address2:

city: Criwn Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone:

email: Jenim101@hotmail.com**21. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 7:55 PM**

questions_comments: **yes!!!!!!! This connection is essential to the growth of northwestern indiana!**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 26 years

realname: Stephanie Keller

address1: 920 Doe Path Lane

address2:

city: Crown Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone:

email: Stephkeller13@gmail.com**22. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 6:20 AM**

questions_comments: **Bringing the train will allow for lake county to flourish more than it already is. I speak with local business owners daily who beleive that if the train comes to Munster/dyer cooridor that the employment outlook will strengthen and new opportunities for all residents will come.**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Matthew Glaros

address1: 447 Surrey Hill Lane

address2:

city: Valparaiso

state: IN

zip_code: 46385

phone:

email: matt.glaros@meyersglaros.com

23. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 7:50 AM**

questions_comments: **Will provide public transportation for a needed workforce as the Northwest Indiana region continues to grow.**

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Anthony Ferracane

address1: 907 Ridge Road

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 836-6705

email: tferracane@comhs.org**24. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 8:23 AM**

questions_comments: **I would like to know the detailed costs and what are the alternate routes that are being considered.**

Business_Owner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Kenneth Stevenson

address1: 526 Siebert Drive

address2:

city: Schererville

state: IN

zip_code: 46375

phone: 2195454623

email: usmajune77@aol.com**25. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 8:34 AM**

questions_comments: **As someone interested in regional economic development, I believe the extension is a positive step for NWI.**

Homeowner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time: Success By 6

realname: Pat Carlisle

address1: 714 S. 18th St.

address2:

city: Chesterton

state: IN

zip_code: 46304

phone: 2193951994

email: pacarlisle@msn.com

26. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 8:37 AM

questions_comments: **The residents of Northwest Indiana NEED to fully embrace what the Southshore brings to them. We will never be all we can be, without utilizing ALL opportunities available to us. Growth is necessary and the West Lake Corridor Project can expedite this process. I would like to return to the area, from a bit South. I would be enticed to do so by this project.**

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Miriam Williams

address1: 10315 Serenity Drive

address2:

city: Demotte

state: IN

zip_code: 46310

phone:

email: mkw@iun.edu

27. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 9:10 AM

questions_comments: **I feel this project is needed for lake county. This will alleviate traffic through the region, promote growth for our economy, and bring jobs to the region.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 16 YEARS

realname: Beverly Barbush

address1: 9241 Franklin Dr

address2:

city: St John

state: IN

zip_code: 46373

phone:

email: bbarbush@nbcoatings.com

28. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 9:36 AM

questions_comments: **Make this happen faster than 2023.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 28 years

realname: Joel Cooper

address1: 9213 Beech Ave

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: j.cooper@mcamhonpc.com

29. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 10:59 AM**

questions_comments: **This will relieve a lot of traffic congestion off the north-south street corridors. I commute to Dyer every day for work.**

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Fran Merrion

address1: 5877 Warnke

address2:

city: michigan city

state: IN

zip_code: 46360

phone:

email: merrion7@gmail.com**30. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 10:59 AM**

questions_comments: **I am unable to attend the October meeting but am a resident of Lansing, commuting daily to Chicago. I would love to see a station servicing NW Indiana (in addition to those currently in service). I just don't know that this project would be realized in my commuter lifetime. In addition to my selfish desires for a train line, I believe it would greatly advantage the communities it would service.**

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 61 yrs

realname: Maris Beswick

address1: 3514 - 186th St

address2:

city: Lansing

state: IL

zip_code: 60438

phone: 708-895-4021

email: mbeswick@wwmlawyers.com**31. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 11:13 AM**

questions_comments: **how will this benefit our town**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 38 years

realname: david tretter

address1: 2501 vermillion st

address2:

city: lake station

state: IN

zip_code: 46405

phone:

email: d582002@yahoo.com

32. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 12:35 PM

questions_comments: **I strongly support the South Shore extension. It will add to the quality of life and promote economic development in Northwest Indiana.**

Homeowner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Walter Skiba

address1: 1612 LaPorte Ave.

address2:

city: Whiting

state: IN

zip_code: 46394

phone:

email: wskiba@ccsj.edu

33. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 1:53 PM

questions_comments: *None provided*

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Ronald Harlow

address1: 7523 Alexander ave

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46323

phone: 2198050942

email: meetcha33@att.net

34. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 2:00 PM

questions_comments: **I am against a train expansion. Its an age too old form of transportation. Too much is needed in other areas to get behind this. Its a huge expense with no guarantee it will help long term.**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Ronald Harlow

address1: 7523 Alexander ave

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46323

phone: 2198050942

email: meetcha33@att.net

35. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 4:41 PM

questions_comments: **The extension to the south is long needed. I would use it, as would others I have spoken to, in not only going to Chicago but also to St. John. I do not often use the current Hammond station due to the distance from my home. This would also provide residents who work in Chicago a much quicker route. Currently either driving in or driving to thye East Chicago station for residents of south Higland involves a long morning and evening drive.**

Homeowner: yes
 Resident_Project_Corridor: yes
 Email_Notifications: yes
 length_of_time: 24 years
 realname: Zora Ludwig
 address1: 921 174th Street
 address2:
 city: Hammond
 state: IN
 zip_code: 46324
 phone: 219-852-6208
 email: zoravl@yahoo.com

36. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 4:42 PM

questions_comments:

- a. **Per your 20 year Strategic Business Plan Summary, can you provide some additional details to the estimated 1,984 jobs the West Lake Extension project and South Shore capital improvement projects are projected to be added to the NWI economy? What percentage are construction/project related? What percentage of the 1,984 jobs will be permanent jobs? And of the permeant Jobs, what type of jobs are they projected to be? Service oriented, Professional/white collar, Technology based, Communications?**
- b. **Per your 20-year Strategic Business Plan Summary, Can you further define or expand on the statement, "Efficiencies are projected to generate \$2.5 billion in Economic output and \$1.3 billion in gross regional product." What variables were used as a baseline for this assumed Market Study?**
- c. **What agreements or Memorandums of Understanding are in place with METRA in regards to infrastructure upgrades, track expansion and platform modifications at Millennium Station? Are they part of the current Draft Environmental Impact Study. At what phase in the process will this be confirmed?**
- d. **With respect to the TOD, Where does NICTD see the best location of the proposed new Stations to fully meet the expectations of a economically supporting TOD(Transit Oriented Development). Does NICTD foresee the stations in Hammond, East Chicago or Gary as a viable (TOD)**
- e. **Has the previous studies demonstrated the need for express trains from Dyer to Millennium Station? Is it Feasible or even realistic with the restriction of the METRA rail line?**
- f. **Regarding the NICTD West Lake Corridor Study March 2011 report, of the estimated 5,600 people riding the West Lake trains, how many of those are new riders and how many are existing rider that are currently driving to the existing stations? How did you study derive at this 5,600 number.**
- g. **What type of contingencies are in place in the current estimated cost for market changes, environmental issues, escalation and site conditions**

Homeowner: yes
 Resident_Project_Corridor: yes
 length_of_time: 14 years
 realname: Robert Ochi
 address1: 43 Highland Street
 city: Hammond
 state: IN
 zip_code: 46320
 phone: 312.731.7072
 email: robert@raigroup.net

37. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 1:31 AM**

questions_comments: **I have been a resident of NorthWest Indiana for over 50 years. I cannot believe we are going to be forced to fund this train that will do nothing for our area. This is some of the poorest neighborhoods in the state since the mills all but closed . We did have hope with the casinos. between imposing such a high tax on the Casinos and not rebuilding our bridges and streets no one wants to come to this area to gamble. I think its a shame we couldn't afford the upkeep on our infrastructure after the casinos brought so much money to this area but now we are supposed to pay millions for a train that pretty much bi-passes us. I think it should go to a vote in November. we should at least all pay equal amounts. the way its broke down the people who gain the most by this train project are paying the least. Gary shouldn't have had to put in anything in my opinion. I think until you bring more jobs to Hammond, Gary, East chicago, Merrillville we should not have to pay to increase revenue in the nicer areas. Before demanding we pay millions a year for A train for the rich, help Gary get on its feet, work out a plan to tear down all those empty buildings to make this entire area safer.consolidate Gary houses to one area and demolish the rest. ...as for monies from the federal government if we come up with this money, ..I read the report that stated we would have to do a lot of improvements before they would agree to give us that money, one was build up our infrastructure. (lets send them a picture of Cline ave. bridge.) it also stated their reported showed we did not have the people that would ride the train, to pay for the train so we would be losing money. there was a list of 10 or so things and it doesn't seem to us up here those have been addressed.So my suggestion would be **PUT IT ON THE BALLOT**. see how many people want their money to go to a train. see if we want to pay twice as much, or more, than the people who will benefit from this **PLEASE**. I personally believe **this will kill our area up here**. We stand with Our Mayor Thomas McDermottThank You.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 50 years

realname: Victoria Davidson

address1: 7407 Montana

address2:

city: hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46323

phone:

email: nanavicky6@yahoo.com

38. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 1:31 AM

questions_comments: I have lived in Munster, IN since I was 5 years old as our family moved from the south suburbs (as many families did in the 90s). We moved because my parents wanted to build a new home in an area with good schools, safety, low taxes, and more house for the money compared to comparable south/southwest suburbs with the same distance from Chicago. The South Shore line was not a factor. It was not very convenient to get to (as it could take anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes to get to the train station) and not as reliable as Metra was. However, towards the end of my fathers career, he began to use the south shore as he was transferred to a downtown office and the main thing he wished was for the South Shore line to be extended south. My parents believe that moving forward with the extension is a "no-brainer".

I hear people's complaints: "It will bring down property values", "it will bring in riff-raff", "it will bankrupt us", "traffic would get worse"...however, I challenge people...Look at Naperville, Hinsdale, Orland Park, Arlington Heights, Winnetka, Flossmoor, and countless other suburbs with commuter rail access...these are all suburban locations that have benefitted from having train access to downtown by their property values increasing, attracting highly educated and high-wage residents who demand top schools, top amenities, and attracting and maintaining successful transit-oriented development.

Another comment people say is that "we don't want to become like the places we moved from"...most people who moved from Illinois to Indiana moved from places like South Holland, Dolton, Calumet City, Lansing, Crete, Sauk Village, Chicago Heights...all places that did not have train access to the city, did not have very good amenities or schools to begin with...and to be honest, for most people, their move was due to racial change...we need to take an honest look to see where we are headed. I see Munster as a place where people move to stay and enjoy a safe locale while being close to Chicago for more action, as well as enjoying top-rated schools, and an increasing amount of amenities that one would have to go into the West or Northwest Suburbs or downtown Chicago to access. I am now at the stage of my life where I am looking to become a homeowner and in addition to safety, strong school district, and higher-end amenities, one of the items on my wish-list in closer access to the south shore. This is good for west Lake County...this project will benefit all of Lake County...Ultimately, a line to St. John would be nice...Even a line through Highland, Griffith, and Merrillville all the way to Valparaiso would be great...but we have to start somewhere...and the West Lake Corridor Project is a great place to start.

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes
 length_of_time: 19 years
 realname: Michael Wey
 address1: 1836 Rosewood Lane
 address2:
 city: Munster
 state: IN
 zip_code: 46321
 phone:
 email: GORIMAPA@aol.com

39. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 7:45 AM

questions_comments: **As a community, we must understand that Chicago represents an incredible opportunity for Northwest Indiana. We have all the ingredients for success: environmental access, low taxes, friendly business environment, good schools...and the list goes on. Yet, despite all its problems, Illinois continues to outpace Indiana in the Chicago MSA. Their secret weapon? Transit.**

Transit connects people and goods, and are the veins of commerce. Until Northwest Indiana truly invests in a robust transit system, it will continue to be the forgotten stepchild of the Chicago MSA.

**The time is now, and the opportunity is ours to seize.
I urge all to support expansion of the South Shore!**

Business_Owner: yes
Interested_Stakeholder: yes
length_of_time: 100 years
realname: Benjamin Bochnowski
address1: 9204 Columbia Ave
address2:
city: Munster
state: IN
zip_code: 46321
phone:
email: bbochnowski@ibankpeoples.com

40. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 8:49 AM

questions_comments: **Where will the tracks be that run though Munster?
Do they use the current tracks next to the Bike Trail?
Where would the possible Ridge Road station be?**

Homeowner: yes
length_of_time: 44 years
realname: David and Cora Moake
address1: 8334 HARRISON AVE
address2:
city: Munster
state: IN
zip_code: 46321
phone: 8361961
email: mamamoake@sbcglobal.net

41. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 12:27 PM

questions_comments: **It is time for NWI to recognize its vital connection to Chicago and extend the SS.**

I grew up in Highland and my mother took the SS everyday to Chicago for a better job. The SS has had a direct and positive influence on my life, my family, friends, and NWI businesses. The western suburbs of Chicago are realizing the competitive advantage commuter rail brings. We have a long way to go to catch up.....the time to start is NOW!!!!

Interested_Stakeholder: yes
length_of_time:
realname: Don Babcock
address1: 801 East 86th Ave
address2:
city: Merrillville
state: IN
zip_code: 46410
phone: 219-746-6115
email: dlbabcock@nisource.com

42. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 1:43 PM

questions_comments: **I attended the public session in Munster on Tuesday Oct 28th. While it was somewhat informative I also found it to be presented in a manner that assumes the project is going to be fast tracked forward. My choice is the no build option. My main reason is that by building the line along the state line my tax money is subsidizing Illinois communities. One of the points for building it touts the economic development that the new rail line will bring. I don't disagree with that but how much development will occur on the Illinois side without any financial input from them. If this extension was planned out to run from the northwest corner of the county to the southeast I would be supportive as it would make the line accessible to more lake county residents. Once again I choose the no build option since I find the project to be poorly thought out and not a good use of my tax money.**

**John Sowinski
Griffith Indiana**

Homeowner: yes
Email_Notifications: yes
length_of_time: 30+ years
realname: John
address1: Sowinski
address2:
city: Griffith
state: IN
zip_code: 46319
phone: 219 765 0734
email: jlsova@sbcglobal.net

43. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 2:00 PM**

questions_comments: **Investing in our communities and future generations is good for everyone. I support the West Lake Corridor Project because I believe that reliable transportation solutions, job creation and new business opportunities are necessary to propel the region forward.**

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time: 8 years

realname: Melissa Bohacek

address1: 220 Pokagon Trail

address2:

city: Michana Shores

state: IN

zip_code: 46360

phone:

email: mbohacek@nwi-ca.org**44. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 2:01 PM**

questions_comments: **Next time you hold a public forum, please bring an explanation of funding for this project and the taxation impact on average homeowners. This explanation should be simple and understandable to all, not something that you would need a CPA to grasp.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 8 years

realname: Jason Williams

address1: 8521 86th Ct

address2:

city: St John

state: IN

zip_code: 46373

phone: 2196699502

email: jcwillia1@gmail.com**45. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 2:59 PM**

questions_comments: **I am 29 years old, live in Lowell, IN. Having this expansion would solidify my staying in NWI. Without, I will most likely move. Plain and simple.**

Renter: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 29

realname: Luke Reed

address1: 18976 King Place

address2:

city: Lowell

state: IN

zip_code: 46356

phone:

email: lukereed04@hotmail.com

46. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 5:38 PM**

questions_comments: **I urge your organization to drop this project. It's initial cost is too expensive, and maintenance funding has net even been addressed. Logistically, this plan does not address regional transportation woes for our poor. Additionally, pending Metra extension to the south suburbs will also become an option for us residents of south county.**

Why should the fine residents of Gary, Hammond, and East Chicago have to pay for an extension to south county which will pull consumers away from their cities to purchase fuel, cigarettes, breakfast, etc when catching a train to Chicago.

In closing, I feel we should focus our regional efforts on providing a county bus service before spending over \$500 million on a train extension to Chicago. Those same buses would also provide transport for south county residents to train stations which are already in place.

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 39 Years

realname: James Morton

address1: 13301 Monix Drive

address2:

city: St. John

state: IN

zip_code: 46373

phone: 219-365-8933

email: mortonjamesw@aol.com**47. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 7:27 PM**

questions_comments: **Lot of houses are only 50ft from the project line. I am talking about the Monon trail. There will be to much noise and this will cause stress for the fondation of the house and I am not happy about this news.**

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Danny

address1: 8527 Garfield Ave

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: dpetro57@att.net

48. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 8:35 PM**

questions_comments: **Yes this area needs access to more jobs, but this is a huge waste of money. I would rather see this money spent to develop new business in NWI, instead of transporting our citizens to another state to work. It seems pretty ridiculous that our government thinks this is a good idea for our area. Asking all of these communities to foot the bill so a couple thousand people wont have to drive 20 mins to the train station is insane. It would probably be cheaper to pay these people to stay home. As a resident and business owner in Hammond, I am opposed to this. We are being asked to give money for a railway that will take commuters out of our city. Which will in turn mean these commuters wont be using services in our community, which is a major lose lose for us. And to require money from Porter county, which will receive no benefits what so ever from this, is extortion. Pete Visclosky thinks this is good way to create jobs....building an unnecessary railway is no solution to lack employment opportunities in the region. How about investing this money into education, so we can attract businesses with our talented work force. BP is full of workers from Texas and other states, work on changing that if you need to employ laborers. This area is a mess, a real solution needs to be implemented, not some weird railroad band aid, no one is asking for this.**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

length_of_time: 17 years

realname: kelly voris

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city: hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46323

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49. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/30/2014 2:22 PM

questions_comments: **I ride the south shore daily, and the biggest issue we have is when someone or something takes down a line. Some days the delays take so long I'm forced to work from home than wait for train. At the meeting the other day, it was mentioned that hybrid trains were on the table as (both diesel and electric). I would like to vote that the hybrid train be selected for the project.**

Also the I'd like to suggest getting on board with service now to get wifi on the trains. The south tried this a few years ago and then the project just died. I enjoy working on the train sometimes and it would be nice to be able to connect to the internet without having to plug in my wireless card and hope that a verizon tower is near enough to me to get a good signal.

Another idea, and I've seen this on the Metra, would be to add a quiet car, at least in the morning.

That's all I've got for now.

Homeowner: yes
 Resident_Project_Corridor: yes
 Email_Notifications: yes
 length_of_time: 4 years
 realname: Robert Sheehan
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 address2:
 city: Munter
 state: IN
 zip_code: 46321
 phone: 2197659946
 email: rob.shza@gmail.com

50. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/30/2014 2:56 PM

questions_comments: **I am strongly opposed to spending large sums of money on the South Shore extension project. I live within walking distance from the present Hammond station and see on a daily basis what the South Shore line has brought to my neighborhood; a very large parking lot and regular traffic congestion. The only ones that benefit from the South Shore are the very small number that ride it to work in Chicago. It is time to spend money on projects that benefit the majority of residents, like improvement of streets and neighborhoods. In order to insure that the wishes of the tax-payers are being followed, a referendum should be held in Hammond, Munster and Dyer to see how the residents feel. If voted down in any of the three, money from that city or town should not be used for this wasteful project. Such a project has really shown us that the recently passed county tax was not needed at such a high rate and that there seems to be collusion among our politicians to spend our money on projects that don't reflect the needs of the community but rather satisfy their own plans.**

Homeowner: yes
 length_of_time:
 realname: Ronald Kozlowski
 address1: 4156 Sheffield Ave.
 address2:
 city: Hammond
 state: IN
 zip_code: 46327
 phone: 219-931-8466
 email: kozmo54@comcast.net

51. Email Submission to project.email@nictedwestlake.com**Date Received: Wed 10/31/2014 9:46 AM**

We are writing with our opinion of the rail extension. We are Munster residents and have resided at 7848 Frederick Avenue for over 30 years. When we purchased our home, we were assured by town personnel that the tracks behind our home would no longer be in use. Our in-ground pool is probably 10-15 feet from the abandoned tracks and we feel that it would no longer be safe to use if the tracks were used.

We believe that you should include the purchase cost of all the homes on our street that back up to the tracks in your planned costs. Most of these homes are valued at \$250,000 - \$300,000. If the tracks are put back into use, our home values will drop SIGNIFICANTLY!

We believe that residents in our town are satisfactorily served by the existing rail service!

Sincerely,

Jack and Monica Treasure

mtreas99@aol.com

52. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/30/2014 2:40 PM**

questions_comments: **I fully support this and will be the best thing to happen in the region. This will decidedly be a factor as to whether I remain in the area or move in the future. My kids will be recent college graduates in about four years and the progress made on this will also help determine if they stay or move closer to Chicago.**

Homeowner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 10 years

realname: Antonia Ornelas

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address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 7739337208

email: antoniaornelas@gmail.com

53. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/01/2014 1:06 PM

questions_comments: **I strongly favor the proposed South Shore Rail expansion into Chicago especially with a station stop in Munster. I strongly prefer that a Munster station be around the Fisher/45th st. area as I believe it has better easier access to for drivers and pedestrians alike, larger areas for car parking, less intrusiveness into residential areas, and more convenience for residents whom are presently devoid of rail access to Chicago. I do not favor a stop/station in Munster on Ridge road as it will worsen the already driving conditions on Ridge road. Likewise just to the North there are Stations in Hegwisch and Hammond as an option to those north of Ridge road.**

With a already popular heavily used walking/bike trail leading up to a future Fisher/45th st. station, it makes for a logically place to have a station. That trail already runs in Munster and soon will connect all the way to Crown Point Indiana. I'm loving the idea of being able to walk, ride ones bike to the train station and be off to Chicago weather for work or pleasure. It will defiantly enrich the quality of life and enlarge the social and entertainment options for Northwest Indiana with such an access to Chicago.

I can't wait for the first train to leave the station from Munster. "Ticket Please"!

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Giovanni Savaglio

address1: 10110 Somerset drive

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 219-924-7860

email: giovannisavaglio@aol.com

54. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/02/2014 7:47 PM

questions_comments: **I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHERE THE PARKING FACILITIES WOULD BE IN MUNSTER AND DYER AND HOW WOULD THIS EXTRA TRAFFIC WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THIS ALREADY HORRIBLE MESS AT RUSH HOUR. ALSO HOW MUCH ARE MY TAXES GOING TO INCREASE WHEN THERE ARE SHORTFALLS IN REVENUE WHICH ALWAYS OCCURS.WE AS TAXPAYERS ARE ALREADY SUBSIDIZING THE EXISTING LINE AND CANNOT USE IT TO GO TO WORK, BUT STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR OUR GAS AND TOLLS, PLUS PAY FOR PEOPLE TO RIDE THE TRAIN.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 42 YEARS

realname: GARRETT VANDERHOEK

address1: 9207 HAWTHORNE DR.

address2:

city: MUNSTER

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: sandyv5798@att.net

55. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com**Date Received: Wed 11/03/2014 9:41 PM**

1. Will the Westlake Corridor be used for passenger rail only, OR will it also be utilized to carry freight?
2. Will the Hammond Station be moved to the State Line area, and will the Westlake corridor run thru downtown Hammond?
3. Are there plans to start charging for parking at the NICTD train stations? i.e. It costs \$50.00 + to park in Chicago..... \$0.00 at NICTD stations.!?!
4. Are there anticipated fare hikes coming to help pay for the planned improvements? If so, what type of rate increase can be anticipated?
5. Are there plans to make Hammond and East Chicago T.O.D.'s ?

Dave RyanExecutive Director
Lakeshore Chamberdryan@lakeshorechamber.com**56. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/04/2014 11:56 AM**

questions_comments: **Making public transportation in northwest Indiana accessible to more of our south county area is certainly a much needed and very positive direction for all. We have a responsible to think about the needs of future generations as well as our current ones.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: Lifetime

realname: Eugene and Jeanne Wease

address1: 1087 Freedom Circle South

address2:

city: Crown Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone:

email: wpairagenes@att.net**57. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/04/2014 1:01 PM**

questions_comments: **Please expand the South Shore. I live in Saint John and drive over 30 minutes to catch the train. I have been taking the South Shore for over 28 years and believe I will be impacted for at least another 15 years.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 25

realname: Colleen M Karabetsos

address1: 8962 Crooked Bend

address2:

city: St. John

state: IN

zip_code: 46373

phone: 3126964468

email: ckarabetsos@butlerrubin.com

58. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/04/2014 1:48 PM

questions_comments: **This is wonderful news. This will decrease my commute time and driving time.**

Renter: yes
length_of_time: 5 1/2 years
realname: Belinda Bolden
address1: 18542 Oakley
address2: Apt. 1
city: Lansing
state: IL
zip_code: 60438
phone:
email: msb55@sbcglobal.net

59. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictedwestlake.com

Date Received: Wed 11/05/2014 3:05 PM

Hi,

I am a monthly commuter and vaguely heard rumor of "West Lake Corridor Project".

If what I heard is to be true. Adding an extention in Dyer, Indiana, then being a Munster, Indiana residence, I am all for this!

Please let me know what I can do to show my support.

Thank you,
Justin MacLean
justinericmaclean@sbcglobal.net

60. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/05/2014 3:22 PM

questions_comments: **This is an extention in Dyer, Indiana, right? My neighbor told me there would be a station in both Dyer & Munster? I WOULD LOVE THIS! Current cummuter at the Hammond Station, where I live in Munster, IN. There's a total of 6 railroads, I have to cross in order to get to the Hammond one. Which it's common to get stuck behind anyone of them either going to the Hammond Station or leaving. This can result in being late or just simply wanting to go home after a long day. Plus Hammond Station is always overcrowded. Not just the train itself, but the parking lot and I catch the 2nd train that runs in the morning. Co-workers tells me there's no parking spots available for later trains. Then East Chicago is a dangerous station from break-ins to climbing the stairs in winter seasons. Just don't get wrong. I LOVE working in Chicago and honestly wouldn't have it any other way. Simply wanted to add my support and please let me know what I can do? A train station in Dyer, (or even better Munster) is just simply the icing on the cake!**

Homeowner: yes
length_of_time:
realname: Justin Eric MacLean
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address2:
city: Munster
state: IN
zip_code: 46321
phone:
email: justinericmaclean@sbcglobal.net

61. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 1:18 AM**questions_comments: **Fully support extension of the South Shore Line**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

length_of_time: 7 years

realname: Royce Bialon

address1: 5515 Belshaw Rd

address2:

city: Lowell

state: IN

zip_code: 46356

phone:

email: deakon57@gmail.com**62. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 7:35 AM**questions_comments: **I am strongly in favor of the extension. I moved back to the area from Chicago but still work in the city. Except for income taxes, the remainder of my income is spent in NWI. I do believe that expanded public transportation will bring a younger population to NWI and create more employment opportunities.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: Six Years

realname: Marcee Northey

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address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: mrueth73@yahoo.com

63. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 8:17 AM

questions_comments: **i am absolutely against this. if should not be subsidised by the taxpayers. the only way this should go forward, is if it is funded by the users of this service or private industry contributions. i do not use the train to make my commute to the city, why should i pay for other peoples'. i am already burdened by high gas prices, tolls, insurance, plates, maintenance for my vehicle, etc. Where is my help?**

Also, we already seen flim flamming of numbers by Visclosky over community contributions towards this. Metra and the CTA can be a lesson, it shows that this is a never ending money pit. They are always crying poor, raising fee, cutting service, and need to be bailed out by the taxpayers.

I say NWI does not need this! i moved from Illinois to get away from this madness. if you want to take the train move closer to the exsisting train stations.

And how about we fix up our area so people do not have to go to Chicago to work!!!! Gary needs to be revitalized.

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 10

realname: Jim

address1: Litke

address2:

city: griffith

state: IN

zip_code: 46319

phone:

email: jimlitke@sbcglobal.net

64. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 9:56 AM

questions_comments: **I am in favor of the West Lake Corridor Project. I live in Dyer and have to travel between 10 and 13 miles to get to a train station. I then need to find parking. There is also a significant chance that I will be caught by a freight train and will need to drive all the way to the city. It would be great for young people. Their job opportunities will increase if Chicago can be added to their job search area. It would also be great if we could keep them living in our area. This would be a benefit to the state, the local town/city and to businesses. It is also a benefit to families and older people who like to take advantage of the city but would prefer not to drive due to the traffic and expense in parking. We spend so much on roads, lets spend a little on public transportation.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 24 years

realname: Emma Gallenberger

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city: Dyer

state: IN

zip_code: 46311

phone: 2197308310

email: emgallen@sbcglobal.net

65. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 10:06 AM

questions_comments: **I fully support the West lake corridor project. I live in south Lake county & find it too inconvenient to go to Hammond to catch the train. Prior to moving to St. John I always lived within easy driving distance of the train and truly miss it. I think it would be very good for the area and environment.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 7years

realname: Judy Hojnicky

address1: 9645 Genevieve

address2:

city: St John

state: IN

zip_code: 46373

phone:

email: jhojnicky@joltmail.com

66. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 11:11 AM

questions_comments: **I am against the extension for the following reasons:**

- **Ridership is declining**
- **There is no economic development around any South Shore station from South Bend to Van Buren, what would make one think that new stations would spur new development?**
- **New stations will pull riders from existing stations of Hammond, Gary, & East Chicago; all of which are currently in economically depressed areas.**
- **New stations will encourage abandonment of already repressed areas.**
- **There are no jobs waiting for Indiana residents in Chicago. Chicago residents have trouble finding jobs in their own city, in spite of their excellent public transportation system (which is financially struggling).**
- **If the extension is built, where will the money come from to fund the huge additional gap between what riders pay and cost of continuing operations ?**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 40 years

realname: Jim Banach

address1: 8942 Chestnut

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 219-644-9654

email: Jimhbanach@aol.com

67. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 12:17 PM

questions_comments: **This extension seems to almost be in Illinois, not really helping only Indiana people, yet Indiana will pay for it all. Funding has not been obtained. The referendum lost, Visclosky cant get the cities to chip in, and taxes will go up. The price remains the same while the extension keeps getting shorter. Nobody promised the urban sprawl from Illinois a train when they moved here. What will the Gary airport, Gary, and Michigan City request if this extension is approved and they need their fair share.**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

length_of_time: 60 years

realname: Kirk Martinsen

address1: 454 N 325 E

address2:

city: Valpo

state: IN

zip_code: 46383

phone: 2197711742

email: kirk.martinsen@gmail.com

68. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 12:41 PM

questions_comments: *None provided*

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 6 years

realname: Jamie Friedberg

address1: 10418 Marlou Drive

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 2195138623

email: jamschat@hotmail.com

69. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 12:46 PM

questions_comments: *None provided*

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Jeremy

address1: 10418 Marlou Dr

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: jeremy.friedberg@investnet.com

70. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 1:15 PM

questions_comments: **I am opposed to the South Shore Extension. How much will it cost? How many miles will the extension be? Does the costs include 10% to 20% for costs over-runs? Chicago has more people on Welfare than they do working, and the city Councilmen are talking about taxing out of State workers.Does the costs of the extension justify the few people going to Chicago,when they could drive a few miles to Hammond or E. Chicago trani station?We cannot have all this construction (Illiana Expressway/Tollway going on at the same time.Look at Illinois' Debt, and getting worse every day. I'm proud to be a Indiana Resident whose State has a Surplus!**

Homeowner: yes
length_of_time: 72yrs
realname: Andrew B. Shultz
address1: 1716 west 58th Ave
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city: Merrillville
state: IN
zip_code: 46410
phone: 219-980-4159
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71. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com

Date Received: Wed 11/05/2014 1:32 PM

Please count us among those who are very much in favor of the expansion. This region needs to be more connected to other parts of the Chicagoland area. Let's embrace the future, not hide from it!

Mary Baniak
Michael Baniak
maryfdaly55@sbcglobal.net
1327 Ridgeway Avenue
Munster, IN 46321

72. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com

Date Received: Wed 11/05/2014 2:01 PM

This is an unnecessary waste of taxpayers money! Visclosky would do much more good by spending the money to replace the Cline Avenue bridge as a toll-free road as it was originally intended. The money would also benefit more people if spent to build the Illiana Expressway without tolls. Spend the money so it benefits the majority, not the few that will ride a subsidized train to Chicago.

Deacon Rob Litavec
rlitavec@yahoo.com

73. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 2:13 PM

questions_comments: **This is a great idea and I hope that it is the beginning of service further south and or east. I further hope that the areas served may soon match those served in the 20's and 30's, and that cars spend much more time in their garages.**

Renter: yes
length_of_time:
realname: Owen Todd
address1: 1806 Country Club Rd
address2:
city: Valparaiso
state: IN
zip_code: 46383
phone: 7074793214
email: oweninnapa@aol.com

74. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 3:42 PM

questions_comments: **I strongly support the extension of the South Shore. It would be a vital lifeline from growing NWI population in the area to downtown Chicago. Although it is not mentioned, an extension is very much needed south and eastward for residents in the Crown Point area to be able to utilize the train more conveniently, rather than driving 20-30 minutes north. I am a daily commuter to the Loop, and having to pick up the train in East Chicago is quite a commute. Although I probably would not use the West Lake Corridor, I believe that it is needed and would provide for future expansion eastward towards Crown Point.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 5 years

realname: Jason Schrader

address1: 11614 Broadway

address2:

city: Crown Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone:

email: jayschrader@gmail.com

75. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 4:09 PM

questions_comments: **I disagree that the rail extension will by its very existence improve the quality of life in NW Indiana. There is also commuter rail running through some very economically depressed areas. I am extremely concerned about the future tax burden of maintaining what is sure to be an unprofitable public transportation system. I moved to NW Indiana to get away from Chicago and the suburbs, not to emulate them.**

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 17 years

realname: Gregg T Adams

address1: 209 Stone Ridge Drive

address2:

city: Dyer

state: IN

zip_code: 46311

phone:

email: gt.adams@earthlink.net

76. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 4:26 PM

questions_comments: **I am in favor of this project. Providing better transportation to Chicago would improve my standard of living. I am looking to find an easier way to commute to Chicago to work and also to go to the museums, etc.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 6 years

realname: Mary Morantz

address1: 12323 Cedar Lake Rd

address2:

city: Crown Point/IN

state: State

zip_code: 46307

phone:

email: marmar9981@gmail.com

77. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 5:20 PM**

questions_comments: **Please do not build his extension. We all know this means higher taxes. Nothing ever costs the projected amount it's always more. Someone will have to pay which is us the taxpayers.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 2 years

realname: Mark Rudy

address1: 8006 Frederick Ave,

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: Mrudy76@sbcglobal.net**78. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 5:29 PM**

questions_comments: **I fear that a train extension at this time will cause a deterioration to areas of the already existing train stations in Hammond, East Chicago, and Gary. Plus the Hegewisch station itself. This project can be nothing more than a opportunity for Peter Visclosky and his backers to make money on property they procured years ago in Munster. I am a person who does not have transportation and would benefit from a station in my backyard area but I know it would kill the neighborhoods with train stations already there. The nerve of the rich trying to avoid poor neighborhoods is appalling. This is a shakedown of money from federal coffers and a ploy by Peter Visclosky to put money in his and friends pockets.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 39 years

realname: Michael D Stewart

address1: 9015 Revere Court

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 2199237268

email: stioux@msn.com

79. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 9:04 PM

questions_comments: **I have been a South Shore commuter from central Lake County for the past seven years. Without access to a high-paying, knowledge-based job downtown Chicago, I would not live in Northwest Indiana, where I spend nearly all of my income on housing, food, goods, services and taxes.**

I support the extension of service through western Lake County. It's an important long-term economic-development opportunity.

In the past decade, the highest-paying jobs have disproportionately accrued to urban cores such as downtown Chicago (the same is true in San Francisco, New York and other MSAs).

Overall, the long-term population trend in the MSA is likely to be flat to declining, which means growth will come to submarkets with access to high-paying jobs.

Despite the current respite from rising gas prices, long-term fuel prices are likely to continue to rise, making mass transit a more and more important amenity to an increasingly mobile workforce.

Increased rail access in western Lake County will drive home values and migration, which will stabilize and increase retail development along the US 41/30 corridor that is crucial to the tax base of Lake County and communities such as Dyer, Schererville and Highland.

I would encourage NICTD planners to examine the home values and household incomes of census tracts in close, direct proximity to Metra lines vs. those just beyond.

Homeowner: yes
 Resident_Project_Corridor: yes
 length_of_time: 7 years
 realname: John Pletz
 address1: 7018 Starling Drive
 address2:
 city: Schererville
 state: IN
 zip_code: 46375
 phone: 219-742-3174
 email: jpletz@crain.com

80. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/07/2014 9:24 PM

questions_comments: **I am a 66 year old homeowner in St John IN and I would like the rail extension built so that my wife and I could travel back and forth from Dyer to Chicago. The current station in Hammond is so far away that we just end up driving downtown. When the rail extension is built I think that there are many that will benefit from an easier, more efficient way to travel.**

Homeowner: yes
 length_of_time:
 realname: Jim Merkle
 address1: 9771 Jack Dr
 address2:
 city: St John
 state: IN
 zip_code: 46373
 phone:
 email: jimster66@live.com

81. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/07/2014 11:29 PM

questions_comments: *None provided*

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Jeremy

address1: 10418 Marlou Dr

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: jberg74@hotmail.com

82. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/07/2014 4:13 PM

questions_comments: **The following comments are related to the extension of the South Shore Line. On 1/1/1998, the reciprocal agreement between Illinois and Indiana was discontinued. Since that date, income tax is paid to the STATE WHERE YOU WORK AND NOT THE STATE WHERE YOU LIVE. I have only seen two comments on this point. I worked in Chicago for 25 years. I would have preferred to find a "good" job in Indiana and paid income tax where I lived. Plus much of my shopping was done in Chicago where I also paid Illinois sales tax. I, therefore, would prefer seeing this money spent on a manufacturing plant in Indiana where the jobs and the tax dollars would remain here.**

Renter: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time:

realname: THEODORA FERDA

address1: 1011 S JACKSON BLVD

address2:

city: CHESTERTON

state: IN

zip_code: 46304

phone: 219-926-8909

email: teddi@adsnet.com

83. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/07/2014 6:12 PM

questions_comments: **this is the BIGGEST boondoggle I think the Democrats have ever come up with and shame on your for even considering this project. 12 trains equal 30 jobs. do the math it is not difficult. NO TRAIN.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 7

realname: Christine Pszonka

address1: 2829 Dearborn Street

address2:

city: Lake Station

state: IN

zip_code: 46405

phone:

email: chris.pszonka@gmail.com

84. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictedwestlake.com**Date Received: Wed 11/08/2014 11:27 AM**

To All For Whom This May Concern:

Even though I recently attended a meeting and filled out an index card with my comments, I wanted to reach a broader audience and give my "input" regarding this **South Shore extension** issue before the deadline of Veteran's Day on November 11th, a day on which no mail will be delivered (hmm . . . how convenient!).

As a long time South Shore rider (28 years) I am not in favor of the extension through west Lake County for the following reasons:

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- (6) to garner support for a new rail extension, we're also constantly told that the rail extension will entice business; well, if that's the case, then why haven't we seen any marked jobs or business "development" along the present line?

I wholeheartedly agree with Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott II in calling for a referendum on this very (much too) important issue.

Bottom line for all decision-makers within Lake County: Think this through thoroughly before committing hard earned and hard-to-come-by tax dollars. Don't just automatically jump on the bandwagon and buy into the in-our-face hype and unsubstantiated claims spewed forth by the extension proponents. (I have never liked Visclosky's "tax and spend" attitude and cautioned him one time about this when he was campaigning at the East Chicago train station. If citizens even think federal dollars come free and that we have to grab our share just because that's what everyone else does and seems to think, then we need to think again. Seriously. Our country is largely in the shape it's in because of our unfortunate "build a bridge to nowhere" stance. Hello! Tax dollars are not free. We taxpayers always foot the bill.)

Lake County needs its dollars for better roads; a second-to-none bus service that takes residents everywhere with no problem and that the County can boast about [don't put the rail (cart) before the horse (bus service)]; diagonally-run rail (preferably high speed); the gentrification of Gary (see below under "P.S."); and to attract outside businesses and residents – a program that keeps crime down (all police departments in the County should have a zero tolerance policy and mean business – take a page from the Highland Police Department's playbook. Just going by traffic alone, people always drive slowly through Highland because everyone always gets ticketed. But, hey, it works! Though I especially mean this policing should be employed when it comes to hard-core crime in our area. And less crime means less dollars have to be allocated to fund police departments.). Last, we need our dollars to maintain and keep Lake County clean along with employing some aesthetics (that is, in the form of planting a plethora of beautiful trees and flowers throughout the County so people will actually want to live and visit here).

Yes, let's make a pact to be DIFFERENT than the rest of the U.S. Let's be, and be known as, the most beautiful County in the country to attract tourists who want to visit here, residents who want to live (and stay) here, and architecturally attractive businesses that will exude a fresh, positive, rooted downhome American ambiance and that will WANT to operate here, in this County, and, thus, attract jobs! We can do it. We just have to not be stupid, but have the wherewithal to stick together and use our limited taxes wisely!

Thank you for listening.

Marybeth Yokovich

(formerly from Hammond; now in Merrillville)

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P.S.: We have to address the elephant in the room. We MUST not neglect, but we must do something about Gary. Like it or not, Mayor Karen (and God be with you and bless your heart for taking on this enormous task), we must face facts: The City is a thorn in the County's side but was not at one time, should not be now, and so doesn't HAVE to be. It is large, it is poor, it is crime-ridden, people don't want to go near it, the steel mills do not appear to be coming back to their glory days, and I have racked my brain out wondering what can be done about the situation. I wish I could come up with some solutions to offer you, but, to be honest, "I got nothin'." (Sigh.) No ideas whatsoever. I'm drawing a blank! The best I could come up with would be to study what other cities in other parts of the U.S., or even what cities in other countries might have done, to turn things around. What I WILL not hesitate to say, though, is that I believe a course should be taught in schools on how to appropriately raise children in the home, no matter the economic circumstances, as that seems to be where many problems start. Because harsh discipline through violence models and unwittingly only begets more violence, and that, in large part, contributes to crime.

cc: To everyone I can find addresses for including NICTD, local legislators, police departments, *The Times*, etcetera

85. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/08/2014 5:43 PM

questions_comments: **STOP this project. The cost per mile is outrageous. The impact on traffic will be horrendous. The number of customers served will be minimal. The majority of the ridership will come from the existing ridership. The funding scheme will disproportionately impact the poorer communities.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 74 years

realname: Patricia Hauer

address1: 7407 Montana Ave

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46323

phone: 2198441303

email: ndfan1@hotmail.com

86. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/08/2014 7:37 PM**

questions_comments: **What is the potential for damage to nearby houses relating to the ground shaking due to passing trains?**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 14 years

realname: Susan A Yakes

address1: 320 Sunnyside Ave.

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 708-707-2577

email: ocd320@gmail.com**87. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/08/2014 9:20 PM**

questions_comments: **Why should I, a homeowner in Hammond, pay for this extension of the South Shore???? My taxes are high enough.**

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 64 years

realname: Gayle Colleen Vuletic

address1: 7631 Golfway Ct

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46324-3146

phone: 2198455061

email: gvuletic5095@wowway.com**88. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/08/2014 10:21 PM**

questions_comments: **I'm 100% against the project and the long term funding. I live in the north Lake county area and don't understand giving people one more reason to not come into my city.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 40 years

realname: EverettyearsE Logan

address1: 6830 Wicker Ave

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46323

phone: 219-902-5495

email: ELButch450@yahoo.com

89. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/08/2014 11:15 PM**

questions_comments: **Over 30 thousand people did not Vote for Peter Visclosky on Tuesday. I think it is safe to say that those votes were also against the train.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: all of my life.

realname: Cynthia Robbins

address1: 2942 Wells Street

address2:

city: Lake Station

state: IN

zip_code: 46405

phone: 2199633591

email: justdoit_90@yahoo.com**90. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/09/2014 5:47 AM**

questions_comments: **There is enough traffic on 41 in Highland & Schererville from people visiting all the new stores near Main St. and 41. If people want to work in Chicago & earn the big money, then let them pay their way to work or move closer. We don't need more traffic here. I feel that the people pushing this extension so passionately are getting some kind of reward that we don't know about. I don't want my tax money used to help other people get better jobs, how does this benefit me? And why do I need to provide my name & address if I don't wish to receive updates?**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 50 years

realname: Carol Wyatt

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address2:

city: Schererville

state: IN

zip_code: 46375

phone:

email: tolo1957@hotmail.com

91. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/09/2014 5:05 PM**

questions_comments: **Firstly I think running a train linking the South Shore to Dyer is a horrible idea for the following reasons:**

- There will be loud train noises running the entire stretch of the track, this will cause noise pollution to current residents. No one wants to hear a train whistle or the rush of the train at any hour of the day.
- A diesel train will cause air pollution around the train. This will affect families, businesses causing possible health problems.
- A known side affect of train traffic through farm ground is field fires. The field fires are caused by hot debris being released from the trains exhaust system.
- The tracks are not a not a pleasant landscape for residents, businesses and travelers.
- The property value for all residential and commercial will plummet. How will those affected be compensated for their loss?
- I have never seen neighborhoods with trains running through that are well-kept or desirable property for families. Usually train tracks indicate less desirable properties and are plagued with vandalism, graffiti and often transient individuals.
- The communities will change in dynamic. The quite historic area of Munster would be ruined. With the changed dynamic many current residents will find it undesirable to live near or in the town. There is a reason many folks chose to live in the quite communities, noise and air pollution will not outweigh any perceived benefit.
- With increased traffic, crime rates would increase at stations and potential vandalism
- The Monan Bike Trail will be destroyed. No one wants to walk next to a train whizzing by. The trail connects multiple communities and parks across Northwest Indiana. The trail provides an excellent source of activity for everyone in the communities.

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 2 years

realname: Julie Latta

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address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: jewels_pnt@yahoo.com

92. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/09/2014 8:04 PM**questions_comments: **Is there some way I can blame:****President Obama****Mayor McDermott****Mayor Freeman-Wilson****Ken Davidson****MX****Chuck Pullen****Mad Mac****Idi Amin****Hitler****Pol Pot?**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 67 years

realname: Thomas Drake

address1: 8326 Columbia

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: angryGOP@gmail.com**93. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/10/2014 9:04 AM**questions_comments: **This is a complete waste of tax payer money. The companies working on this project are all from Illinois and the people who would take this train are going to illinois to make money. Lake county indiana will not benefit at all from this.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Terrence Gass

address1: 8428 Johnston St.

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city: Highland

state: IN

zip_code: 46322

phone:

email: gearhead350@yahoo.com**94. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/10/2014 11:07 AM**questions_comments: *None provided*

length_of_time:

realname: Waste Management - CID RDF

address1: 138th and Interstate 94

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city: Calumet City

state: IL

zip_code: 60409

phone:

email: lgrassl@wm.com

95. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/10/2014 4:46 PM**

questions_comments: **We taxpayers do not need yet another disaster waiting to happen. I live in Munster and as I sit at my kitchen table , I can easily see where this proposed line will go...Right in my backyard. I already listen to the expressway 24/7, and not at all happy about the possibility of a rail/commuter train running 24/7. It is ridiculous that the same people who are rallying for this "train wreck" can drive a short distance and get on a train in Hammond/East Chicago and do the same thing. My property values are already reduced due to the 08 flood and if this goes through, we will have to pay someone to buy it.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 7 years

realname: Mark mamich

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address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 2198368327

email: mmamich@gmail.com**96. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/10/2014 5:59 PM**

questions_comments: **I would really like to see this expand to dyer. I am a young business professional that commutes downtown work day. I currently drive to the Hegwisch stop from 81st and Hart. I would like to see my hard earned commuting dollars go back to indiana and not Illinois.**

Homeowner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Adam tapper

address1: 3152 Austgen Pl

address2:

city: Dyer

state: IN

zip_code: 46311

phone: 21922794991

email: A03tapper@yahoo.com

97. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/10/2014 9:35 PM

questions_comments: **Sir,**

I have several questions about the South Shore expansion.

Will the new passenger line reduce roadway congestion and if so by how much?

Lake County already suffers from a great deal of rail road crossings. What plans been made to reduce or eliminate new crossings?

Money for the expansion was taken from the new Lake County income tax. Why wasn't the South Shore able to pay for the expansion itself?

The Lake County income tax was passed in order for the Lake County towns and cities to continue to provide essential services. Won't using this tax money to build the new rail line cause the municipalities to stop or reduce these essential services?

Historically, the automobile has been shown to be the preferred method of travel. Can it be shown that the new passenger rail will not only be used but sustainable? Or, would not the new funds be better used to improve the main roadways of Lake County?

The project is slated to be completed in 2023. That's 9 years from now to build about a ten mile route. It took about 6 years to build the transcontinental railroad. Why the long duration?

Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions.

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Anthony Popiela

address1: 8936 W. 89th Ave.

address2:

city: St. John

state: IN

zip_code: 46373

phone: 2193654538

email: bluelightneng@att.net

98. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/10/2014 9:43 PM

questions_comments: **Would the Monon bike route have to be removed? At intersections in the Monon portion, would the tracks be elevated or at ground level?**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 2 and a half years

realname: Reuben Woods

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city: HAMMOND

state: IN

zip_code: 46324

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99. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 7:05 AM**

questions_comments: **At one time the Pony Express was the premiere means to communicate with someone across the country. Along came the US Post Office, radio, telephone, and now you can in the convenience of your home, send video and instant voice communication, along with written text/photo's in the flash of a key stroke. The Pony Express and possibly the US Post Office maybe history lessons.**

The NICTD expansion is inherently faced with physical problems. Kensington Station creates a bottle neck for the increased train traffic, which severely limits the existing number of train cars, who may use the electrical feed, at one time.

Added to this is the limitations of physical space of where to house additional commuter trains at the Randolph Street Station.

Metra is required to spend billions to accommodate this expansion first. Some of this required expansion may never be able to happen due to space limitations at Randolph Street Station.

In an era where, each day, more of the US work force are using cloud, remote, at home based offices, to spend the amount of money on this project for the limited number of commuters, along with the decreasing ridership trends with the current commuter line, expanding the South Shore/NICTD would be a waste of limited economic resources.

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 21

realname: Chuck Rocek

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city: Hammond

state: IN

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phone: 3126079970

email: ChuckRocek@yahoo.com

100. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 8:19 AM**

questions_comments: **As a 25+ year commuter, more transportation to the east side of Chicago is NOT needed. However, what is needed, is transportation via Amtrak is needed into Union Station, on the west side of the Chicago loop is and has been needed for years now. If there was transportation to that part of the city, South Shore would have plenty of space for their riders. Too many west side workers are forced into taking the South Shore to only have to walk in all the elements of Chicago weather, many city blocks, to get to their jobs on the west side. Or, pay an additional fee to take a bus or cab to get there. No more South Shore!! And God forbid a power outage as I experienced a few times riding the South Shore, only to have to remain on the train for three plus hours until the power was restored, in the middle of winter, I might add.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 53yrs

realname: Diane Hensley

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address2:

city: Highland

state: IN

zip_code: 46322

phone:

email: dianemc7140@yahoo.com**101. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com****Date Received: Wed 11/11/2014 10:15 AM**

Not in favor of the extension. The people that travel from the cities where they want to put the rail extension are already utilizing the current stations. Adding more stops will decrease ridership from the current stations, only leaving empty train cars and that does not generate more revenue. And if they want new lines in their cities then let them pay for it at 100%. Hammond, East Chicago, Gary, etc have already funded the initial south shore tracks and stations so why is Hammond especially being asked for more money. Dyer, Lowell and other cities that want it pay for it all. It will not generate more money for hammond and seems useless. They want them, then they pay at 100%. Hammond has done their share already.

How about putting this absurd amount of money into the education system somehow to provide better education opportunities for the next generation. Mayor McDermott implemented the college bound program and other cities should follow suit, not build more unnecessary train routes.

Sincerely,

Cherie cerezaxoxo@gmail.com

Current Daily Hammond commuter and Hammond resident.

102. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com**Date Received: Wed 11/11/2014 10:55 AM**

No

Jordyn Beasleyjordyndabeast@gmail.com

103. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 12:09 PM

questions_comments: **I support this project and would use the munster station. This will have an improve on accessibility for me to chicago events.**

Renter: yes

length_of_time:

realname: tim armstrong

address1: 3720 w 58th ave

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city: merrillville

state: IN

zip_code: 46410

phone:

email: tfarmstrong@hotmail.com

104. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 1:05 PM

questions_comments: **I don't believe our community can afford it and feel it is unnecessary for us. It's not too far to travel to either Miller or Gary from our city and catch the train there.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 35 years

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state: IN

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phone: 2199456173

email: kimk46405@yahoo.com

105. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 2:35 PM

questions_comments: **This is a big debacle mess on every level! horrendous traffic snarls, not everyone will benefit. Communities pledging money they DON'T have and for 30 years to come? NO NO NO, escape the madness this could bring.**

length_of_time:

realname: O

address1: 3929 schneider st.

address2:

city: lake station

state: IN

zip_code: 46405

phone:

email: omega_lazur@yahoo.com

106. Online Comment Form Submission
Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 4:21 PM

questions_comments:

1. **Per your 20 year Strategic Business Plan Summary, can you provide some additional details to the estimated 1,984 jobs the West Lake Extension project and South Shore capital improvement projects are projected to be added to the NWI economy? What percentage are construction/project related? What percentage of the 1,984 jobs will be permanent jobs? And of the permanent Jobs, what type of jobs are they projected to be? Service oriented, Professional/white collar, Technology based, Communications?**
2. **Per your 20-year Strategic Business Plan Summary, Can you further define or expand on the statement, "Efficiencies are projected to generate \$2.5 billion in Economic output and \$1.3 billion in gross regional product." What variables were used as a baseline for this assumed Market Study?**
3. **What agreements or Memorandums of Understanding are in place with METRA in regards to infrastructure upgrades, track expansion and platform modifications at Millennium Station? Are they part of the current Draft Environmental Impact Study. At what phase in the process will this be confirmed?**
4. **With respect to the TOD, Where does NICTD see the best location of the proposed new Stations to fully meet the expectations of a economically supporting TOD(Transit Oriented Development). Does NICTD foresee the stations in Hammond, East Chicago or Gary as a viable (TOD)**
5. **Has the previous studies demonstrated the need for express trains from Dyer to Millennium Station? Is it Feasible or even realistic with the restriction of the METRA rail line?**
6. **Regarding the NICTD West Lake Corridor Study March 2011 report, of the estimated 5,600 people riding the West Lake trains, how many of those are new riders and how many are existing rider that are currently driving to the existing stations? How did you study derive at this 5,600 number.**
7. **What type of contingencies are in place in the current estimated cost for market changes, environmental issues, escalation and site conditions?**

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 15 Years

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city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46320

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107. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 5:24 PM**

questions_comments: **I am resident of Altgeld Gardens and the Executive Director of People for Community Recovery (PCR) is very supportive and interested in the transit development and we would like to be engaged in this project because our community will be positively impacted by this development.**

Business_Owner: yes

Renter: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 50 yrs as resident and 35 yrs as a Business Owner

realname: Cheryl Johnson

address1: 13330 South Corliss Avenue

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city: Chicago

state: IL

zip_code: 60827

phone: 7739715028

email: cheryljohnsonpcr@gmail.com**108. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com****Date Received: Wed 11/11/2014 5:38 PM**

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Cheryl Johnson and I am the Executive Director of People for Community Recovery (PCR), an environmental justice community-based organization located in Altgeld Gardens. We at PCR is very supportive of this project. This project would improve our transit in more ways that we can imagine and this will be great opportunity for our community to be engaged in this development too.

Please keep us inform of any future meetings, correspondence and other materials related to this project so that we can continue to be supportive.

If further discussions are needed between us, please call us at 773.840.4618

Sincerely,

Cheryl Johnson cheryl.johnson@peopleforcommunityrecovery.org

People for Community Recovery

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Chicago, IL 60827

773.840.4618 office

773.971.5028 cell

109. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 6:17 PM

questions_comments: **The extension of the South Shore line is very important to the region, not only because it will improve access to Chicago, but also because it will make NW Indiana accessible to Chicago. Chicago, too, needs this. It is busy trying to promote itself as a destination region rather than just a destination city, but right now it isn't a destination region because people can't move out of the city. One thing that is vital with this rail extension is that bicycles be allowed on at least some of the trains. We have such a wonderful trail system and many amenities, including Three Floyds brewery, which brews the top-ranking beer in the US, that tourists and Chicagoans would be likely to come out and visit by bicycle, if they knew that at the end of the day they could catch a train that would take them and their bicycles back into Chicago.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 1 year

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state: IN

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110. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 11:42 PM

questions_comments: **The West Lake Corridor Project is a vital and necessary component of the future of Northwest Indiana. Younger residents and graduates of Northwest Indiana's many colleges and universities need access to the career opportunities located within the city of Chicago. Unfortunately, many of these residents find that they must move away from Northwest Indiana to access these opportunities, not because of the geographical distance, but because of the lack of connectivity between these two frustratingly close areas. This creates an uncertain future for the communities along the West Lake Corridor as young, well-educated residents leave. While I personally wish to remain in Northwest Indiana, I fear that it might not be practical for me to do so without the expansion of commuter rail. In analyzing this project, please consider giving me and the thousands of residents in the same situation the opportunity to remain here, as well as making Northwest Indiana a place where new residents would strongly desire to live.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 23 years

realname: Michael Gallenberger

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city: Dyer

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email: mwgallenbe@sbcglobal.net

Mailed Comments



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I wholeheartedly agree with Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott II in calling for a referendum on this very (much too) important issue.

Bottom line for all decision-makers within Lake County: Think this through thoroughly before committing hard earned and hard-to-come-by tax dollars. Don't just automatically jump on the bandwagon and buy into the in-our-face hype and unsubstantiated claims spewed forth by the extension proponents. (I have never liked Visclosky's "tax and spend" attitude and cautioned him one time about this when he was campaigning at the East Chicago train station. If citizens even think federal dollars come free and that we have to grab our share just because that's what everyone else does and seems to think, then we need to think again. Seriously. Our country is largely in the shape it's in because of our unfortunate "build a bridge to nowhere" stance. Hello! Tax dollars are not free. We taxpayers always foot the bill.)

Lake County needs its dollars for better roads; a second-to-none bus service that takes residents everywhere with no problem and that the County can boast about [don't put the rail (cart) before the horse (bus service)]; diagonally-run rail (preferably high speed); the gentrification of Gary (see below under "P.S."); and to attract outside businesses and residents – a program that keeps crime down (all police departments in the County should have a zero tolerance policy and mean business – take a page from the Highland Police Department's playbook. Just going by traffic alone, people always drive slowly through Highland because everyone always gets ticketed. But, hey, it works! Though I especially mean this policing should be employed when it comes to hard-core crime in our area. And less crime means less dollars have to be allocated to fund police departments.). Last, we need our dollars to maintain and keep Lake County clean along with employing some aesthetics (that is, in the form of planting a plethora of beautiful trees and flowers throughout the County so people will actually want to live and visit here).

Yes, let's make a pact to be DIFFERENT than the rest of the U.S. Let's be, and be known as, the most beautiful County in the country to attract tourists who want to visit here, residents who want to live (and stay) here, and architecturally attractive businesses that will exude a fresh, positive, rooted downhome Americana ambience and that will WANT to operate here, in this County, and, thus, attract jobs! We can do it. We just have to not be stupid, but have the wherewithal to stick together and use our limited taxes wisely!

Thank you for listening.

Marybeth Yokovich
(formerly from Hammond; now in Merrillville)

P.S.: We have to address the elephant in the room. We MUST not neglect, but we must do something about Gary. Like it or not, Mayor Karen (and God be with you and bless your heart for taking on this enormous task), we must face facts: The City is a thorn in the County's side but was not at one time, should not be now, and so doesn't HAVE to be. It is large, it is poor, it is crime-ridden, people don't want to go near it, the steel mills do not appear to be coming back to their glory days, and I have racked my

brain out wondering what can be done about the situation. I wish I could come up with some solutions to offer you, but, to be honest, "I got nothin'." (Sigh.) No ideas whatsoever. I'm drawing a blank! The best I could come up with would be to study what other cities in other parts of the U.S., or even what cities in other countries might have done, to turn things around. What I WILL not hesitate to say, though, is that I believe a course should be taught in schools on how to appropriately raise children in the home, no matter the economic circumstances, as that seems to be where many problems start. Because harsh discipline through violence models and unwittingly only begets more violence, and that, in large part, contributes to crime.

cc: To everyone I can find addresses for including NICTD, local legislators, police departments, *The Times*, etcetera

November 2, 2014

NICTD West Lake Corridor Project
33 East U. S. Highway 12
Chesterton, IN 46304



Dear NICTD:

I urge support for the extension of the South Shore train thru Hammond, Munster and eventually to Lowell. Population growth and economic growth in Northwest Indiana in the future will be to the south.

Extension of the South Shore is important to people who are not able to drive. I have been partially-sighted all of my life, and I am now retired. I moved to Munster last year for several reasons. Previously, I had always lived near public transportation so that I could be independent. Northwest Indiana has had difficulty maintaining a viable regional public transit system. But Northwest Indiana does have the South Shore train which can take people to Chicago. I would like to use it more easily to attend cultural events, dine, and attend educational events.

For the people of Hammond, stations should be built in downtown Hammond and/or 173rd St.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Karpinski
8220 Harrison Ave. #404
Munster, IN 46321-1642
Pkarp4150@aol.com
Phone: 219/836-2117



(219) 874-9000

Chicago South Shore & South Bend RailroadGeneral Offices
505 North Carroll Avenue
Michigan City, Indiana 46360

Fax (219) 879-3754

Andrew C. Fox

President

November 3, 2014

Mr. John N. Parsons
NICTD
33 East US Highway 12
Chesterton, IN 46304

Re: Comments for NICTD West Lake Corridor

Dear Mr. Parsons:

The Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad (also known as "South Shore Freight" or "CSS") has the exclusive freight rail franchise over rail line owned and/or operated by NICTD from Kensington to South Bend. CSS' major freight classification yard is located in the Village of Burnham, between NICTD's Hammond and Hegewisch stations. An affiliate of CSS, Illinois-Indiana Development Company ("IIDC"), owns the joint NICTD/CSS right of way between the Illinois-Indiana state line and a junction with Metra at 115th Street, Kensington, in the city of Chicago. A diverse array of Industrial customers depend on reliable CSS freight service, including NIPSCO, ArcelorMittal, and the Port of Illinois.

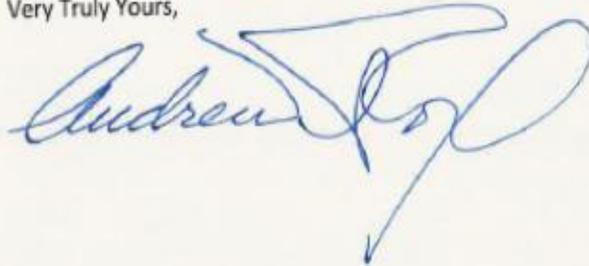
CSS has reviewed the alternative routes for the West Lake corridor being considered between downtown Hammond and a connection with Metra at Kensington. Clearly the superior route is to utilize the former Michigan Central (MC) route between Hammond and Kensington, which is shown in Yellow on the project map. That route has a number of advantages over the alternate, which connects with NICTD in the vicinity of Hegewisch station.

- 1) The MC route has superior curvature and is somewhat shorter than the Hegewisch route. This will allow for higher speeds and shorter travel times to Chicago from West Lake Stations. The Hegewisch route involves a torturous elevated triple "S" Curve between downtown Hammond and the state line.
- 2) The Hegewisch route involves merging 12 West Lake daily trains into the paths of existing NICTD trains. Delays to either NICTD or West Lake trains elsewhere on their runs will have a ripple effect on other NICTD and West Lake trains as they have to find new "slots" in which to run. By using the MC route, West lake trains will be in position to operate directly to a junction with Metra and take their slots on Metra without interference to or from other NICTD trains. Service reliability on both lines will suffer if the Hegewisch route is used.
- 3) The MC route is a dormant freight route, whereas the NICTD route hosts numerous freight trains. West Lake trains by using the MC route can avoid all freight train interference between Hammond and Kensington with a corresponding positive effect on schedule reliability.

- 4) The Hegewisch route involves a railroad crossing at grade with Norfolk Southern Railroad adjacent to Burnham Ave. This is another source of delay that current NICTD trains must contend with but which, by using the MC route, West Lake trains can avoid.
- 5) The Hegewisch route involves introducing 12 more daily trains across the extremely busy Burnham Ave road/rail crossing at the Brainard Ave intersection, which is already crossed by NICTD, CSS, Norfolk Southern and CSXT. By contrast, the MC route has three comparatively lightly used road crossings, none which is utilized by any other railroad. Overall traffic circulation, vehicular safety and rail safety would be enhanced by using the MC route, especially if existing lightly used crossings are eliminated or improved.

For these and other reasons, we strongly urge that the MC route be designated the preferred route between Hammond and the Metra connection.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Top". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large loop at the end.

Comment Cards



Comment Card

Name (please print): TOM RYAN

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 1938 LINCOLN

E-mail: TRRYAN45@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

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COMMENTS:

WILL METRA ALLOW MUNSTER TRAINS TO
USE THEIR TRACK BETWEEN KENSINGTON
WITHOUT CUTTING A SIMILAR NUMBER
OF THE MAIN LINE?

WILL RANDOLPH ST STATION BE ABLE
TO HANDLE MORE TRAINS?



Comment Card

Name (please print): MIKE DUJMOVIC

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 1833 TULIP LN, MUNSTER, IN

E-mail: SUMDUJMO@ATT.NET

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail

Flyer Other RADIO

COMMENTS:

1. WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE TRUE COST OF THIS PROJECT
WILL BE

2. IF IT COMES TO BEING HOW WILL IT BE FUNDED IN THE
FUTURE?

3. WHY HASN'T THE 'PRIVATE' SECTOR BEEN APPROACHED
ABOUT FUNDING THIS PROJECT LIKE OTHERS?

4. WILL YOU BE LOOKING FOR MORE TAX MONEY IN THE
FUTURE TO FUND THIS PROJECT?

5. WHY CAN'T WE ATTRACT THE BUSINESSES TO NW IND
THAT THIS 'TRAIN' WOULD BE TAKING PEOPLE TO?



Comment Card

Name (please print): Steven Shurest

Neighborhood or Organization: West Lakes

Address: 124 Salisbury Drive Munster IN 46321

E-mail: shoreofmail@aol.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
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COMMENTS:

Train Type: Diesel

Maintenance Yard Location: ANYWHERE but Munster Option

Investigate 394 to Cline Main Street Extension for Project Impact (Dyer Town Hall could probably give info)



Comment Card

Name (please print): Christina Losiniec

Neighborhood or Organization: MANOR AVENUE

Address: 882 Manor Ave. Munster

E-mail: Christina.Losiniec@yahoo.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

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COMMENTS:

no matter which of the 2 options are used for a Munster Station, my home will be affected. I am concerned about traffic, noise and the efforts that will be required to maintain rails through residential neighborhoods. I feel that this is going to devalue my property values. I take the SS daily and while this would be convenient for my commute, I would rather drive to a station that is further away than have a train, and its passengers and their cars and trash, 150 feet from my front door.



Comment Card

Name (please print): Cori Crider

Neighborhood or Organization: Dyer, IN

Address: 930 Tyler Ave 4B

E-mail: Crider.Cori@gmail.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

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COMMENTS:

12 trains per weekday - seems a bit light
what about weekends?
Can the stations potentially meet up/have access to
bike trails to drive healthy/environmentally friendly lifestyles
and cut back on parking spaces?

2023 - Yikes!

Please to committing to spending + building Dyer MKtd should
be connected to a Computer Rail Schedule
this will be an easy demand indicator
and it would help transportation needs in the meantime



Comment Card

Name (please print): Hinda Stefanich

Neighborhood or Organization: Interested commuter

Address: 132 N. True Street; Griffith IN 46319-2660

E-mail: topdownjs@aol.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

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 Flyer Other Train

COMMENTS:

I favor the expansion. However, Metra has always said no room to expand. 1) Do we have Metra's buy-in? If so, where would the expansion join in to Metra?
2) Mid-day service on the expansion is a must!
3) Why aren't mag-lev trains being considered?
Severe weather can knock out electricity. It's fragile. Mag-lev might be an option



Comment Card

Name (please print): MARGARET ~~GALT~~ GALVIN

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 50 KENWOOD, HAMMOND IN 46324

E-mail: _____

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

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COMMENTS:

① Consider sufficiency + availability of parking for commuters

② Where do riders come from
 How many from Hammond as opposed to other communities?

③ If activate rail line how does it affect bike trail? Safety issues for bike riders?

④ What measures are being considered for train safety issues + how will they affect the neighborhood, pedestrians + other traffic



Comment Card

Name (please print): Paul Rotatori

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 8118 Kraay Ave, Munster, IN 46321

E-mail: paul.rotatori@gmail.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
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COMMENTS:

- Great project! Get started now since it will take so long and population is already shifting south.
 - Any bike trails that are impacted along the Major trail must be replaced or improved.
 - Please consider adding a bike trail parcel to the new tracks that are being built, especially the east west portion of the track that runs along with the Grand Calumet river. It is very difficult to bike east/west in this area and this would be very beneficial. It will also lessen the strain on your parking lots if people can bike there easier.
 - No one wants to go to Hammond from Munster, IN and go east.



Comment Card

Name (please print): Donna DUNN

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 2837 171st St Hammond, IN 46323

E-mail: degobah69@hotmail.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other Railroader

COMMENTS: Put Project to a Vote - Let the people decide!!
 I work for CSXT. I am against this project. This is a money pit project. Government projects are always over budget. This project wasn't even in the works until the Lake County Tax was passed. This project is unsustainable. There is no passenger rail in this country that isn't subsidized!! Not only will we pay for this - but our children & grandchildren will pay for this FOREVER! Using your numbers you could buy the projected riders a new car every 4 years for over a 20 year span. If this 4 mile track was wanted why didn't people ask for it - instead of politicians?! If it is an economic boom - then where are all the new businesses around the existing stations in Hammond, East Chicago & Gary? Metra is building a parallel line just a few miles west. There is no room in Chicago rail network for more trains! Money could be better spent on infrastructure



Comment Card

Name (please print): TOM RYAN

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 1938 LINCOLN AVE

E-mail: TRRYAN45@SACGLOBAL.NET

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

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Flyer Other: _____

COMMENTS:
WILL ANY BIKE PATHS BE
DUG UP FOR THE NEW LINE



Comment Card

Name (please print): Ken Davidson

Neighborhood or Organization: Hammonton

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes **No**

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail

Flyer Other Mark Leyva

COMMENTS:

Please stop spending money on this failed project

1. The Southeast extension proposed by METRO will serve more riders in a much larger footprint for less money.

2. IT is immoral to tax distressed communities for a train to affluent communities.

3. The project could be completed for 25% of the cost using the elsdon line. IT would serve residents all the way to Velparison.

4. The funding mechanism proposed is unconstitutional under F.W. Law.



Comment Card

Name (please print): William E. Moore

Neighborhood or Organization: EME Rail Solutions

Address: 1513 Independence Drive Hobart, IN 46342

E-mail: wemoore1@emerailsolutions.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
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COMMENTS:

I support this project due to the economic opportunities it can provide for Northwest Indiana and its residents. It also provides a much needed transit option for residents who have to commute to the metropolitan Chicago area for jobs. It also serves as a means to help attract new residents to our area and retain current residents.



Comment Card

Name (please print): TRUDY WASIK

Neighborhood or Organization: SOUTHMOOR HAMMOND

Address: 208 Southmoor Rd

E-mail: _____

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:

My experience with Governmental projects is that EIS do NOT actually take into consideration long term effects of VIBRATIONS & NOISE. How seriously ARE you going to take these matters INTO CONSIDERATION AND how willing ARE you to listen to Residents in the path of the Rails and Train stops?



Comment Card

Name (please print): MARK WISOTSKY

Neighborhood or Organization: MUNSTER

Address: 808 BOXWOOD DR, MUNSTER, IN 46321

E-mail: _____

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

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COMMENTS:
GO FOR IT! THE SOONER THE BETTER

Robert Ochi

To: Robert Ochi (Robert@raigroup.net)
Subject: West Lake Extension

Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) West Lake Corridor Expansion Project

Reference Documents:

- NICTD 20 Year Strategic Business Plan – Executive Summary May 2014 as prepared by URS Corporation
- NICTD West Lake Corridor Study March 2011 report prepared by STV (Information gathered in 2 phases (Phase I -2005 to 2006 and Phase II- 2007-2009)

Total Estimated Capital Cost for the West Lake Expansion is \$571.0 million to Dyer, Local/State funding will be \$285.5 million

Total Estimated Capital Cost for South Shore Baseline is \$421.7 million, Local/State funding is \$357.5 million

Total Estimated Capital Cost for Market Expansion (Gary Station Improvements) is \$38 million, Local/State funding is \$19 million

Total Estimated Capital Cost for 2015-2033 Programs/project is \$662 million of Local/State funding. Total Project Cost is \$1,162,000,000 (\$1.16 Billion)

Questions Regarding the Proposed West Lake Extension of the South Shore Electric Train

1. Per your 20 year Strategic Business Plan Summary, can you provide some additional details to the estimated 1,984 jobs the West Lake Extension project and South Shore capital improvement projects are projected to be added to the NWI economy? What percentage are construction/project related? What percentage of the 1,984 jobs will be permanent jobs? And of the permanent jobs, what type of jobs are they projected to be? Service oriented, Professional/white collar, Technology based, Communications?
2. Per your 20-year Strategic Business Plan Summary, Can you further define or expand on the statement, "Efficiencies are projected to generate \$2.5 billion in Economic output and \$1.3 billion in gross regional product." What variables were used as a baseline for this assumed Market Study?
3. What agreements or Memorandums of Understanding are in place with METRA in regards to infrastructure upgrades, track expansion and platform modifications at Millennium Station? Are they part of the current Draft Environmental Impact Study. At what phase in the process will this be confirmed?
4. With respect to the TOD, Where does NICTD see the best location of the proposed new Stations to fully meet the expectations of a economically supporting TOD(Transit Oriented Development). Does NICTD foresee the stations in Hammond, East Chicago or Gary as a viable (TOD)
5. Has the previous studies demonstrated the need for express trains from Dyer to Millennium Station? Is it Feasible or even realistic with the restriction of the METRA rail line?
6. Regarding the NICTD West Lake Corridor Study March 2011 report, of the estimated 5,600 people riding the West Lake trains, how many of those are new riders and how many are existing rider that are currently driving to the existing stations? How did you study derive at this 5,600 number.
7. What type of contingencies are in place in the current estimated cost for market changes, environmental issues, escalation and site conditions?

Robert Y. Ochi

43 Highland Street
Hammond, Indiana 46320
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O: (312)-728-7505

Automated Telephone Comments

Automated Project Phone Number: (219) 250-2920

The following messages were received via voicemail during the scoping period. Callers were not required to identify themselves or provide contact information.

	DATE	CALLER	MESSAGE
1.	10/15/14	John	Will you shut down the Gary station to accommodate the expansion?
2.	10/29/14	Not Provided	I am strongly against this project. It will only benefit a small percentage of this community. The cost of the project is too large and the benefit too small. I will vote against any politician that supports this.
3.	10/29/14	Cynthia Robbins 2942 Wells St. Lake Station, IN 219-963-3591	I am vehemently opposed to this project. It will overtax and overburden an area already suffering from everything. This is poor decision making. You are being dishonest with us. This will be a cargo train not a passenger train. Nix it.
4.	10/29/14	Not Provided	I am strongly against the project. It will only benefit a small percent of this community. I live near the South Shore in Hammond. It only gives us a large parking lot and traffic. There is no development at any of the South Shore stations. Put money to projects that will benefit a larger number of people.
5.	10/31/14	Not Provided	You need to focus on the current line to South Bend. You need to close the Gary Airport Connect, put two line to Michigan City, put fences up to keep the kids out and raise all platforms. This will keep people moving and increase ridership. If you dilute your base, you will reduce your ridership. This is a stupid idea. You could collapse the entire system.
6.	11/6/14	Not Provided	I am speaking for the extension. I favor expanding the South Shore Line. I live in Munster, Indiana and that's my message.

	DATE	CALLER	MESSAGE
7.	11/6/14	Not Provided	I live in Dyer, Indiana and I think this is a waste of money. I am firmly against it.
8.	11/6/14	Not Provided	I live in Munster. I really hope that the South Shore extension goes into effect. It is vital. We need it to get to Chicago. I go back and forth to my doctor's appointments.
9.	11/6/14	Marie Wistner (219) 864-1922	I am a senior and I think we should get extended transportation, at least to Dyer.
10.	11/9/14	Stan Hendricks (219) 865-2373	Requested speaker for Schererville Rotary.

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>> MATTIE McCORMICK: Good evening, I've got to project because the mic is out. Can everybody hear me in the back of the room? All right. Welcome to the Westlake Corridor Project Public Scoping Meeting. I am Mattie McCormick. I am the Public and Agency Coordination Lead for the project. On behalf of our team, we appreciate your coming out tonight. We understand that your being here is a measure of your civic commitment and your interest in what happens in this project corridor regarding transportation, so kudos to you for the commitment to be here.

Our objective tonight is to share information with you about this project. This is the beginning of the Public Scoping period. We also want to share with you that tonight's agenda is to give you a fixed presentation via PowerPoint from the project leader, Lisa Ives, from AECOM. And that will then be followed with an informal Open House where we will have our technical team in place by the boards in the back that you have an opportunity to view. And they will be there to give you additional information, to answer questions, and to also explain this whole environmental process, the purpose, our objectives, and to give us a chance to do the best.

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So with that said, I also want to take a minute -- and I promise it's just one minute -- and to introduce some special guests that are with us this evening.

I'm going to ask them just to stand quickly. No remarks. No ceremony. But we just want to recognize them. Councilman Markovich from the City of Hammond. Would you stand and stay standing? Councilman Simonetto from the Town of Munster. Elizabeth Johnson, who is Director of Projects and Planning from Congressman Visclosky's office. Liz, raise your hand. Okay. We also have Christine Cid, Councilwoman from Lake County. Christine, would you stand? Now, if I've omitted anyone, now's your chance to stand, if I've done that correctly.

Let me also share with you that we have second day on the job -- do you remember when you had a second day on the job, what it was like? We have Mike Nolan, who is the new General Manager for NICTD. Mike?

Now, let's give everybody a round of applause.

[Applause.]

Okay. Now, we are now going to have remarks from -- excuse me for my voice, it's been a long day -- but we're all going to have remarks from Sherri Ziller, who is the

Chief Operating Manager from the Regional Development Authority, which is key funder for the project. Sherri will, in turn, introduce John Parsons, who is the Marketing and Planning Director for NICTD. And that will take us into the presentation. After the presentation, we will immediately adjourn to an informal setting where the team will be in place, and that will allow you to have more direct interaction and ask any questions that you may have.

Okay. Now, Sherri.

>> SHERRI ZILLER: Thank you very much, Mattie. I hope everyone can hear me. I was expecting a microphone, but if you can't hear me, just yell for me to speak up and I will do that.

Good evening, everyone. Like Mattie said, Sherri Ziller, Chief Operating Officer at the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority. I'll make my remarks brief because Mattie asked me so kindly to do so. We have a lot to cover tonight. But I do want to thank you all for coming out tonight and for your continued interest in the Westlake Corridor Project.

The RDA is thrilled to be a Project Partner on the Westlake Corridor Extension Project and not just in the

financial sense but also in the economic development potential for this project. We have increased ridership, job creation, greater connectivity to Chicago, more development potential along the current line and the proposed line, and those are just a few of the big project benefits that this project will bring to Northwest Indiana and to the State of Indiana as a whole.

So I do want to thank you all for sharing a few hours with us, listening to our presentation. And we do look forward to hearing from you a little bit later on tonight.

And with that, now it's my pleasure to introduce John Parsons. He's with NICTD. He will also make a few remarks and then he will get into the presentation part of the program. So thank you and enjoy your evening.

>> JOHN PARSONS: Again, thank you for showing up this evening. Again, my name is John Parsons. Why did we ask you to come out tonight? We're actually starting the Environmental Review Process this evening. The comment process actually started on October 13th and will conclude on November 11th. Lisa will get into a little of that in her presentation. But the whole idea behind this Environmental Scoping Process is to share information and

seek input from members of the public.

We also had a meeting earlier today with the Federal agencies and State agencies that are also interested in this project as participating agencies. And we'll also be defining how you can be involved in this process.

The Westlake Corridor, as you know, living in this region, has been studied, has been examined for many years. We actually own the right of way -- the Northern Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, with the Town of Munster and the City of Hammond, we actually own the right of way that was abandoned by the CSX years ago. We purchased that property -- thank you -- that makes a big difference. We purchased the property in 1993. We own the right of way.

There have been numerous studies done on the feasibility of expanding commuter rail to Valparaiso, to Lowell. We basically resolved this with the 2011 study that recommended a first phase to Munster/Dyer along the Monon corridor that would also include, then, operating on the CSX alignment south of 45th Street in Munster.

We also just completed a major strategic business plan for the commuter district that, jointly with the RDA, that

includes the Westlake Corridor expansion as a component of our 20-year business plan.

And we began this review process, hired AECOM earlier this spring. They've been gearing up, examining alternative alignments. And we actually started the detailed work on the environmental issues beginning in September.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that we have a Federal partner in this, and it's the Federal Transit Administration. They're the Federal lead agency. We're the local lead agency. And as I mentioned before, the Regional Development Authority is a major, major sponsor and funder of this study, as well as our original strategic business plan.

And with that short introduction, I wanted to pass it on to Lisa Ives. Lisa will handle the detailed information with respect to the project and the NEPA project.

>> MATTIE McCORMICK: Before Lisa begins, if you're sitting next to an empty seat, I want you to raise your hand. Everybody that's in the back standing, if you're looking for a seat, now's the time to take it come on. Come on. It's okay. Come on.

>> LISA IVES: Thank you, John. Thank you, Mattie. I'm

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glad the microphone is back, although I've never been accused of being too quiet. Again, my name is Lisa Ives, and I just want to thank you all for being here this evening.

To pick up where John left off, again, because NICTD is looking to seek Federal funding for this project, they must comply with what's called the National Environmental Policy Act, what we call NEPA. We like to think of NEPA as an umbrella, as shown here, where it requires you to look at a multitude of different environmental regulations and Acts covering a full gamut of environmental resources, as shown here.

That information and analysis then culminates in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement document that we're actually going to be preparing. And this slide shows you the key steps that are involved in the preparation of this Draft EIS document. First or foremost of why we're here today with project scoping, where we're going to be asking for your input into this process and project as we're getting started.

From there, once we've gotten your input from the public, as John mentions, we also met with the Agencies to

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get their input and guidance. Then we start to assess the impact of the project. And we have to look at everything from transportation, social considerations, as well as the natural environment -- or bugs and bunnies, as we like to call it. And once we've assessed the impact of the projects, that, then, culminates and feeds into this Draft EIS document that we are preparing. And you'll have another opportunity to review and comment on the project at that time, when we've actually completed that draft document.

But, again, we're right here. We're just getting started, which is shown on this next slide where we look at the overall EIS process. And, again, we are right here getting started with this scoping process where we're seeking your input.

Once we get your input, again, we prepare the Draft EIS document. As I mentioned, you'll have another opportunity to comment on the project and the process at that time. And once we get your comments, we actually have to respond to them. And the responses to those comments then feed into a final EIS document. And then this process that we're going through is complete once the Federal Transit Administration issues what's called a Record of

Decision.

Since we do have the FTA here, I should acknowledge the fact that FTA is working very hard to streamline this process so it can go quicker. And they're actually looking at combining the steps of the Final EIS and Record of Decision into one step. But, again, once you get that Record of Decision by the Federal, your environmental process is done.

But, again, we're right here, just getting started.

So why are we here? And what is scoping? Again, it's the first step in this Environmental Review Process. It allows for the early coordination and outreach, not only with you, the public, but also with the agencies to get your input and feedback. It allows NICTD to notify you, the public, and the Agency, to say, hey, we're starting this Environmental Review Process. We're going to be preparing this EEIS document, and we want your input and involvement as we start this process.

And that input that we get from you will help us to guide the focus and content of what we put into this document. It tells us where to focus our analysis, because many of you probably in this room live here. You probably

work here. Again, you guys know best your communities. And it's that feedback that tells us where we should be focusing our analysis as we prepare this Environmental Impact Statement. And there's three main things that we want your feedback on, as shown here. We want your feedback on the purpose and need of the project.

We want your feedback on the project itself and any of the design options that we're considering. And we also want your feedback on what are the key environmental issues or other concerns that you may have regarding this project.

In the next few slides that I get into, we'll get into each of these areas, first starting with purpose and needs of the project. What is it?

One of the primary purposes for this project is to serve high growth areas in Lake County. If you look at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, and even some of the communities along the lake shore, they've actually had population declines over the last 10 years. But in Lake County, there's actually been substantial increases in communities like Munster, like St. John where they've seen substantial increases over the last 10 years. So this project will help serve those high growth areas.

Some of you in the audience who may live here, you may already commute to Chicago. So this project would give you a more convenient connection to Chicago. And it gives you an alternative to driving your car every day. And, in turn, it can also help to lower your commute times and costs. Because, again, for those of you who actually may drive to Chicago today, even if you're going to a show in Chicago or going shopping, you have the costs for gas, you have the costs to maintain your vehicle, and the kicker is the parking in downtown Chicago; it's higher than many cities around the entire country. So this project would lower the commute costs.

It would also serve to increase NICTD system ridership because over the last few years, the ridership has been pretty stable. So with this expansion of their service coverage, it would help to increase their system ridership.

But that would not only benefit Chicago and NICTD, but would also serve to benefit here in Lake County by generating economic development potential, particularly around the station areas; and if you can get the development around the station area, it can also help to create jobs right here in Lake County.

And with the economic development potential of local job creation, the project is also intending to attract and retain younger families, because what we're finding in terms of the population demographics here, that you're actually having an aging population in Lake County where the younger families are moving out. So with the added economic development, the local jobs and a more convenient connection to downtown Chicago, this project again would retain the younger families but also provide a valued transportation asset for the entire Northwest Indiana.

So what are we studying? Just to orient you. Again, you can see Lake Michigan here. You can see NICTD's existing South Shore line that runs all the way into downtown Chicago at the Millennium Station. We also have all these lines in purple, which are Metra's commuter rail line. You can see the Indiana/Illinois state line here. And you can see, the southern branch extension of NICTD's service, that would run parallel to the Illinois/Indiana state line.

But NEPA actually requires us to look at a no build alternative or a do-nothing. And then we use that as the basis to actually compare to the project of what we're

calling a Commuter Rail Alternative.

And this next slide shows you that Commuter Rail Alternative in more detail. And, actually, if you guys picked up a FAQ sheet when you checked in, the back of it actually has the copy of this map. Just to kind of walk you through that, orient you, you can see Lake Michigan up at the top here, in orange is NICTD's existing South Shore line. Here's Metra's commuter rail line. Again, those head on up into Chicago today.

And this would be a southern branch extension here, again paralleling the Indiana/Illinois state line. It would be about a 9-mile extension between Dyer and Hammond. We do have a flyover to the existing South Shore service. We're looking at running about 12 trains a day, so you'd have six trains heading out and six trains heading back. We're looking at four main stations. You can see one, Munster/Dyer area here on the border; one here in Munster between Fisher and 45th; one in South Hammond; and another in Downtown Hammond.

The project would also need a facility to store and maintain the vehicles. And, as well, we may have to implement improvements to the Metra line because not only

again are we implementing and integrating with the South Shore line, we're also going to eventually run on the Metra tracks that head on up into Chicago and the Millennium Station up there, so we may have to make some improvements to their system and particularly to the Millennium Station to make sure that, frankly, all the trains can fit and operate on those tracks.

We are looking at some options for the alignment. We're looking at a possible extension south of St. John that would terminate at U.S. 41. We're also looking at another route alignment option that would extend through Calumet City, Burnham, on into South Chicago and head up to Downtown Chicago that way.

We have some optional stations that we're considering. Again, if it went all the way to downtown St. John, you would have a station there at U.S. 41. There's an existing Dyer Amtrak station, so we're looking at potentially using that station. We have one just down the street here in Munster at Ridge Road and then we have another one in Hammond.

We also have some options for the maintenance facility. Again, we just need one, but we're looking at and evaluating

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three potential sites. One would be in South Hammond just south of 173rd, just north of the freeway there. We have one on the border of Munster/Dyer at a future Main Street extension, or near Sheffield; and, again, if it went all the way to St. John, there's a potential maintenance facility site that we're considering down there.

These next few slides give you some examples of what this system could look like. And, again, some of you in the audience may take NICTD today. You may ride Metra or even Amtrak. So it's a commuter rail service that's very similar to that.

For the stations, you're going to have some sort of boarding platforms where passengers would get on and board the train. You'd also have some sort of building or shelters where people could wait for the train.

And then, as well, we're probably going to need some parking at these stations because the majority of passengers are going to probably drive to the station. Once they get on the train, they are in for the long haul heading all the way up to Chicago.

This slide shows you what the maintenance facility could look like. This is an example of existing facilities

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with Metra as well as NICTD's maintenance facility. If you're going to need a shop building, or basically a building where you pull the trains in and then they're maintained in this building, but you also need an area where you can store the trains overnight. If you look at this photo in the top left, this is an example of an existing Metra storage yard. This picture here is about probably twice the size of what we're thinking of that we would need here in Westlake. But we just really wanted to show you what is needed in terms of storage tracks. You'd have these long linear tracks where you would bring the trains in to store them overnight.

This next slide shows you what the vehicle could look like. And, again, we're looking at various options. And, again, if you've ridden Metra or NICTD, we're looking at that sort of train where we're looking at like a diesel locomotive here shown in the top left where it then pulls the rail cars. We also are looking at a potential electric system, again similar to what NICTD operates today. You can see the overnight wire that feeds electricity into the train. And then there's actually a combined diesel-electric locomotive, this example here, Montreal, where it can run in

diesel and also can be electrifying. You can see the overhead wires that fed into the vehicle here.

So what are the key environmental issues that we're considering as part of this process? Again, NEPA requires us to look at the full gamut and full range of environmental considerations. And we've already had meetings with the Agencies earlier today. And we met even a few weeks ago. And we've gotten some initial feedback from them, done some early field work.

But this is where you guys can really come into play, too, because, again, many of you lived here in these communities or work here in these communities. And you guys know best of what's out there, what may affect you, both good and bad, in terms of this project. So this is where I think you can give us some good feedback of what your key issues and environmental considerations are.

But what we found in having some early conversations as well as doing some early field work, we found that there's a little bit of everything out there in this corridor. And we've seen things like community facilities. There's some churches along the rail line. There are some schools along the rail lines. We found some parks adjacent to it as well

as some trails. And there's existing Monan trail there. We've seen that there's a few river crossings that we're going to have to go over, associated floodplains and wetlands with that. And we even have potential maintenance facility site that is actually farmland today.

So what are the next steps in this EIS process that we're going through? Again, we are right here in this scoping period. And, again, once we get your input from the public, from the Agencies, then we go and do our work. We go and assess the impacts of the project. And this, again, culminates in the EIS document that we will be preparing over the next year. A year from now, next Fall, we'll be coming back to you with the more detailed information on the project.

So how does that fit within the overall project schedule? There's a lot shown on this slide. And I'm not going to get into it with you in detail. But we just did want to mention again because NICTD is considering potential Federal funding for this project, not only are we required to go through this Environmental Review Process, we're also considering going through what's called FTA's New Starts process. And it's a very competitive process that allocates

potential Federal funding to other projects throughout the entire country.

So the slide actually shows what the steps are to actually go through and get evaluated by the FTA through this New Starts process. But just to kind of highlight again where we are now, which is required of New Starts, is the preparation of this Environmental Impact Statement.

And, again, about a year from now, next Fall of 2015, we'll be coming back to you with this Draft Environmental Impact Statement document. And once we're done, once we're completed with the Environmental Impact Statement, the plan can then advance into more detailed design, engineering, construction, vehicle acquisition. You see all the way through to the end, NICTD is targeting project startup in the year 2023.

So how can you participate? I'm actually going to turn it back to Mattie at this point to talk about how you can give your feedback, not only here today, but also additional opportunities in the future. So, again, thank you, everyone.

>> MATTIE McCORMICK: Thank you, Lisa. And before I get into the "how you can participate" slide, I want to

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acknowledge an individual who is very important to this corridor and very important in terms of the District that he represents, Bill Emerson, Sr., Councilman, Fourth District, City of Hammond. Bill is in the back, everybody. There's Bill. Thanks, Bill, for coming out tonight.

Now, let me say this. Today's scoping meeting, we have these display boards in the back. We're going to have our technical team. And, team, would you move to the boards where you need to be assigned as I'm introducing you? Thank you.

We have Christy Haven, an Environmental Task Lead. Christy is going to be talking about the environmental component of the project.

We have Gary Foyle. Gary, hold your hand up. Gary, hold your hand up. He's the deputy project manager. He is the rail expert. So he'll be there and he'll be against the map so he can talk to you about that specifically.

We also have going to have John Parsons, who is the Marketing and Planning Director for NICTD. John is going to get in the center there.

And we also have Joe Cmkovich, and Joe is the Grants Manager of the DB office for NICTD. And he is a rail

historian from, you know, way before God began.

[Laughter]

So Joe is here. He's going to give us a lot of depth, as well.

And we have Lisa, who is the Project Manager, my boss. Lisa's going to be talking about the purpose and need for the project.

The technical team is now in place. This is your opportunity to go to the boards where you have questions, where you want more feedback, more input. This is when I open it. I said we listen well. This is the chance for us to show you that we do and also to receive your questions.

Now, the project website is available for you to submit any online comments. The email is available, as well. We have an automated phone line. Also, you can mail it in.

And if you want your comment received for the scoping period -- now we're going to receive it throughout to the end of the project -- but for the scoping period, we do need to have that by November 11th to be received by.

Okay. That said, we're now going to adjourn. John is -- and the Court Reporter, Kathy Cortopassi, is here to take your verbal comments. And that will be transcribed and

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it will be placed in the project record. Thanks, John.

Okay. Let's go for it. Hit those boards! Thank you.

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PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT OF PERRY STABLER

>> PERRY STABLER: My name is Perry Stabler, phone number 219-845-0157.

First question is: Will it be a freight line? Used as a freight line, too?

Second question is: It's supposed to be half. Pete, 300 local, municipalities 300 million. And Pete's for the Ways and Means Committee, but it seemed up to 480 million that we're going to give, and he's only going to bring back 120 million.

My last question is: If Griffith is only going to get 13,000 out of the 133, Cedar Lake opted out, and New Chicago opted out, why is he still pursuing this? Why is Pete Visclosky still pursuing this? Because he has to have all the players. And three have already opted out. And what does he think of the Mayor Tom and the referendum? Mayor Tom wants it to go for referendum. What do they think about that? This is a democratic process.

I'm against it because there's no reason for it because jobs in Chicago have dropped. And there's more better things to do with the CREDIT money. So, like, fix the

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infrastructure. Gary has three fire trucks, lost their ambulance service, school bus service, didn't have water to the schools. Why would Mayor Karen give \$700,000 of her CEDIT money when the City of Gary is that way? And plus the firefighters in Gary, 589, had a fund-raiser to fix their firehouse, and one of the fire engines, I think it's No. 5, is in a homeless shelter. So that's telling me Gary, they did -- Mayor Karen offered the CEDIT money, but that's a big question. Why would you take CEDIT money when a place like Gary is completely broke and only has 48-1/2 percent of their property tax?

When it goes past Munster and Dyer, that's the big question. Will there be a road tax? Because the first 600 million is up to Munster and Dyer; after that, the NICTD link on Page 18 says there will be a wheel tax or gas tax or some kind of tax to extend it farther because it's a billion dollars. So it would be 1.6 billion. It's 600 million up to Munster/Dyer, but after that Munster/Dyer, will there be a tax? There has to be.

[END OF PERRY STABLER'S STATEMENT.]

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT OF JASON HAWKINS

>> JASON HAWKINS: Jason Hawkins, email
jdigz@outlook.com.

My main concern -- I have several concerns. I'm concerned about the -- if it's going to be the electrical or the diesel. The electrical wire is kind of running the way the rail would go along the Monan trail in Hammond. I'm a Hammond resident. And I have two small children, ages 5 and 6. And we're looking at eventually, well, starting next summer and every summer we can, using that bike trail that it runs along. And I'm concerned about electrical lines running along -- and tracks, in general, that trains will run on -- next to that bike trail there.

Also, I'm wondering if there will be freight. I'm concerned about freight trains traffic on the tracks that they're going to use.

I also think that the project is not necessary because the start date of 2023, we're talking almost 10 years away from now. The younger families are going to already be moved out by then that they're seeking to keep here. I think the people that will really benefit are the people

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that already are entrenched south of Route 30 -- I'm sorry, 45th Avenue. And they have a secondary option, and that's the new Illiana Expressway that's going to be built. They will have secondary options if they don't want to come up to Hammond or East Chicago to catch the South Shore.

Also, I don't feel that Hammond should bear the brunt of such a cost that they are being asked to provide for the project. I feel personally that with the luxury it would afford the residents south of 45th, like Dyer, Munster, St. John, et cetera, that they should -- their communities should shoulder the lump of that money. I'm not opposed to Hammond putting some money in, but nothing near the degree of what they're asked to pledge. That's all.

[END OF JASON HAWKINS'S STATEMENT.]

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT OF TOM & MOLLY COREY

>> TOM COREY: Tom Corey, corey6790@comcast.net.

The one question: Is this going to be a single line or a double line?

And the area that's being affected is -- or what we're looking at is where our business is located in Dyer at the Dyer Amtrak station. And if it's going to be a double line, is that going to affect the businesses that sit alongside that Amtrak line? Will eminent domain be an issue?

>> MOLLY COREY: We just bought the business. And we were trying to decide to buy the building. And now I don't know what to do if we have eminent domain issues.

>> TOM COREY: I like the idea that we are having this opportunity to bring financial means into our community. It's just we're looking for more information as to the impact it's going to have on local businesses, positive and negative.

Would the parking be involved through Amtrak, or would that be a separate entity that would be in control of the parking? If we purchased the building, will we get fair market value through eminent domain?

[END OF TOM & MOLLY COREY'S STATEMENT.]

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PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT OF LINDA STEFANICH

>> LINDA STEFANICH: Email, toptownjs@aol.com.

Number 1, do we have Metra's buy-in for this? Metra all along has said no more room for expansion. Do we have Metra's buy-in? And if so, where are we going to put the trains when they get to downtown Chicago?

Number 2, why aren't magnetic levitation trains being considered? They're used in Switzerland. They don't break down. They don't run on electricity. It's all on the power of magnets. And electricity in the region can go in a heartbeat with a severe storm or severe winds.

But I am in definite favor of this. It is very badly needed.

[END OF LINDA STEFANICH'S STATEMENT.]

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PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT OF CELINA WEATHERWAX

>> CELINA WEATHERWAX: Celina Weatherwax, 1542 Fox Point Drive in Chesterton.

I'm here this evening in a volunteer capacity representing the Emerging Leaders Network. We are an ad hoc group of young professionals that are strongly in favor of extending the South Shore rail line. We see this as an economic opportunity for growth in the region, and we would like to see not only this project be successful but other transit-oriented projects so that we can continue to attract and retain young professionals in the region.

Furthermore, we see the South Shore extension as a real engine for growth in terms of giving us the ability to commute in and out of the City of Chicago, in order to bring our hard earned dollars back here and invest in the communities of Lake and Porter Counties.

Please move quickly and make this happen. Thank you.

[END OF CELINA WEATHERWAX'S STATEMENT.]

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PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT OF GIOVANNI SAVAGLIO

>> GIOVANNI SAVAGLIO: Giovanni Savaglio,
giovannisavaglio@aol.com.

First off, I want to push for the train station in Munster that's proposed to be located at 45th and Fisher as opposed to Ridge Road. Two stations is fine, but I prefer if there's only one station, that it be located in Munster at the 45th and Fisher location.

The other thing I was thinking is that I don't know if I could share my story, but I grew up on the south side of Chicago in Pullman. And I went to undergraduate college at Loyola North Side at the Rogers Park, Chicago. And I took one train -- one bus and two trains each way. It was an hour and a half commute, three hours of commuting a day. But because I did that, I was able to get a college degree and still live at home.

I want to give my son an opportunity where he can commute to good schools, good work without having to leave his family. Because I was able to commute, I'm now a nurse anesthetist making close to \$200,000 a year. I want the same opportunity for my children.

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So I want the train service to Chicago, the big economic market that it is, and not have to move away from home for work, not have to move away from home for a school. That was it.

Three hours commuting is a lot, but nowadays you can be on your laptop, you can get your homework done as opposed to commuting, spending gas money. So you can actually get more work done and be a better student so when you get home, your homework is done.

But I wanted to share that idea.

I just want to share with people that I've worked on occasions in many areas in Illinois that have train stations and transportation hubs linking themselves with Chicago. And I'm making reference to Naperville, Hinsdale, Elmhurst, Kenilworth. These are all thriving communities where families are living together and having access to transportation to Chicago to good-paying jobs, coming back and enjoying the quality of life that we don't have available here in Munster, Indiana.

We think Munster is such a great place, but we're lacking the opportunities that people have in thriving communities like you've got Hinsdale, Elmhurst, Kenilworth,

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Naperville. It's increased their property values. They have access to entertainment on weekends and access to higher paying jobs instead of service industry jobs and fast food chains.

[END OF GIOVANNI SAVAGLIO'S STATEMENT.]

APPENDIX F-3
November 2015 Workshops Meeting Summary



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1. INTRODUCTION

In November 2015, the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) hosted four workshops to update the public and public officials and agencies on the West Lake Corridor Project, as well as provide an opportunity for attendees to comment on the proposed station locations, maintenance facility locations, layover track, and alignment. This report documents the details of the workshops and summarizes the comments, feedback, and input received from the agencies and public.

2. WORKSHOP OUTREACH/FORMAT

2.1 Public Officials and Agency Workshop

The Project Team held a workshop with public officials and local, state, and federal agencies on November 9, 2015. The time, location, and number of attendees are as follows:

- **Time:** Monday, November 9, 2015, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- **Location:** Munster Town Hall, 1005 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana
- **Attendees:** 26 signed in

NICTD invited the public officials and agencies listed below to attend. A copy of the invitation letter is provided in **Appendix A**.

Elected Officials

Federal

- Peter Visclosky, U. S. Congressman, 1st District
- Joe Donnelly, United States Senator

State

- Linda Lawson, Representative, Indiana House of Representatives – District 1
- Frank Mrvan, Indiana State Senator, District 1
- Rick Niemeyer, Representative, Indiana House of Representatives – District 11
- Lonnie Randolph, Indiana State Senator, District 2
- Maria Candelaria Reardon, Representative, Indiana House of Representatives, –12
- Hal Slager, Representative, Indiana House of Representatives – District 15
- Sue Landske, Indiana State Senator, District 6

County

- Roosevelt Allen, Jr., Commissioner, Lake County
- Eldon Strong, Councilman, Lake County

Town/City

City of Hammond

- Anthony Higgs, 3rd District Councilman
- Dan Spitale, Councilman at Large
- Homero Hinojosa, 6th District Councilman
- Jack Uylaki, 2nd District Councilman
- William Emerson, Councilman 4th District
- Janet Venecz, Councilman at Large
- Mark Kalwinski, 1st District Councilman
- Thomas M. McDermott Jr., Mayor
- Robert Markovich, Councilman at Large
- Michael Opinker, 5th District Councilman

Town of Munster

- Dustin Anderson, Town Manager
- John Edington, Council Member – Ward 2
- Andy Koultourides, Council Member – Ward 5

Town of Dyer

- Debbie Astor, Town Council Member – Ward 5
- Joseph Cinko, Town Council President – Ward 1
- Jeff Dekker, Town Council Member – Ward 2

Other Cities and Towns in the Project Area

- Anthony Copeland, Mayor, City of East Chicago
- Stanley Dobosz, Councilman, Town of Griffith

- Michael Forbes, Councilman, Town of St John
- Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor, City of Gary
- Michael Griffin, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Highland
- Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Merrillville
- Stephanie Kuziela, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Chesterton
- Richard Ludlow, Councilman, Town of Schneider
- Ron Meer, Mayor, City of Michigan City

- Randy Niemeyer, Council President, Town of Cedar Lake
- Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush, Mayor, City of Calumet City

- Dave Nellans, Council Member – Ward 4
- John Reed, Council Member – Ward 1
- Joseph Simonetto, Council Member – Ward 3

- Connee Trepton, Town Council Member – Ward 3
- Mary Tanis, Town Council Vice President – Ward 4

- Tom Schmitt, Councilman, Town of Schererville
- Greg Shook, Acting Town Administrator, Town of Lowell
- James Simmons, Councilman, Town of Winfield
- Brian Snedecor, Mayor, City of Hobart
- James Snyder, Mayor, City of Portage
- Keith Soderquist, Mayor, City of Lake Station

- Joseph Stahura, Mayor, City of Whiting

- Lori Reno, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of New Chicago
- Laura Sullivan, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Beverly Shores
- David Uran, Mayor, City of Crown Point

Federal, State, and Local Agency Officials**Federal**

- Andréa Martin, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Railroad Administration
- Paul Leffler, Chicago District Regulatory Branch, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Virginia Laszewski, Environmental Scientist, US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
- Elizabeth McCloskey, Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Northern Indiana

State

- Robert Bronson, Section Chief, Indiana Department of Natural Resources (INDNR), Division of Outdoor Resources
- John Carr, Team Leader, Historic Structures Reviewers, INDNR, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
- Rachel Leibowitz, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
- Christie Stanifer, Environmental Coordinator, INDNR, Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Wade Tharp, Archaeologist, INDNR, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

- Tiffany Tolbert, Director Northwest Field Office, Indiana Landmarks

- Carl Wodrich, Director of Ecological Services, INDNR

- Mitchell K. Zoll, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, INDNR, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
- Cynthia Stacy, Special Projects Manager, Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

Regional

- Randall Blankenhorn, Executive Director, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
- Peter Fahrenwald, Manager, Regional and Corridor Planning, Northeastern Illinois Regional Transportation Authority
- Steve Strains, Director of Planning, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
- Sherri Ziller, Chief Operating Officer, Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority

County

- Bill Emerson, Jr., Surveyor, Lake County
- Toni Preckwinkle, President, Cook County Board
- Maria Choca Urban, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Cook County Bureau of Administration
- Bruce Woods, President, Lake County Historical Society
- John Yohan, Superintendent, Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

City/Town

- Rick Eberly, Town Administrator, Town of Dyer
- Steve Kil, Town Manager, Town of St. John
- David Kralik, Department Head/Long Range Planning, Metra
- Richard Lytle, Hammond Historical Society
- Carole Morey, Chief Planning Officer, Chicago Transit Authority
- Brian Poland, AICP, Director of City Planning, City of Hammond
- Jeffrey Sriver, Director of Transportation Planning and Programming, Chicago Department of Transportation

The Project Team presented the project with slides that described the Federal environmental process, the project, and changes that have occurred since the project Scoping Meetings were held in October 2014. The presentation was followed by an open session for questions and answers. In this segment of the workshop, two verbal comments were received. These were, how the project would be funded and if freight would use the project corridor. In addition to poster display boards in the room, participants were provided with a project fact sheet and a list of frequently asked questions. Copies of meeting materials are provided in **Appendix B** and on the Project website (<http://www.nictdwestlake.com/>), and copies the agency sign-in sheets are found in **Appendix C**.

2.2 Public Workshops

The Project Team conducted the workshops for the public at three locations in the project corridor. **Table 2-1** lists the locations, times, and number of attendees at each workshop that was held. Each of the locations was ADA accessible, centrally located, and provided ample access for free parking. The workshops were intended to inform the public of the environmental process, the proposed project, and changes to the project since the project scoping meetings were held in October 2014.

Table 2-1: Workshop Times, Locations, and Number of Attendees

Meeting Type	Location	Time	Number of Attendees
Public Workshop	Protsman Elementary School 1121 Harrison Avenue, Dyer, IN	Monday, November 9, 2015, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	124
Public Workshop	Washington Irving Elementary School, 4727 Pine Avenue, Hammond, IN	Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	44
Public Workshop	Eads Elementary School, 8000 Jackson Avenue, Munster, IN	Thursday, November 11, 2015, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	130

NICTD issued a press release to three study area newspapers, *The Times*, *Post Tribune*, and *Gary Crusader*. NICTD also posted an announcement of the meetings on the Project’s website, posted flyers at South Shore Line (SSL) stations, sent postcards to residents in the Project Corridor, sent e-mail blasts to stakeholders listed in the Project database, and distributed project flyers. Copies of the press release, newspaper advertisements, and flyer can be found in **Appendix A**.

To maximize outreach to corridor stakeholders, the workshops were announced on the project website (<http://www.nictdwestlake.com/>), via three different e-mails to contacts on the project database, three different e-mails to organizations that represent environmental justice communities, and with direct phone calls to environmental justice leaders conducted at four different time periods leading up to the workshops. The Project Team contacted the following community and environmental justice organizations:

- Active Transportation Alliance
- Baptist Ministers
- Bishop Tavis Grant II
- Boys and Girls Club Northwest Indiana
- City of Gary
- City of Michigan City
- Civic Leaders
- Deaf Services, Inc. - Tradewinds
- Dyer Redevelopment Commission
- Gary Chamber of Commerce
- Gary Public Transportation Corporation
- Hammond Hispanic Community Committee
- Hammond Redevelopment Commission
- Hoffman Street Baptist Church
- Interfaith Clergy Council
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services of Gary
- Michigan City Housing Authority
- Michigan City Human Rights Department
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People- Gary Chapter
- North Central Community Action Agencies
- Northwest Indiana Baptist Association
- Northwest Indiana Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Northwest Indiana Hispanic Chamber of
- Northwest Indiana Federation of Interfaith
- Porter County Aging and Community Service
- Unity Foundation of LaPorte County
- Urban League of Northwest Indiana

The workshop format included a formal presentation followed by an informal open house. Four information stations provided visual display boards and maps defining the environmental process, project overview, proposed stations and maintenance facility locations, and alignment options under evaluation. The consultant team staffed each information area to receive attendee questions and provide individual responses. In addition to direct access to the project team, attendees were provided the opportunity to submit comments on site, with the option of also providing comments via the project website, mail to the NICTD office, email (project.email@nictdwestlake.com), or verbally via the automated project phone line (219-250-2920). Handouts provided to attendees included a project fact sheet and frequently asked questions (see **Appendix B**). The workshops were well attended, with 324 attendees.

Those workshop attendees that indicated how they heard about the meeting provided the following information sources:

- Newspaper 43%
- Project website 16%
- Email 11%
- Flyer 4%
- Postcard 2%¹
- Other 24%²

Newspaper story coverage was the dominant source of meeting announcement for these attendees. NICTD issued a press release in advance of the meetings to encourage media coverage. This would provide an opportunity to clarify project development status and to create a channel to convey ongoing information to the public. Given the 24 percent reference to word of mouth information exchange, which historically does not provide consistent, accurate information, newspapers could represent an increased communication opportunity for the project.

3. COMMENT SUMMARY

As previously stated, NICTD provided the public with multiple opportunities to submit comments. These were offered via online submission through the Project e-mail or website online comment section, by mail to the NICTD Project office, via the automated phone line, and through comment cards that were provided at the workshops. In total, 16 public comments were received through these outreach methods.

Of the 16 comments received, 15 were received onsite and one was mailed to the NICTD office. Within this total, five were supportive of the project; seven provided input comments for planning consideration; and four were in opposition of the project. A summary of the written comments received follows. Those in favor of the project accept the value proposition for economic development; those against do not. Comments on the project generally fell into the following categories:

- Economic growth
- Improved linkages to jobs
- Increased transportation connections
- Improved access
- Impacts to property values
- Acquisitions and displacements
- Cost value
- Impacts on residential property values
- Traffic in neighborhoods
- Increased noise levels
- Safety concerns

Comments that provided project input considerations asked about the following:

- Accommodations for people with disabilities

¹ The postcard option was cited by respondents, but did not represent one of the announcement options utilized for this meeting.

² This included word of mouth through friends and neighbors, Facebook, text, and radio.

- Transfers between trains
- Coordination with Munster and Dyer to define the possible extension of Main Street west to IL 394
- Station Design and locations
- Noise mitigation evaluations given increased train traffic
- Evaluations for increased traffic impacts on neighborhoods
- Maintenance Yard Location evaluation
- Property acquisition process

APPENDIX A
Meeting Announcements



NORTHERN INDIANA
COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

33 E. U.S. HIGHWAY 12 • CHESTERTON, IN 46304-3514

PHONE: 219.926.5744 • FAX: 219.929.4438

October 19, 2015

Dear Public and Agency Officials:

RE: West Lake Corridor Project Public Workshops

The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) is hosting three public workshops and one workshop for public officials and agencies. **You are invited to attend the public officials and agency meeting that will be held Monday, November 9, 2015, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the Munster Town Hall, 1005 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana 46321.**

The purpose of these workshops is to provide an opportunity for our AECOM consultants to update attendees on project status, proposed stations and facilities, and next steps in the evaluation process. This workshop format will enable NICTD to gain a better understanding on issues and concerns through a facilitated, interactive setting. For your reference, should your schedule permit, the public workshops will be held:

- Monday, November 9, 2015, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Protsman Elementary School
1121 Harrison Avenue
Dyer, Indiana 46311
- Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Washington Irving Elementary School
4727 Pine Avenue
Hammond, Indiana 46327
- Thursday, November 12, 2015, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Eads Elementary School
8000 Jackson Avenue
Munster, Indiana 46321

We would appreciate hearing if you're planning on attending the public officials and agency meeting in Munster on November 9. Please call Lisa Johnson at 219-926-5744 ext 308 or drop us a confirming note through our project website. We look forward to seeing you on the 9th. For more information on this project, we invite you to visit the project website, www.nictdwestlake.com.

Sincerely,

John N. Parsons
Project Manager



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News Release For Immediate Release

The Northern Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) will host three public workshops for the West Lake Corridor Project

CHESTERTON, IN... The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) will host three public workshops for the West Lake Corridor Project. This project is evaluating an extension of the South Shore Line between Munster/Dyer area and Metra's Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago. This expansion will more conveniently connect Northwest Indiana to the Chicago area. The purpose of these workshops is to provide an opportunity to update attendees on project status, proposed stations and facilities, and next steps in the evaluation process. The workshops will provide the opportunity for the public to ask questions about the project and provide input to NICTD about the planning process. Workshops will be held:

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Since the initiation of the environmental review process in 2014, the evaluation has moved forward, and the project is at a pivotal stage to consider input on station and facility locations. Additionally, the consultant team will be on-site to answer all questions. The public and interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

Michael Noland, NICTD General Manager stated, *"expanding economic opportunities for Northwest Indiana is directly linked to enhancing access to Chicago. This project provides that unique opportunity."*

For additional information on this project, visit the project website at www.nictdwestlake.com.

Media Contact:
John Parsons
Director Marketing & Planning
John.parsons@nictd.com
219-926-5744 ext 305

NICTD West Lake Corridor Project

Newspaper Meeting Announcement

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The purpose of these workshops is to provide an opportunity to update attendees on project status, proposed stations and facilities, and next steps in the evaluation process. These workshops will provide the opportunity for attendees to provide input to NICTD on project planning.

Information on the project is available at the project website, www.nictdwestlake.com.

**NEWS & UPDATES*****NICTD To Host Three Public Workshops for the West Lake Corridor Project***

You are invited to mark your calendar and join us!

The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) will hold three public workshops for the West Lake Corridor Project.

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For additional information regarding this project, you may visit the project website at www.nictdwestlake.com.

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Web Site: www.nictdwestlake.com

Don't forget to add project.email@nictdwestlake.com to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

E-Blast to EJ Community Leaders

Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) will host three public workshops for the West Lake Corridor project. This project is evaluating an extension of the South Shore Line between the Munster/Dyer area and Metra's Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago. This expansion will more conveniently connect Northwest Indiana to the Chicago area. The purpose of these workshops is to provide an opportunity to update attendees on project status, proposed stations and facilities, and next steps in the evaluation process. The workshops will provide the opportunity for attendees to ask questions and provide input to the planning process.

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As a recognized community leader, we invite you to attend and also share this meeting announcement with your constituency. We hope that you can join us. For additional questions or follow-up, you may contact our Public Coordinator, Matti McCormick at 317-537-2111 or via email at: mccormickmatti@gmail.com

For additional information on this project, you may visit the project website at www.nictdwestlake.com

**NEWS & UPDATES*****West Lake Corridor Project Workshop for Public Officials and Agencies***

You are invited to mark your calendar and join us!

The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) will hold a West Lake Corridor Project Workshop for Public Officials and Agencies. This workshop will be held Monday, November 9, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the Munster Town Hall, 1005 Ridge Road, Munster, Indiana 46321.

The purpose of these workshops is to provide an opportunity to update attendees on project status, proposed stations and facilities, and next steps in the evaluation process. This workshop will provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions about the project and provide input to project planning.

If your schedule will allow, we look forward to you joining us.

In the interim, for information on the project, you may visit the project website at www.nictdwestlake.com.

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Don't forget to add project.email@nictdwestlake.com to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!



PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

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We invite you to attend and to share this meeting announcement with others.

Posted: 10-30-15



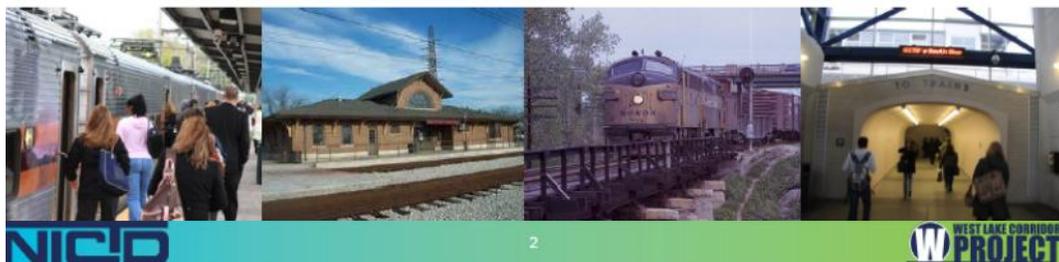
Life is hard. The train is easy.

APPENDIX B
Meeting Materials



Purpose of Workshop

- Project Overview
- Share Information on Project Updates
- Seek Input on Alternatives and Options
- Define How You Can Be Involved



Study Overview

- FTA and NICTD are Conducting an Environmental Review of the West Lake Corridor Project
- The Study includes Rail Based Service between the Munster/Dyer area and Metra’s Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago
- The Study evaluates Alignments, Stations and Operating Facility Locations in the Corridor

How Did We Get Here?

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| ▪ Regional Agency Conducted Initial Study | 1989 |
| ▪ NICTD Completed <i>West Lake Corridor Study</i> | 2011 |
| ▪ Released <i>20-Year Strategic Business Plan</i> | June 2014 |
| ▪ <i>Began Environmental Review Process</i> | Sept 2014 |



West Lake Funding Sources



What is Purpose for Project?

- Serve High-Growth Areas in Lake County
- Conveniently Connect to Chicago
- Establish Alternative to Driving
- Lower Commute Times and Costs
- Increase NICTD System Ridership
- Promote Economic Development
- Create Local Jobs
- Attract and Retain Younger Families
- Provide Valued Transportation Asset



What is the Need for the Project?

- Increase Transportation Options for Accessing Chicago
- Reduce Travel Time from the Study Area to Chicago
- Reduce the Parking Burden at Existing Transit Stations
- Reduce Travel Costs

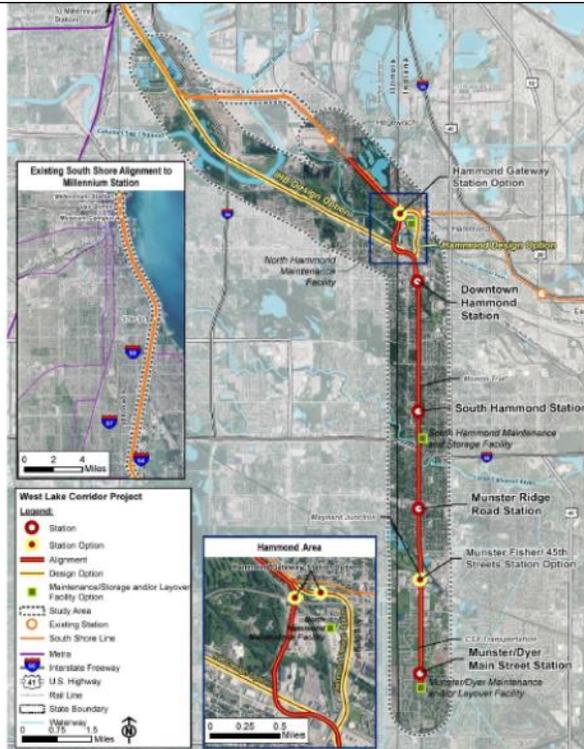
Study Purpose

- Advance West Lake Corridor Project
 - Complete Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in Compliance with NEPA
 - Select a Preferred Alternative (PA)
 - Enter Project Development under FTA New Starts



West Lake Project Overview

- 9-Mile Extension of Existing South Shore Line (SSL)
- 24 Trains per Weekday and Weekend Service
- 4 Stations in Hammond, Munster, and Dyer
- Maintenance Facility
- Options for Alignment, Stations, Maintenance and Layover Facilities



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Alternative Options

- Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) Alignment
- Hammond Design Option Alignment
- Station Options
 - Hammond
 - Munster
- Maintenance Facility
 - Hammond – 2 sites
 - Munster/Dyer
- Layover Facility
 - Munster/Dyer



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Project Updates

- Southern Terminal
- Railroad Requirements
- Mid-day / Weekend Service
- Conceptual Design
 - Vehicle Technology
 - Alignments Alternatives
 - Station Location Options
 - Maintenance Facility Location Options
 - Bike Trail Location in the Corridor



Why So Many Design Options?

- Required to evaluate all feasible design options meeting the purpose and need of the project
- To consider and evaluate each alternative in a comparable level of detail
- Field work is included for all design options minimizing the need for additional investigation



Vehicle Technology

- Existing South Shore Electric Trains



Hegewisch Station, SSL

Stations

- Boarding Platforms
- Shelters
- Parking
- Multi-Modal Access



Dune Park Station, SSL



East Chicago Station, SSL



Denton County A-Train Maintenance Facility

Maintenance Facility

- Shop Building for Maintenance of Vehicles
- Storage Tracks
- Parking and Support Facilities

Layover Facility

- Welfare Building for Crew
- Storage Tracks for Overnight Layover
- Parking



Metra Electric District - Richton Layover



Operations Facilities

If maintenance facility is here...

...layover facility is needed here

National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA Umbrella
Data Collection
and Analysis



Key Considerations:

- Transportation
- Land Use and Acquisitions
- Economic Development
- Neighborhoods and Community Facilities
- Environmental Justice
- Parks and Recreational
- Historic and Archeological
- Noise and Vibration
- Visual and Aesthetics
- Water and Ecological
- Farmlands
- Hazardous Materials
- Safety and Security
- Short-Term Construction

What is a DEIS?

- Required for Federal Funding
- Discloses Impacts of the project and Proposed Mitigation Measures
- Improves Decision Making
- Serves as a Means for Public Comment
- Follows NEPA Requirements for Documentation
- Public Hearing is Part of the Required Process

Environmental Impact Statement Process

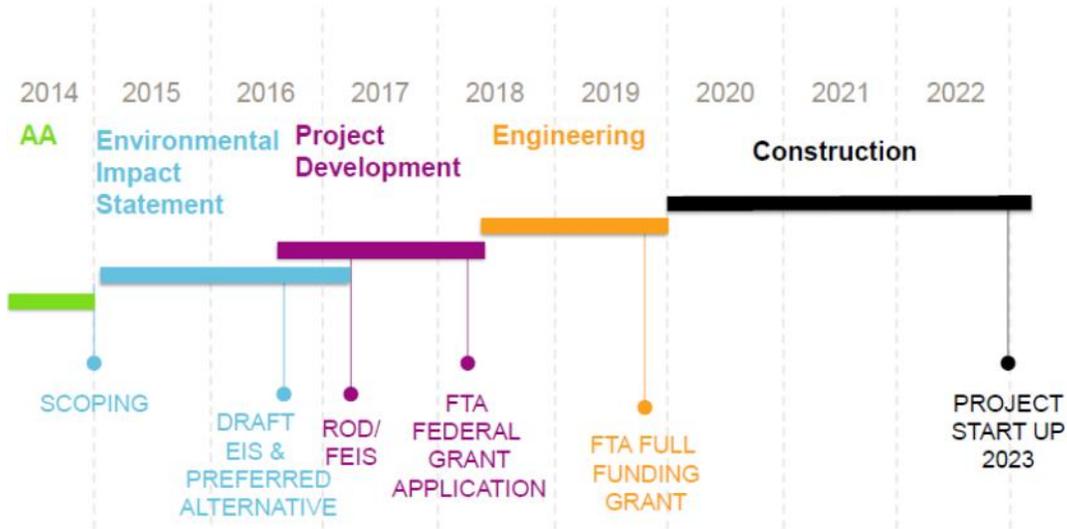


Ongoing Coordination

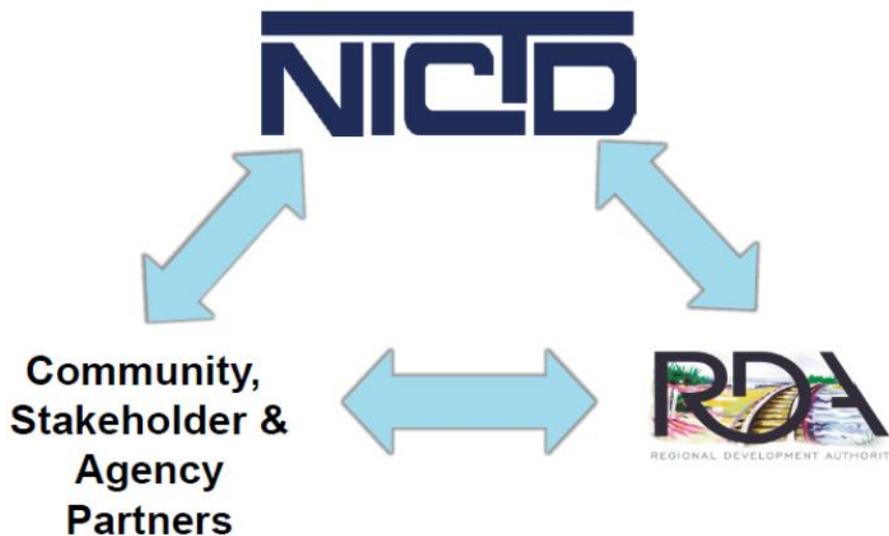
- Federal Transit Administration
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- Municipalities
- Railroads
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- State Historic Preservation Office



West Lake Overall Project Schedule



Key to Success: Partnerships



Next Steps

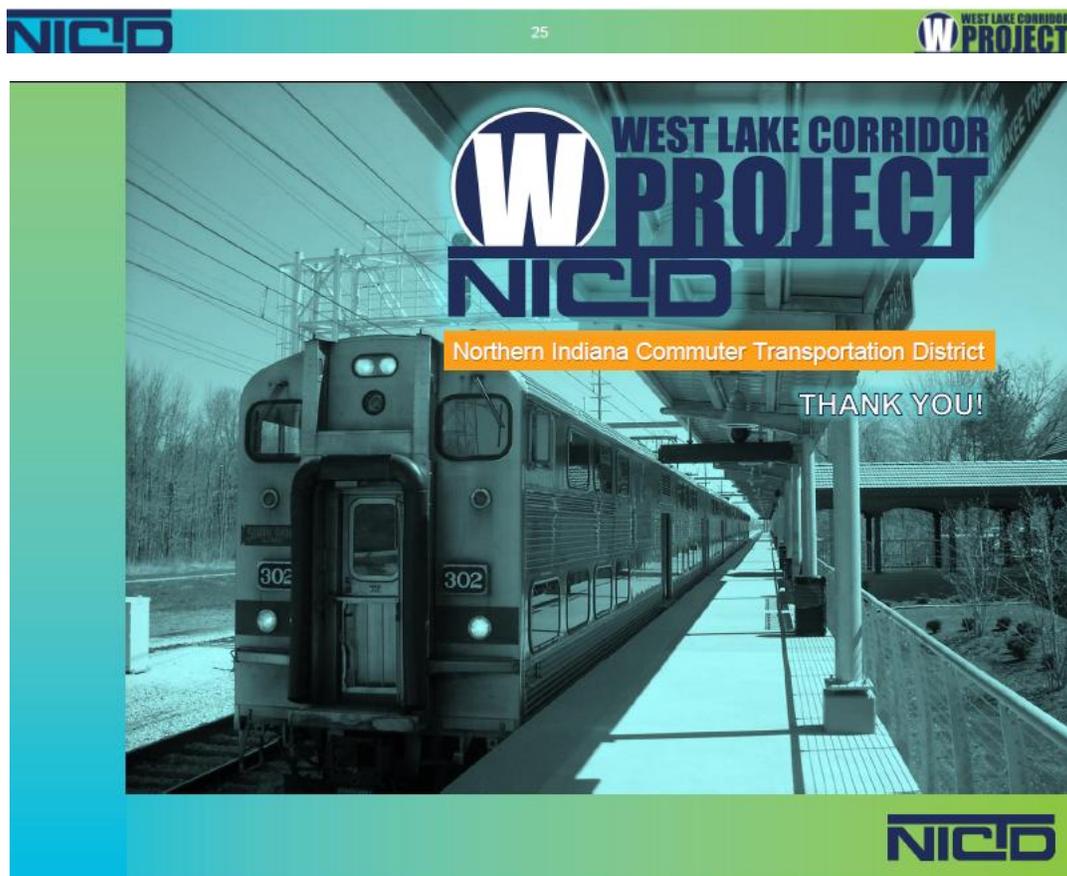
- Public Workshops – November 2015
- Begin Project Development – Summer 2016
- DEIS Public Review – Fall 2016
- DEIS Public Hearings – Fall 2016

How Can You Participate and Stay Informed

- Project Website: <http://www.nictdwestlake.com/>
- Email: project.email@nictdwestlake.com
- Call: 219-250-2920
- Mail: NICTD West Lake Corridor Project
33 East U.S. Highway 12
Chesterton, IN 46304

Workshop Breakout Areas

1. Project Overview
2. Environmental Process
3. Alignment Options
4. Station and Facility Options



WEST LAKE CORRIDOR PROJECT NICTD

Project Fact Sheet

Project Overview: Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District's (NICTD) existing South Shore Line (SSL) provides a vital transportation link that connects Northwest Indiana to Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. The West Lake Corridor Project (Project) would involve a southern branch extension of NICTD's existing SSL to reach high-growth areas in Lake County, Indiana. The Project would expand NICTD's service coverage, improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County. The Project would include:

- 9-mile southern extension of SSL between Dyer and Hammond, Indiana;
- 12 trains per weekday between Dyer and Downtown Chicago;
- 4 stations in Hammond, Munster, and Dyer; and
- Maintenance facility to store and maintain vehicles.

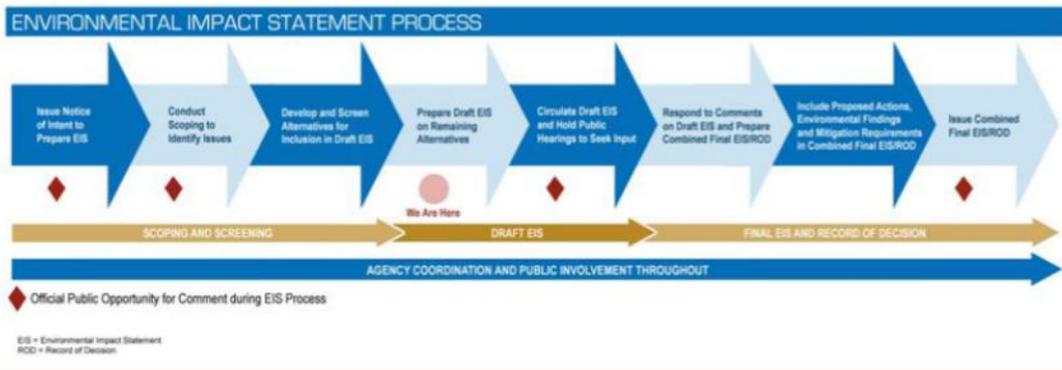
Design options for the Project route alignment, station locations, and maintenance facility sites are also being considered, which will be further refined working in close consultation with the public, agencies, and key stakeholders.



Environmental Review Process: To move this Project forward, NICTD and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated the environmental review process in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared as part of this process to assess the potential impacts of the Project on the man-made and natural environments. This is a required step that NICTD must take to receive potential federal funding for the Project.

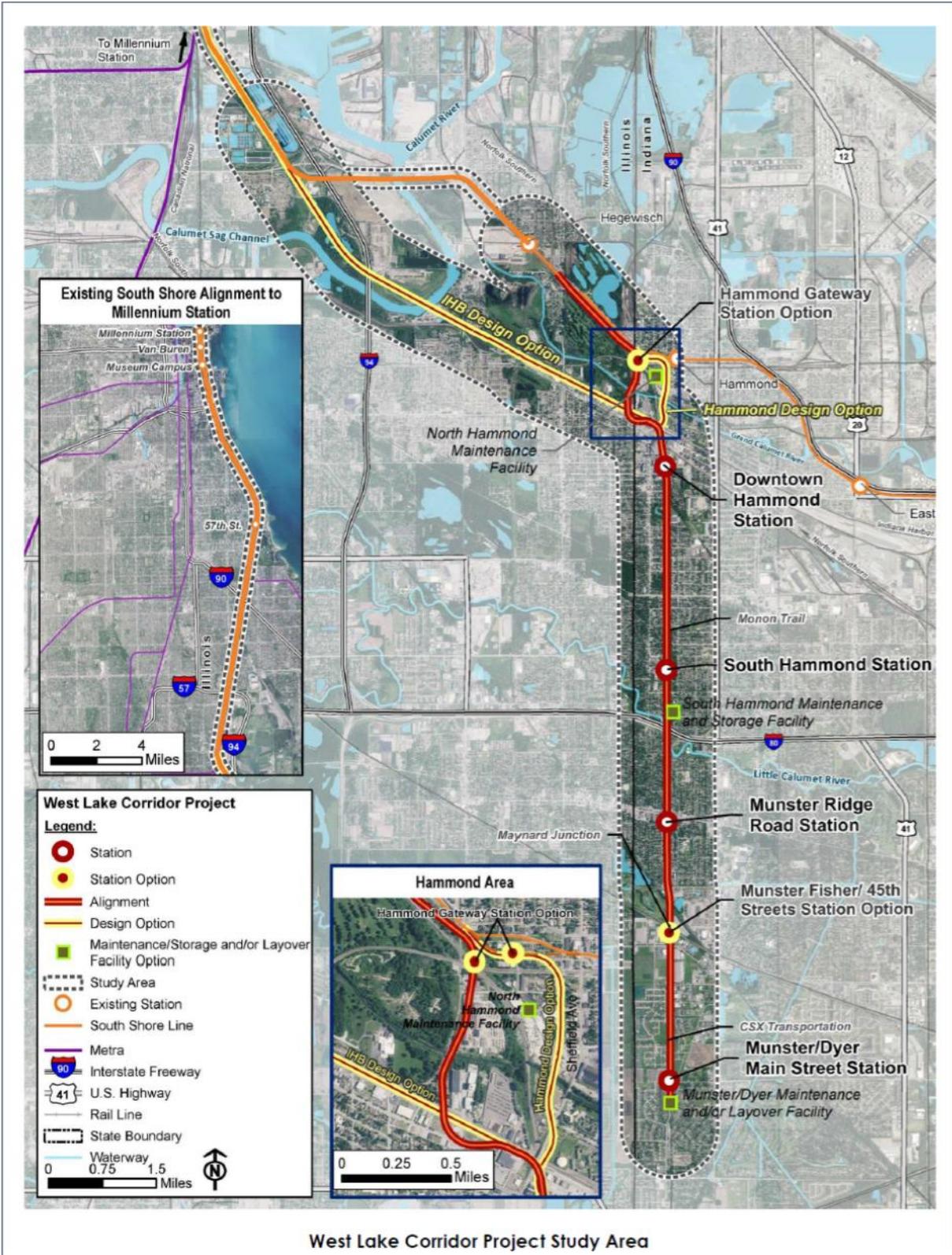
Key Milestones:

- EIS Process: 2014 to 2016
- Engineering and Construction: 2016 to 2023
- Project Completion: 2023



HOW TO REACH US:

NICTD West Lake Corridor Project, 33 East U.S. Highway 12, Chesterton, IN 46304
 website: www.nictdwestlake.com; e-mail: project.email@nictdwestlake.com; automated phone: 219-250-2920



NICTD West Lake Corridor Project WEBSITE FAQs Updated: October 30, 2015

Q1. WHAT IS THE WEST LAKE CORRIDOR PROJECT?

- A. The West Lake Corridor Project would be an approximate 9-mile southern extension of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District's (NICTD) existing South Shore Line (SSL) between Dyer and Hammond, Indiana. Trains on the new branch line would connect with the existing SSL and ultimately Metra Electric District's (MED) line to the north. The proposed project would provide new transit service between Dyer, Indiana and Metra's Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago, Illinois, a total distance of approximately 30 miles.

Q2. WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF THE WEST LAKE CORRIDOR PROJECT?

- A. An expansion of the South Shore Line has long been recognized as a value to the Northwest Indiana regional community. As early as 1989, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) released a study that identified a South Shore extension as a potentially viable means to expand mass transit in the region. Since that time, multiple evaluations have occurred. In 2011, NICTD's *West Lake Corridor Study* concluded that a rail-based service between the Munster/Dyer area and Metra's Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago would best meet the public transportation needs of the study area. In June 2014, NICTD released its *20-Year Strategic Business Plan*, which highlighted the importance of a West Lake Corridor Project. In May 2014, NICTD initiated the environmental review process for the West Lake Corridor Project, a required next step to advance overall project development and secure federal funding.

Q3. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT AND WHAT BENEFITS CAN BE ACHIEVED FROM SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION?

- A. The purpose of the West Lake Corridor Project is to provide a vital transportation link that connects Northwest Indiana to Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. NICTD is proposing the West Lake Corridor Project as a southern branch extension of the SSL route to reach high-growth areas in Lake County, Indiana. The project would expand NICTD's service coverage, improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County.

The benefits to be achieved from the Project are:

- Serve high-growth areas in central, southern, and western Lake County, Indiana
- Conveniently connect more Northwest Indiana residents to downtown Chicago jobs and major activity centers
- Establish a solid modal alternative between the two metropolitan regions other than driving

- Lower commuting travel times and costs
- Increase NICTD system ridership
- Promote economic development opportunities
- Create local jobs in Northwest Indiana
- Attract and retain families and younger residents
- Provide a valued transportation asset for use by all Northwest Indiana residents.

Q4. WHAT STUDY IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY?

- A. The study currently underway involves the environmental review process for the West Lake Corridor Project in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Specifically, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is being prepared for the Project, with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as the Federal Lead Agency and NICTD as the Local Project Sponsor responsible for implementing the Project.

The DEIS will involve a greater level of analysis of the project, including potential design options, ridership, costs, environmental resources, and other considerations than have been conducted to date. This will allow for more informed decisions about such project elements as the transit mode, route alignment, station locations, and other infrastructure improvements. The DEIS will conclude with the selection of a Preferred Alternative (PA).

NICTD would then develop a Financial Plan for the LPA, and submit an application to enter Project Development under FTA’s New Starts funding program. These are all necessary steps in order for the project to qualify for potential federal funding in the future.

Q5. HOW DO THE PUBLIC AND AGENCIES GET INVOLVED?

- A. The public and agencies are encouraged to comment on the project and participate in the process through various methods, including the project website at NICTDWestLake.com. The project website has an online comment section to receive comments and questions, and various project documents will be made available to the public and agencies online.

Public meetings and hearings will also be held, along with individual stakeholder meetings and other meetings upon request. Each meeting will provide the opportunity to receive comments on the project and input into the process. Three rounds of public and agency review are planned during the DEIS phase:

- a. **Scoping Period and Meeting(s):** Scoping is the first step in the environmental review process under NEPA. Scoping is an early and open process for the public and agencies to provide input on the scope, or range, of issues to be addressed and identify the significant issues related to the proposed action. Public and agency scoping meetings were held in fall 2014.
- b. **Public Meeting(s):** The second round of public meeting(s) will be held in fall 2015. These meetings will serve to update the public and agencies on the project and receive input on

project elements such as integrating stations with the surrounding communities. The meetings will be held in a workshop format to maximize public participation.

- c. **Circulation of DEIS and Hearing(s):** The third round of input will involve the circulation of the DEIS in fall 2016. The public and agencies will have the opportunity to provide comments on the DEIS over a 45-day review period, during which time a public hearing(s) will be held to present the findings of the DEIS.

All three rounds of public and agency engagement provide opportunities for input throughout the NEPA environmental review process. The website comment section enables the public to provide ongoing input into the project.

Q6. WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF TIME EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THIS STUDY AND OVERALL PROJECT?

A. Following are the key milestones and schedule for the environmental review process, as well as the overall project:

- a. **DEIS:** The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be completed in about 2 years, from fall 2014 to fall 2016.
- b. **FEIS/ROD:** Following the comment period on the DEIS, a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) would be prepared by the FTA and NICTD to complete the environmental review process. The FTA would also issue a Record of Decision (ROD) that states the proposed action, environmental findings, and mitigation requirements. The combined FEIS/ROD would take about 6 months to complete through 2016, depending on the level of comments received on the DEIS.
- c. **Engineering and Construction:** The environmental review process would then be followed by more detailed design, engineering, and construction from 2016 to 2023.
- d. **Project Completion:** Service start-up for the NICTD West Lake Corridor Project is targeted for 2023.

This schedule reflects the standard process for NEPA review and FTA's New Starts funding program, but dates are subject to change.

APPENDIX C
Sign-In Sheets



PROJECT WORKSHOP FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Meeting Purpose: To update public officials and agencies on the West Lake Corridor Project, to answer questions and receive feedback.

Location: Munster Town Hall, 1005 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321

Date: November 9, 2015 Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm.

SIGN-IN SHEET

	Name	Neighborhood or Organization	Phone	E-mail	Address	How Did You Hear About Us?
1	Ty WARNER	NIRPC	(219) 763-6060	TWARNER@NIRPC.ORG	6100 SOUTHPORT RD. POKINSI, IN 46362	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Letter
2	David Kralik	Metra	(812) 322 8035	dkralik@metra.com	547 W. Jackson Chicago, IL 60604	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: letter
3	Mark Gordish	City of Hammond	719 853-6336	kgordish@hammond.com	5925 Calumet Hammond, IN 46323	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4						Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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Date: November 9, 2015 Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm.

	Name	Neighborhood or Organization	Phone	E-mail	Address	How Did You Hear About Us?
1	Brian Poland	City of Hammond	853-6391 x3	polandb@gohammond.com	5925 Calumet Ave Hammond	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	Steve Strains	NIPPC	219-763-6060	sstrains@nippc.org	Portage	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	Bruce Strickland	RDA	317-860-0785		INDIANS	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	Tombako Music	Cook County DOT IT	312	tombako.music@cookcountyil.gov	69 W. Washington Chicago IL 60602	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	Peter Fahrenwald	RTA	312-913-3244	fahrenwaldp@rtadotil.com	175 W. Jackson Chicago 60604	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>RTA</u>
6	Ron Novak	CITY OF HAMMOND	219-853-6306	NovakR@gohammond.com	5925 Calumet Ave Hammond IN 46320	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	Karen Cipowski-Smith	West Lakes	1030-640-6375	Cipowski.smith@gmail.com	1832 Paddington Munster, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	Philip Banea	CDOT	312-742-4770	philip.banea@cityofchicago.org	30N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60603	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	Dustin Heloson	Munster				Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	MARK MCLAUGHLIN	HAMMOND				Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
11	STAN DOSTAJNI	HAMMOND	219-853-6336	DOSTAJNIS@GOHAMMOND.COM	5925 Calumet Ave, Hammond	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
12	John Carr	Indiana DNR, Historic Pres & Archaeology	317-233-1946	JCarr@dnr.in.gov	402 W. Washington #274 Indpls, IN 46204	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>E-mail</u>
13						Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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 Location: Munster Town Hall, 1005 Ridge Road, Munster, IN 46321
 Date: November 9, 2015 Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm.

	Name	Representing/Title	Phone	E-mail	Address
1	DAVID WELLS	TOWN OF MUNSTER TOWN COUNCIL	219-925-3490	DWELLS@MUNSTER.ORG	1535 RIDGE RD MUNSTER IN 46341
2	Connie Trepton	Town Council Dyer	219 865 6108	ctrepton@townofdyer.com	1 Town Sq. Dyer, IN
3	MARK KALWINSKI	1ST DISTRICT COUNCIL MAN CITY OF HAMM	219-789-3679	markkalwinski@yaho.com	1 HAMM
4	Lee Ann Mellon	Town Council Munster Ward 2	219-757-1332	lmellon219@gmail.com	10140 Andrew Ln Munster, IN
5	HAL SLABER	STATE OF IND STATE REP DIST 15	219-865-8755	repha@trico.com	1020 Washington St KRECOBIL
6	BILL FINE	STATE REP. HD 12	219 838 480	willfine@att.net	2833 LINDEN ST HIGHLAND IN
7	Michael Repay	Lake County Commissioner	219-306-7562	Mcrepay@comcast.net	904-171st St Hammond IN 46324
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1	Bob Markovich	COUNCILMAN AT LARGE (HAMMONS)	659-5376		1821 DAVIS Ave. WHITING, IN 46394
2	Sheri Ziller	RJA/COO	488-2497	Sziller@nda.in.gov	9800 CONNECTICUT AVE CROWN POINT, IN 46307
3	Mike Noland (project lead)	NICTD	(219) 926-5744 #301	michael.noland@nictd.com	33 E US Hwy 12 Chesham, IN 46304
4	Joe Simonetto	MUNSTER TOWN COUNCIL	219-838-6900	JSIMONETTO@MUNSTER.ORG	1318 ELLIOT DR. MUNSTER, IN 46321
5	Elizabeth McCloskey	US Fish & Wildlife	219-983-9753	elizabeth.mccloskey@fws.gov	PO Box 2616 Chesham 46304
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Date: November 9, 2015 Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

	Name	Neighborhood or Organization	Phone	E-mail	Address	How Did You Hear About Us?
1	FRANK PETRITES		219 213 5488	FRANK_PETRITES @HOTMAIL.COM	1042 HIGH MEMPHIS CROWN POINT	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: GARY B. MAESENTS
2	Andrew Steele	Times of NWE	933-3241			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
3	W.T. Emsler	Dyer Town Atty.	931-1700	WTE142LAW@AOL. COM	142 Rimbach Hammond, IN.	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
4	Don Keegel		219-838-0649		455 Jenna Dr. Munster IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
5	Marilyn Kopli		219-838-0649		455 Jenna Dr. Munster IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
6	Clayton Anderson		219-688-7300	None	42 INVERNESS DYER, IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
7	Eric + Jennifer Knoche	Dyer - Sheffield	219-798-9141	jendowns89@yahoo.com	618 Sheffield Ave Dyer, IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
8	Judy Schurz	Dyer - MAIN ST	219-308-5110		512 MAIN DYER IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: phone call
9	Mally Jarrell	Dyer Animal Clinic	219-865-3737	mat670@comcast.net	1045 Sheffield Ave Dyer IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
10	Kenneth Weir		219 427 2318	CHGOCUB1@YAHOO	1028 SPRUCE DR SCHERERVILLE 46375	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
11	John Sowinski		219 923 1894	jsoua@sbglobal.net	1146 N Lafayette Crown Point Ind	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
12	Dale Hesterman		219-922-8141	desahes@hotmail.com	115 Boxwood Munster, IN,	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
13	PAUL R. STUBB	Dyer	219-322-1366		522 Avoca Dr Dyer IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
14	Sherry Artum	Dyer	219 865 6827	Slr7263@yahoo.com	1137 Madison Ave	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Facebook



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1	Renee Morris	neighborhood	708-217-0437	Prrmorris814@sbcglobal.net	814 Polk Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	George Morris	neighborhood	219-776-0907	Prrmorris814@sbcglobal.net	814 Polk Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	Joe Kuhnrich	neighborhood	219-221-9382	JoeKuhnrich@gmail.com	858 Jackson St Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Radio
4	R. BELLIS	NEIGHBORHOOD	219 865 9630	ralphbellis@sbcglobal.net	1626 COZY LN DYER IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	RICHARD TOMERA	N.	541-699-8982	OREGON.TRUNK@ROCKETMAIL.COM	808 NW 13th St. REDMOND, OREGON	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	CHRISTOPHER MURPHY	STRUCTUREPOINT	317-547-5580	CMURPHY@STRUCTUREPOINT.COM	5855 CARNIE AVE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46220	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	Debbie Gaines	Neighborhood	219 322 6778	doobgaines@sbcglobal.net	451 7th Ave Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: text & FB
8	JEFF CIPONSKI	NEIGHBORHOOD	922-6621	JCIPONSKI@AOL.COM	303 EXOTER RD MUNSTER	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	ROD ZWIER	DYER		ROD.ZWIER@GMAIL.COM	49 BLUE JAY WAY DYER	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	Kris Chittick	Dyer		chulh@sbcglobal.net	2701 Fern Park Dr. Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
11	Jeanne Iwema	Neighborhood		djiwema@sbcglobal.net	2701 Fern Park Dr. Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lakeau
12	DAVID IWEMA	Dyer		" "	" "	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
13	Michael Luxford	Dyer		luxmaniv@att.net	1107 ROSEMARY CT DYER IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
14	Lee O. Pys	DYER	219-322-5624	_____	520 SAFFOLD Dyer IN.	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



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1	Biagio Salerno	Dyer	219-256-2512	—	1256 Flagstone Dr. Dyer IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: <u>PT</u>
2	Stillman Oxley Jr	Dyer	219-865-8381	—	554 Sheffield Ave Dyer, IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
3	Barbara Sejda	Dyer	864-8580	—	549 Sunflower Dyer IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
4	SHANE SWACUS	Dyer	219-227-5636	SHANE@SHWOCKUS.NET	1414 Rosemead Ct. Dyer IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
5	RON McCOLLY	DYER	219 741 9216	RMcCOLLY@McCOLLY.COM	602 KILLARNEY DYER 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
6	JOHN JADERNAK	DYER	719 226-5779	—	641 213th OVER, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: <u>TIMES</u>
7	Chris Catuszyn	Dyer	708 850-8625	—	540 Sheffield	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
8	KATHY HULSE	MUNSTER	219-924-6272	TEAM-SPIRIT@SBCGLOBAL.NET	10429 Columbia MUNSTER NET	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
9	Susan Zwierv	Dyer	—	susan.zwierv@gmail.com	49 Blue Jay Way Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
10	Phillip Pardak	Munster	219-595-5563	—	10236 Allison Road Munster IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
11	KEN KNOERZER	DYER	322-2684	—	8274 COLUMBIA AVE DYER	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
12	Lou Anselmo	HAMMOND	—	—	233 173rd St.	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
13	Uma Ripen	DYER	—	—	601 SEMINARY DR	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
14	Joel Orozco	Dyer	815-322-1777	joelo27@hotmail.com	804 Pick Ave Dyer IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: <u>relative</u>



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1	Judith Erickson	-	219 864 7984		308 SWAN DR	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	Arthur T. Morgan	Dyer	219-864-1962		1016 Parkview Ln	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Town Council</u>
3	Patty Brooks Brooks	Dyer	219-263-9698		2505 Sycamore Dr	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>text from town</u>
4	Lucy Beck	Dyer	219-864-8660		908 Hanover Ln	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	Rick Eberly	"	219-775-5080			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	Carolyn Eberly	"	"		2443 Flat Rock Rd Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	Jessie Wertz	Dyer	630-806-6300		419 209th St Dyer IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	Elizabeth Johnson	Rep. Viselovsky				Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	Tom Schmitt	Schenerville Councilman	616-5801		Town of Schenerville 19 3rd St Schenerville IN 46375	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	James & Jessica Altman	Dyer	(219) 827-8302		624 Main St	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
11	Dima Serghienko	Munster	219-201-6437		1358 camellia Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
12	Dean & Sharon Peters	Dyer	219-864-0337		208 ORTULE CT	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
13	Tom Corey	Crown Point	219-947-4466	corey6770@comcast.net	6790 E. 8312th Ave Crown Point, 46307	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
14	Kevin Hunt	Munster		kevin.vail.hunt@gmail.com		Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



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	Name	Neighborhood or Organization	Phone	E-mail	Address	How Did You Hear About Us?
1	THOMAS FERANEC	_____	322-5266	_____	227 QUEENSLANE DYER HMA	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	Linda Moon	Edison Crime Watch	742-6918	_____	7045 Jackson Ave.	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: CRIME WATCH
3	Lori Rodriguez		322-5504		1542 Harrison Ave	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	Shennie Givens Coley		322-5693		1512 Carri Ln	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: text
5	DEBORAH PAROEK		595-5563		10236 ALISA RD MURDER	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	MICHAEL CHRISTIAN		865-3753		2701 Forest Park Dr	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	Thad Stutler	Dyer FD	219 865-4224		2150 Hunt St Dyer IN 46711	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	Donald Flowers		322 2149		614 Jefferson	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	JOSEPH W SZOLEK	GREATER NW INDIANA ASSOC of REALTORS	795-3650		6444 PORTANE AVE PORTANE IN 46365	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	James + Georgia Stewart	Downtown Dyer	743-3736		231 Fifer St Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
11	RICH BUDZIAK	LC50	755-3750			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
12	Christina Bittus					Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
13	D Saylor					Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
14	J. DAVID	MEADOWS	789-9075	JOELANNA ZEPOL LN	601 SUMMER LAKE DYER, IN 46711	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



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1	Pat McNamee	DYER				Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	Don Schulte	DYER	219-746-5019		512 MAIN STREET	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Word of mouth</u>
3	C. DAVE KELLEY	SCHLEINVILLE	219-614-442	COAC052753@apl.com		Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	Dave Hein	Dyer	219-865-1163			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	Jeremy White	St. John	219-716-0427	jwhite80@yahoo.com	2255 Osage Dr.	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	Mike Trotter	DYER	219 671-0147			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	B. SHERMAN	RDA	317-865-0785	-	-	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	Brendo Hill	Dyer	219-864-1420	h.jr1964@sbcglobal.net	559 213th St Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Dyer Email town hall</u>
9	JEFF VAN HECKE	DYER-MEADOWS	219 308-4507	JEFFVANHECK@AOL	508 SEMINARY DR DYER	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	Cindy Allard-Torin	Meadows-Dyer	(219) 865-9675		509 Rose Bush Ln.	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
11	Ereg Willett	Castlwood Subd	219 322 8129	e3145gw@gmail.com	1336 Canterbury Ct Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
12	Alan Brooks	Dyer			2505 Sycamore Dyer IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
13	Ray Hill	Dyer	864-1420	h.jr1964@sbcglobal.net	559 213th St Dyer IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
14	Ann Hudson	Hammond	219 937 9635		333 173rd Street Hammond, IN 46324	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



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1	Elizabeth MaCloskey (added to public list)	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	219-983-9753	elizabeth.macloskey@fws.gov	P.O. Box 2616 Chesterton 46304	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (Public official)
2	[Signature]	[Signature]	219-745-1000		Zel [Signature] Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	Jethroe Smith	ROC	219 865 6555	jethroesmith@gmail.com	1643 Mainfield Dr Dyer, IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	William Moore	EME Rail Solutions	219-644-5662	wemoore1@emerailsolutions.com	1513 Independence Drive Hobart, IN 46342	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	Michael Lopez	Northgate	219-322-6881	zepol519@att.net	519 Northgate Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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1	Rick LaFever	Merrillville West	219 743 2631	HKPMIKAD0624@MAIL.hot	3655 W. 79TH PL Merrillville, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	James Lee	Valpo	219-670-2156	_____	_____	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	CHARIETRAE	DNR	773-321-5547	Charietrae@hotmail.com	164 PRINCESTON DYER IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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	Name	Representing/Title	Phone	E-mail	Address
1	Debbie Astor	Town Council Dyer Town Dyer	219-864-0919	DAstor@Town of Dyer	1 Town Square
2	Mary Tancis	Town of Dyer Council	219-308-3515	mtancis5229@aol.com	"
3	Sue Downms.		219 322 8489		1410 215th St
4	JEN KNOCKE		219 322-2855		1414 GREENWOOD
5	DICK DOWNS		219-865-9850		
6	THOMAS R GRANT	GARY	219 981-9004	—	46408 2315 CREST RD
7	Xanita Anguiano		708 845 2991	angdi2@yahoo.com	804 Tyler Ave
8	Lisa Hendriks		219 695 1019	miss.lisa.hendriks@gmail.com	526 Sheffield Ave Dyer, IN.
9	JOE ZEILER		(219) 227-2384	jzeiler@gmzn.com	"
10	Cathy Larcau	Dyer Town Council	(219) 322-6523	cathyjlarcau@sbcglobal.net	
11	RICH MARY BYENE		219-865-7511	richmarbyene@aol.com	541 SEMINAR Dyer
12	ROBERT JURGETO		219-322-5834	RJURGETO@GMAIL.COM	2650 Fossil Stone DYER
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1	Dan Knicker		322-2855		1414 CLIFFWOOD	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	Dave Pamedis				2558 HAWAII CIRCLE DR. Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	Diane McDaniel		708-699-4083			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: friend
4	Lois E. LAKEVER		4581 219-794-585	Blueberry 330 SBCCLDOR	3655 W. 79TH PL Merrillville	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	DON BACSO		219-765-6037			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	Jeff Deltke	Town of Dyer				Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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1	David Gonzalez	Dyer		David.BS88@aatt.net	109 Cardinal Ct Dyer, IN. 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR THE WEST LAKE CORRIDOR PROJECT, HAMMOND, IN
 Meeting Purpose: To update the public on the West Lake Corridor Project, to answer questions and receive feedback.
 Location: Washington Irving Elementary School, 4727 Pine Ave., Hammond, IN 46327
 Date: November 10, 2015 Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

	Name	Neighborhood or Organization	Phone	E-mail	Address	How Did You Hear About Us?
1	Mike Noland (delete)	NICTD	(219) 926-5744 (311)	michael.noland@nrcd.com	33 E US Hwy 12 Channahon IN 46304	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
2	HARRY APONTE	CITIZEN	219-658-5098	HAPONTE5925@COMCAST.NET	WHLTW6, IN 46394	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>TVES</u>
3	RUTH MORES	SOUTHMOOR RD.	219-932-8735	RUTHMORES@YMAIL.COM	240 SOUTHMOOR RD Ham'd 46324	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
4	CHRISTOPHER MURPHY	STRUCTUREPOINT	317 547-5570	CMURPHY@STRUCTUREPOINT.COM	7260 SHADELAND STATION INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46256	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
5	PETER STREZO	CITIZEN			444 WABASH AVE	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
6	James Douglas	CITIZEN		CRAZYJBD@G-mail.com	218 E. Hanover ST.	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Facebook</u>
7	Laura Orespos	CITIZEN	219-798-5520	Certeza22@yahoo.com	215 E Gostlin St Hammond	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
8	Zach	CITIZEN				Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>ONLINE</u>
9	Tom RYAN	CITIZEN		TRRYAN@SBCGLOBAL.NET	1938 LINCOLN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
10	Dennis Hensley	CITIZEN		Denhensley1@yahoo.com	4140 Sheffield Ave	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Facebook friend</u>
11	JANET VEVEZ	CITIZEN/COUNCIL WARRAN	319-937-9774	jnet.vevez@ameritech.net	1115-170th A	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
12	Theresa Randolph	CITIZEN	219-933-0935	randolphtheresa@gmail.com	4414 WABASH Hammond IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
13	Elizabeth Johnson	Rep Vislosky				Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
14	Melissa Farrell	Pulaski Park Neighbor Hood Assoc. INC	219-931-0504	mrsmf40@aol.com	4329 Grover Ave Hammond IN 46327	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:



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1	Kristine Ail	NICAD	219-755-3280	cidex@lakecorridor.org	3293 N. Main Ct. P. 46319	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	Tom McDonnell	Hammond	219 853-6302	—	Hammond	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	PAUL LADUE	CN	708 332 5475			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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1	Richard Morrisroe	EAST CHEN	398-3834	rmorrisroe@attchicago.com	4345 E. CWAADAYE EAST CHEN 46312	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Newspaper</u>
2						Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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	Name	Representing/Title	Phone	E-mail	Address
1	Bill Emerson SR.	Fourth Dist City Council Hammond	219-937-1038		6643 Jackson Ave Hammond, IN 46324
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	Name	Representing/Title	Phone	E-mail	Address
1	Bob MARKOVICH	COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE	659-5376		1821 DAVIS Ave. WHITING, IN 46394
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1	Amparo Crespos	Hammond	219-937-5016		215 GOSTLIN	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	Dru Daugherly	Hammond	219-939-4558		4446 Sheffield Ave	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	Ra Liedtke	Hammond	312 320 9807		50 Rosewood	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	Dean Butten	Hammond	219-513-2510	dean.buten@gmail.com dbuten@	1950 Maiden Lane	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: office
5	Scott Weber	IVRPC	219-763-6060	sweber@ivrpc.org	6100 Southview Rd Purton	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: office
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1	Elizabeth Hobbes		931 8843	-	226 Bremer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	Ben Dengerfield	Site Inspection Sys	312 375 0548	bdzngre@gmail.com		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	Linda Mobw	Edison Crime Watch	219-742-6918		7045 Jackson Ave Hammond	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	Brian Paul				6915 Forest Ave Hammond	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	Carole Barnes		938-7360	hukay aptker@gmail	200 Russell St Hamd	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	Ron Sienitz				225 Southmournt	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	MARK KALWINSKI	city council	853-6404		city Hall	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	LINDA KALWINSKI	PPWA				Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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1	Mike Repay	Board	219-306-7822	mcrepay@comcast.net	904-178751	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: _____
2	Robert Dwyer					Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
3	Ron Koglowski		219-931-8466	Kozmo54@comcast.net	4156 Sheffield	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: Times
4	GILBERTO CRESPOS	HAMMOND	219-765-5293	Puerto.RAPO1@Comcast.NET	215 GOSTLIN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
5	ROBERT OCHI	HAMMOND	312-731-7072	roberterachy@aol.com	43 Hammond St.	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
6	Kerle Pennanen	Hammond	219-937-0341	finnfriends@att.net	249 169th Street	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
7	Roshwida Ortega	Hammond	219-932-2513		4328 Calumet	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
8	SEAN FLANAGAN	Hammond	219-427-6060	seanflan@gmail.com	7022 HARRISON AVE	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: Facebook post by friend
9	Scott Kuxmann	CN	708 3324516			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
10	RICHARD BARNES	GARY-	219 938 1360	richbarnes@hotmail.com	739 W Munster Gary IN 46403	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
11	Derek O'Brien	MUNSTER	219 249 849	46821@ycho.com	516 1/2 2nd St Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
12	Ernest Karl Mosley	GARY	292 0660	ecdotdot@gmail.com	1584 Hendricks	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: Classified Ad
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Meeting Purpose: To update the public on the West Lake Corridor Project, to answer questions and receive feedback.

Location: Eads Elementary School, 8000 Jackson Ave., Munster, IN 46321

Date: November 12, 2015 Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

	Name	Neighborhood or Organization	Phone	E-mail	Address	How Did You Hear About Us?
1	JACK TREKSEK	FREDERICK AVE	219 836-4652	JTREK599@AOL.com	1848 FREDERICK AVE MUNSTER, IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	lee Ann Mellon	Munster Town Council	219-757-1332	lmellon219@gmail.com	1040 Andrew Lane Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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12						Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
13						Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
14						Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



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1	Kay Rogan		219-838-2633	Kayrogan@remax.net	1336 Tulip Ln Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	John & Cori Rybick		219-577-5230 219-595-0576	jryb016@aol.com Cori.toyias@yahoo.com	409 Kniptonbridge Munster IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	Greg & Janet Gremba		—	—	10246 Grant St Lansing, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	DEB PARDEK		219-585-5563		10236 ALLESTON RD MUNSTER	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	Mike Warr		219-801-9272	chazzmikr@gmail.com	440 South St Munster, IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: 1-10-15
6	MARK MALUGA		219-836-8671	MMALUGA@GMAIL.COM	5445 MAHON MUNSTER	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	KEVIN MAGUREAN		219 922 9499	JKM1010@hotmail.com	1915 WINDYBROOK MUNSTER	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	Dina Segiyenda	Munster	219 201 6437	ses.dd.m@gmail.com	1358 Conall Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	DAVID & GAIL COWGILL	Atasc	219-718-6499	dccowgill@aol.com	1622 Rippl Loop Munster, IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	Tonya Kauffman	Munster	317.540.6290	tonyakauffman@yahoo.com	10230 BARBARA LN MUNSTER IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Neighbor
11	Elizabeth Naylar	IL	219-902-9578 219-678-1206	elizang1@gmail.com	244 Sunnyside Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Neighbor
12	Michael Gonzalez		(219) 678-1206	mvgonzales@gmail.com	244 Sunnyside Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Neighbor
13						Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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1	Sharon Stefano		219-922-1255		9817 Prairie Ave Highland, IN 46322	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	ROBERT THOMPSON		219-923-3612		1533 Wren Dr Munster IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	Lili Swenson		219- ⁸⁰⁵ 781 -3306	lilswenson@gmail.com	507 Swan Drive Dyer, IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	Pat Karpinski	Munster	219/835-2117	pkarp14150@aol.com	8220 HARRISON #404 MUNSTER, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	Janet Moran	Munster	219-922-7960	JANETcopy@aol.com	1620 Cherry Blossom Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	JEFF NIXON	MUNSTER	219-765-8937		1. N. 8004 HOHMAN AV	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	Ryan Barkhart	MUNSTER	217 521 9822	rybarkhart@engineer.com	8121 Highland Place	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	George T. Janic	NA	219-678-6766	GJANIC@SBCGLOBAL.NET	1701 170th Pl Hammond, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	Andrea Butler	Munster	219-7438232	ALBut@aol.com	8538 Garfield Munster IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	James Bulfa	"	219-789-3894	"	"	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
11	Ralph Topete	"	219 836 2185	safetman50@hotmail	8612 Garfield	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
12	Barb Topete	"	219-614-0263	btopete41@hotmail	8612 Garf	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
13	Jon Ruble	SEH of INDIANS	219-513-2508	jruble@schinc.com	9200 CALUMET AVE SUITE #1300	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
14	Michael Weg	White Oak Estates/Munster			1886 Rosewood Ln Munster, IN 46322	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

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1	Keith Benner	Times	933-3326	keith.benner@nwi.com		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
2	Laura Lopez	Northgate, Oyster		ZEPOL519@ATT.NET		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
3	Henry Dujigali	Frederick Ave	836-5341	shwr789@sbcglobal.net	8046 Frederick Ave	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
4	Ted Mahan	109 Stue &	931-7220			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
5	Lisa Munda	Broadmar + Monroe	708 250-0167	LISA@hammondnational.com	8031 Monroe	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
6	KEVIN PASOR		219 670-6112	rojaPK@yahoo.com	MANISON Ave	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: RADIO
7	Janet Cooper	Moraine Ave.	836-0576	hwrdcp@sbcglobal.net	8612 Moraine	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: friend
8	JIM LAMOTT	MANOR AVE	836-6005		8445 MANOR	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: _____
9	LINDA NEWMAN	KOOY	836-9551	RNEWMAN7461@ATT.NET	8148 KOOY	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
10	M. DUMONIC					Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
11	Robert Stikley	Frederick Ave		robert.stikley@gmail.com	8101 Frederick	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
12	Peggy DeRolf	Frederick Ave		psd1152@aol.com	8	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
13	Dolores Riffkin	Garfield Ave	836-9264	deezee13@att.net	8666 Garfield	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____
14	Bud Riffkin	Garfield Ave	836-9264		8666 Garfield	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other: _____



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1	BARBARA LESLIE		219-680-0846	ali8994@hotmail.com	303 Fairbank Munster, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	RICK MLYNARIKI		219-856-2229	RJM SAR@AOL.COM	520 EVERETT LN MUNSTER	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	Julie O'Connor			Kajulie@yahoo.com	1104 Elliot Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	BRIAN PIROK			b-pirok@yahoo.com	1104 ELLIOT DR MUNSTER	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	Eric Ribble			eribble@gmail.com	10232 Whitehill Cwn Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	MARK MAMICH		2198368327	mmamich@gmail.com	7930 FREDERICK MUNSTER, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	Journey Westfield		219 314 2017	journey-47a@hotmail.com	526 Cambridge Ct. Unit 2C Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	THOMAS JEZ		219-922-8442	TJEZ28@GMAIL	10038 SOMERST DR MUNSTER, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	KEITH WILLIAMS			dollarsmkeseuse14@gmail	7616 HOWARD HAMMOND IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	KEVIN KASSAY			akkassay@ychow.com		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
11	Sharon ^{Greenwald} Jehan		2196147010	sharon22kay@gmail	8029 VanBuren Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
12	STEVEN FARKAS	6:34 HAMMOND TRAIN RIDERS	2196701042	STEVZFBI@YAHOO.COM	8605 GARFIELD AVE	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
13	Tom Gilbrandon	PRIDE BENTON	219-538-4300	-	326 Erick Ave Crown Point, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
14	JEFFREY F. GUNNING	Resident / Municipal Assessor	219 712-6790	jgunningalaw@att.net	P.O. Box 3305 MUNSTER IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



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1	Rob Mangus		219-776-1324	ROB.MANGUS@gmail.com	1324 E Hill St Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	John D. Kirkman	Citizen	219-301-5037	jdkirkk@gmail.com	1720 Alta Vista Avenue	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	LEILANI SUCHANUK	-	219-923-7680		1216 - 35th	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	Arlene Berg		219-836-1942		225 Fairbanks	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	Donald Berg		219-836-1942		225 Fairbanks	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	Elizabeth Bugascki		219-677-5241		8046 Frederick	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	WILMA MAYERNIK	-	836-5099	-	8220 HARRISON #306	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	Linda Bevil		923-1827	lmbeni1@munster.us	1524 Ovide Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	Rafael Orwa			rafaeljj12@gmail.com	5343 Columbia Ave Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	Daniel Nicholson		219-924-1158	dannich67@gmail.com	546 Jena ADI Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
11	BEN CZASZCZAK		219-932-8771		624 STATE ST. HAMMOND IN 46320	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
12	PHIL HERVECK		630 269-9861	phaneqvaf@comcast.net		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
13	Therese Martin	Hollywood Manor	219-836-1954	tmartin65th@slcglobal.net	224 Belmont Munster, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
14	Rich Bell	NORTH 547E	219-265-3524		746 Polk Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



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1	Don Visnock	N/A	N/A	N/A	8421 MONROE AVE	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	Mark Oprisko	NA	NA	NA	Portage IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	Marci Kunstek	III FFC		mkunstek@iii ffc.org	Portage, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	Cathy Stone	N/A	NA	Munster	Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	DONNA DUNK	N/A			HAMMOND	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	FRANK DARRINGTON	N/A			MUNSTER	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	LORRAINE JEZ				MUNSTER, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	Deb JAYJACK			djays@biglobe.net	Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	Bob Collins				Munster IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	JOE KUS	—	219 629 0687	DYNAMICIMAGERY@AOL.COM	HAMMOND, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
11	Thomas Ustariak		1-708-474-2459	LCLEANERS@aol.com	Munster IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
12	Gordy Burich	NCIS 46-411-22	708-417-0303	gburich@comcast.net	1483 Rainy Brook Way Crown Point, IN 46307	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
13	Aristine Spencer		219 718 8512	dancechristine@sbglobal.net	8512 Calumet Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: train flyer
14						Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



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1	Kay Santi	Northgate	219 218-6532	kaysanti@att.net	543 Fillmore Dye	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>WLT NEWS.COM</u>
2	ALLEN KRESS		836-1874	ASK308@gmail.com	8229 Van Buren	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	GAIL POE				7936 FREDERICK	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>FRIEND</u>
4	LISA HEADRICKS	DYER TRIANGLE	695-1019	m.s.lisa.headricks@gmail.com	806 Sheffield Ave	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>GAZETTE</u>
5	JOE ZEGLER	DYER TRIANGLE	227-8386	juzegler@gmail.com	566 SHEFFIELD AVE	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	JOE STULGA				6627 MORRIS	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>WLTCS</u>
7	Marie Cost		922-1931		2400 Madison	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	Reuben Woods	South Hammond	773-841-9540	rjwoods22@yahoo.com	631 173rd St Hammond	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	Christina Losmecki	Munster	219-836-1820	Christinalosmecki@yahoo	8622 Manor Munster, IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	Susan Yates	Munster	219-836-0273	ccp3200@gmail.com	320 DENNYSCOTT MUNSTER, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
11	James Carlson	Munster	219-836-7944	AJUBRISK@aol.com	34 Sunny side Ave Munster, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Neighbor</u>
12	Paul Nelson	Munster		dogoodproductions@yahoo.	802C Harrison, Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
13	Sarah Plessio	Dyer	219 864-4660	Spllessas123@yahoo.com	622 Sheffield	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
14	JAMES KACZKA	MUNSTER	219-922-6518	JAS.KACZKA@ATT.NET	9442 VERBENA DR MUNSTER	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



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SIGN-IN SHEET

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1	RITESH	Community Estate.	630-956-4214			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	Don Kaegelein	Community Estates	219-838-0649			Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	JOHNNY & LINDA HAMEL	526-BURGREN				Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	Mike Noland (delet)	NICD	219 926-5744 #301	michael.noland@nicd.com	332 W Hwy 12 Chandler, IN 46304	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5	Lori Rietman	Community Estates	219-765-8406	rietman@yahoo.com		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	Stan Vetric		219-836-8245		254 Sycamore Dr. Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
7	Kathy Hulosa	Hessville			Frankford	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	MARLYN MASCHROWCZ	Munster	219-836-0591	m.jmasch200@net.sbcglobal.net	7812 FREDERICK	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	DEBRA GALLIGAN	MUNSTER		shamrockdcb@net.com	8209 HIGHLAND PL	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	NANCI NIXON	MUNSTER			8004 HIGHLAND PL	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
11	BILL RUBESHA	MUNSTER				Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
12	JULIE LATA	Munster	319 325 0608	jewels_prt@yahoo.com	821 Highland Place	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____



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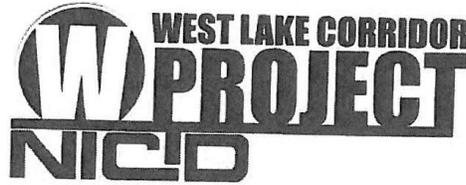
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1	Karen + Steve James	West Lakes Sub.	836-4776	KarenAndSteveJames@att.net	235 Maple Ln Munster, IN 46321 (Future W.L. Sub.)	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	Paul Daniels	MUNSTER	312-296-0306	pfdaniels@308@sbcglobal.net	8308 CASTLE DRIVE MUNSTER	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	Curt Banaszek	MUNSTER	513-0399		8021 KROSS C AVE	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
4	Jodi Flanagan	Hammond	219-801-4594	sejofla@sbcglobal.net	7022 Harmon Ave Hammond 46324	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Facebook friend
5	Chuck Kross	Hammond	219 9330007	ChuckCalumottHarby.com	7321 Forest Hammond, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6	Richard Lytle	Hammond	219-805-0707	Richard6666@yahoo.com	1124 Sibley Hammond	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: letter
7	SHARON ENGLERT	MUNSTER	630-289-1277	SHARON.L.ENGLERT@GMAIL.COM	113 BEVERLY PLACE	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
8	MICHAEL WOODS	MUNSTER (Community Estates)	219-688-2294	Michael.D.Woods@Altira.com	503 LUCY LANE MUNSTER, IN 46324	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
9	Mike Lowe	Highland	219-924-7291	mp.lowe3002@yahoo.com	2188 Timberidge Ln. Highland, IN 46322	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
10	Mike Gonzalez	Munster	219-678-1202	gonzalesm@gmail.com	214 Sunnyvale Munster IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
11	ERIC KRIEGER	MUNSTER	219 924 5291	eric.krieger@sbcglobal.net	1938 S. 10th St Dr.	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
12	Rick Volbrecht	Highland	219-689-5195	Rickhigh@aol.com	9221 PARKWAY DR Highland IN 46322	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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1	Gianni Savaglio	Munster	219-924-7860	gsavaglio@cool.wn	10110 Somerset Dr Munster IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
2	Elizabeth Johnson	Rep. Visclosky	219-795-1844			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
3	Roland Raffin	Munster Plan Commission	773 8720018	OSUSIEG1@gmail.com	10230 Windsor St Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>KARL</u>
4	Michael Engle	Munster	630-269-9277	mjengle1@gmail.com	113 Beverly Pl Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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**APPENDIX D
Comment Cards**



Comment Card

Name (please print): Linda Bevil

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

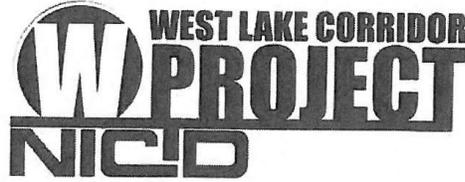
Address: 1524 Oriole Munster

E-mail: lindabevil@sbglobal.net

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:
Looking forward to economical growth
and attracting new families to
Munster. Great!!



Comment Card

Name (please print): PATRICIA KARPINSKI

Neighborhood or Organization: MUNSTER 46321

Address: 8220 HARRISON AVE #404, MUNSTER, IN

E-mail: pKarpi4150@aol.com

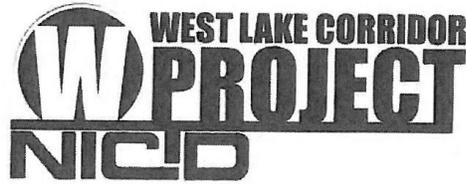
Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:

I want the extension of the South Shore with
a station in Munster at Ridge + Manor.

45th St is too close to Dyer border
Use Ridge + Manor



Comment Card

Name (please print): Michael Englezt

Neighborhood or Organization: Hollywood /Mustere

Address: 113 Beverly Pl.

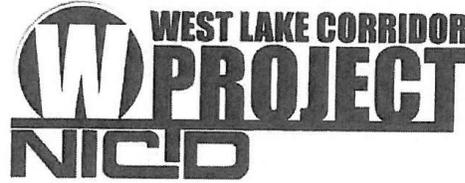
E-mail: mjenleat1@gmail.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:

There was a considerable amount of planning that has went into the design and concept of this project. The results were fabulous. This will be a great economic boon to the community. We are from western suburbs outside Chicago prior to moving to Mustere and having rail/commuter line added an estimated 10-15% to our property values. This is a very forward looking, progressive project that needs to go into action immediately.



Comment Card

Name (please print): Lilian Swenson

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 507 Swan Drive, Jw #946311

E-mail: liliswenson@gmail.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:

My husband and I currently use Metra because there is not enough parking in Hammond. We are very much in favor of this project. We currently drive 30 minutes to reach the Metra station we use. Our train trip on the train to Millennium Station is 55 minutes after we park. I am 69 & my husband is 73. The train is very important to us as an alternative to driving to Chicago. I wish this had been built 20 years ago. Many people we know who work in the Loop and live in the Tri-Town area use Metra now. We no longer work but we go to the Loop for other activities. When we sold our house & moved to a condo, we seriously considered moving.

to Illinois because public transportation in the Dyer - Munster area. In the end we decided to stay in Dyer where we have lived since 1972. So we drive to Metra.

We tend to go to Chicago after rush hour & return after 9 PM. We use the train on weekends also. The shuttle service will be important to us.

Will your stations be handicapped accessible? We do not need it but many do.

We prefer electric trains.

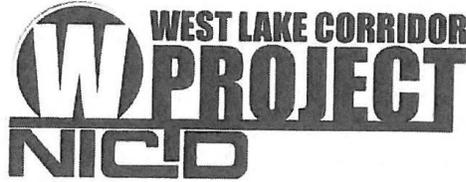
Bike trail preservation is good.

I like options A & B best but I see no problem with C. The less homes destroyed - the better. The more parking the better.

Parking is very important. I like the Matteson Station on the Electric Metra line because the lot is big enough that it is never full. You pay when you leave. The money goes to the community. I know S. Shore lots are free but as a result, they are less secure.

HOW TO REACH US:

NICTD West Lake Corridor Project, 33 East U.S. Highway 12, Chesterton, IN 46304
 website: www.nictdwestlake.com; e-mail: project.email@nictdwestlake.com; automated phone: 219-250-2920



Comment Card

Name (please print): SHARON ENGLERT

Neighborhood or Organization: HOLLYWOOD / MUNSTER

Address: 113 BEVERLY PLACE

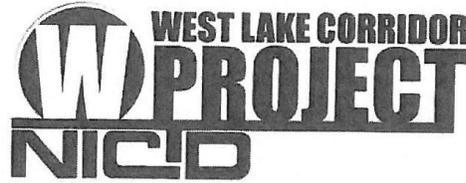
E-mail: SHARON.L.ENGLERT@GMAIL.COM

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:

We are very positive about the South Shore Extension and excited for the economic impact it will bring to this area. We feel it will be a very positive influence on development and will favourably affect on property value



Comment Card

Name (please print): COM RYBICKI

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 409 Knightbridge Pl.

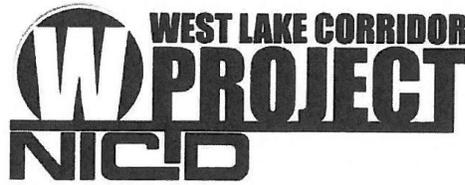
E-mail: coritoyias@yahoo.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
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COMMENTS:

I'm not in agreement with this project.
I suggest putting a gate up @ the West Lake
subdivision entrance so that people
cannot cut through from Illinois
to get to the parking lot obviously.
I do not like the plan that takes
my property.



Comment Card

Name (please print): Valerie Pennanen

Neighborhood or Organization: (South Hammond)

Address: 249 169th Street, Hammond, IN 46324

E-mail: finnfriends@att.net

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail

Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS: AGAINST THE PROJECT!!

I chose to leave the forum before it began because it made me too sad, and I felt too hopeless to stay and hear what ~~will~~ become of my neighborhood if this project goes through. NICD has made many glowing promises about the rail extension's results, and perhaps they are right, perhaps they are wrong. At any rate, I am not convinced. But I do know one thing that definitely will happen if the project ~~is~~ ^{is} carried out: a precious green space in South Hammond — the field that runs parallel to Lyman Avenue will be forever destroyed. This is a place where children play, where people walk their dogs in the quiet of morning and evening, and where beautiful wildflowers grow. It is very closely tied to quality of life for people and animals alike, and you can't put a price on quality of life. Accordingly, I cannot and will not support this project. Thank you for letting me "speak" on paper.



Comment Card

Name (please print): Monique

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: Griffith

E-mail: _____

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
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COMMENTS:

- NICTD does not care about public input. It has already decided what it wants to do and is bulldozing its aims over that of the general public.
- Put the money toward double-tracking the existing rail line instead of running a measly 9-mile stretch to ~~by~~ Dyer.
- There is too much congestion to get to the train on the far west side. It only increases, not decreases, commute time.
- Munster is gunning for this rail so it can tie in with their Calumet Ave. + 45th Avenue. ~~Six~~. Because that's the case, Munster should pay for the extension + ~~not~~ ~~over~~ ~~and~~ ~~not~~ ~~in~~ Lake County to contribute ->

- Because everything has already been decided without public input, money must be changing hands under the table ~~and~~ and people are probably being bribed.

- The train should foremost be for public transit, not economic development, which should be an add-on or secondary consideration. Have Munster Community Hospital doctors formed a group to build a hotel/whatever so they can make money off the train?

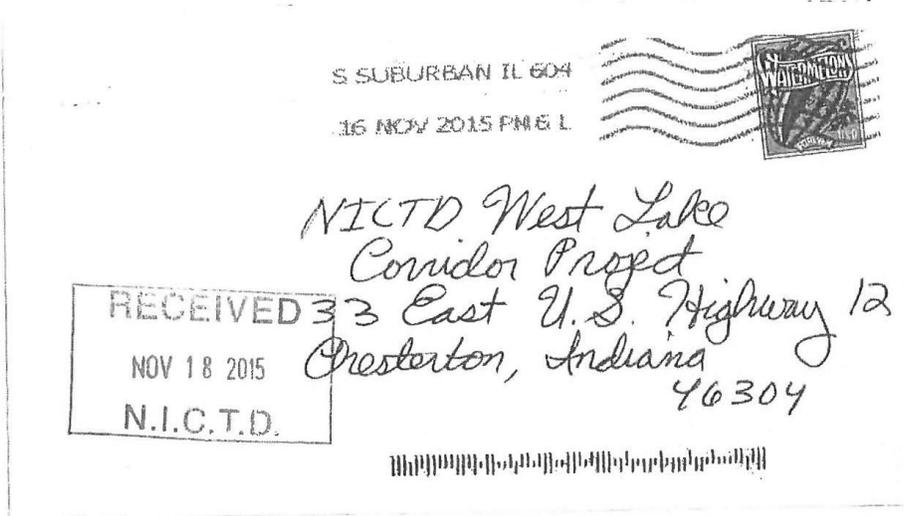
- Just because people are coming in from Illinois is no reason to put a train right there when all can still ride the Metra Electric, which is not for. Anyway, people from Illinois will settle not just in Munster Dyer, but they will come into the rest of the county so why have a train supporting a fixed population ~~only~~ only?
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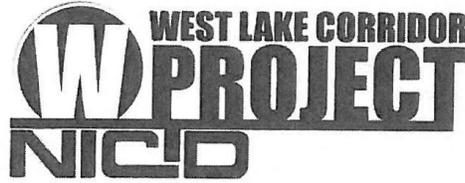
- Meetings on the train should be conducted so that people can stand up and verbalize their ~~opio~~ opinions so all can hear. What are you South Shore and NICTD afraid of? Lack of support? This is morally wrong. How ~~do~~ officials sleep at night?

- This extension wastes time and money when there are ^{better} alternatives to this hair-brained existing idea.

HOW TO REACH US:

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 website: www.nictdwestlake.com; e-mail: project.email@nictdwestlake.com; automated phone: 219-250-2920





Comment Card

Name (please print): JOHNNY R HAMMEL

Neighborhood or Organization: 526 EVERGREEN

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail

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COMMENTS:

NO TRAIN AT

ALL

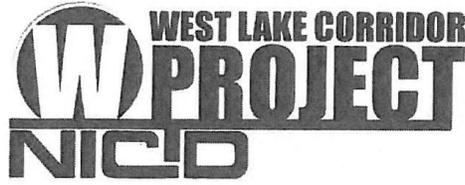
NOISE LEVEL MUST
BE ADDRESSED FOR
RESIDENTS ALONG THE
WEST SIDE OF FREDERICK AVE
IN MUNSTER, IN.

THE TRAINS WILL HAVE TO
BEGIN BRAKING BEFORE
REACHING THE RIDGE ROAD
STOP.

BRAKING NOISE FROM 24
TRAINS A DAY WOULD AFFECT
THE RESIDENTS QUALITY OF
LIFE.

MARK MAMICH
7930 FREDERICK AVE
MUNSTER, IN. 46321

219-836-8327



Comment Card

Name (please print): DOLORES REFFKIN

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 8666 GARFIELD

E-mail: deezee@att.net

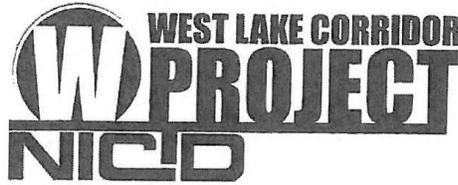
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COMMENTS:

I'm concerned about noise with
so many trains a day at 79 MPH that
has to be stopped.



Comment Card

Name (please print): EZIK KRIEGER

Neighborhood or Organization: MUNSTER

Address: 1938 Somerset Dr

E-mail: ezik.krieger@sb.org

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail

Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:

TRT TO MINIMIZE COST AND TAKING PROPERTY
I LIKE THE IHB OPTION, YARD @ 173RD ST
AND FISHER ST. STATION DO NOT GO
SOUTH OF 45TH AND YOU DONT NEED A
FLYER. NO IMPACT TO WEST LAKE'S DEVELOPMENT



Comment Card

Name (please print): JEFFREY F. GUNNING

Neighborhood or Organization: MUNSTER Resident / area municipal Attorney

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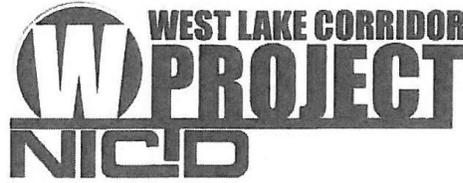
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COMMENTS:

The Information Board Listing "Considerations" seems to me to favor the project. The type of vehicle power (electric) results in an analysis that of the 14 considerations this project comes out to the positive on 13 of the 14 factors TRANSPORTATION, Land Use + Acquisitions, Economic development, neighborhood and community facilities, environmental justice, Parks + Recreation, Historical + archaeological, visual + aesthetics, water + ecological, Farmlands, safety + security, short term construction and even HAZARDOUS material. Only in the category of Noise + vibration might (maybe) there is a negative when all considerations are made. If road grade crossings are protected, this may not be a negative



Comment Card

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Neighborhood or Organization: _____

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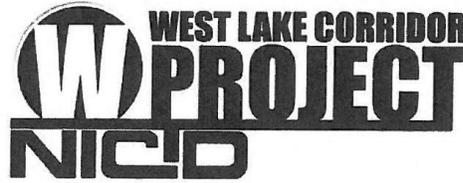
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How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail

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COMMENTS:

I hope you consider putting only 1 station in Munster - that being the Dyer-Munster station. Having a second station at either Fisher or Ridge is not a good idea. The station in D-Hammond should be sufficient.



Comment Card

Name (please print): SEAN FLANAGAN

Neighborhood or Organization: SOUTH HAMMOND

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E-mail: SEMIFLAN@GMAIL.COM

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

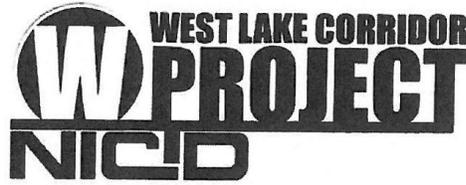
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COMMENTS:

Concerns with the South Hammond station:

- 1) Increased traffic. 173rd + 169th bracket my immediate neighborhood. Adding 1000 vehicles on those roads will require traffic management changes. What are they?
- 2) Noise mitigation. Train horns are loud. What will be done to lessen the noise impact on the surrounding neighborhood?
- 3) Foot traffic. What will be done to help mitigate/eliminate shortcuts through private property to the east of the station?
- 4) Maintenance facility. Why are we considering adding an industrial maintenance yard to a residential neighborhood? Again, how will noise mitigation be handled?

Thank you,
Sean



Comment Card

Name (please print): Scott Weber
Neighborhood or Organization: Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
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E-mail: sweber@nirpc.org
Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No
How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other Office

COMMENTS:

How have you considered an efficient movement of people from one train to another at the Hammond Gateway station? Have you come up with a way to accommodate riders with physical disabilities?

Have you coordinated with Munster/Oyer on the possible extension of Main St west to IL-394? If this project were to go forward, how would that impact your proposed station design at Munster/Oyer?

**APPENDIX F-4
Railroad Coordination Report**



Railroad Coordination

May 2016

Prepared for:

Federal Transit Administration and Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District

Prepared by:

AECOM

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Acronyms

Continue list of acronyms here – Acronyms are spelled-out first time in report, and then used thereafter. Spell-out acronym in Summary, too, and then again in body of report.

CSS	Chicago South Shore & South Bend
CN	Canadian National
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
IHB	Indiana Harbor Belt
MED	Metra Electric District
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NICTD	Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District
NS	Norfolk Southern
SSL	South Shore Line

1. INTRODUCTION

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) are conducting the environmental review process for the West Lake Corridor Project (Project) in Lake County, Indiana and Cook County, Illinois in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is being prepared as part of this process, with the FTA as the Federal Lead Agency and NICTD as the Local Project Sponsor responsible for implementing the Project under NEPA.

1.1 Purpose of Report

Commuter railroads in the US have a long history of sharing infrastructure with freight railroads, including in the greater Chicagoland area. As the hub of the nation's rail network, Northeast Illinois and Northwest Indiana are crossed with dense system of freight lines, many of which are shared with passenger trains. This is also true for the West Lake Corridor Project, where a portion of its alignment would use the abandoned Monon Railway right-of-way. The planning for the West Lake Corridor examined shared use of active freight rail lines, as well as alignments that would cross (bridge) over, cross at-grade, or operate adjacent to privately owned and operated freight railroads. This report identifies these areas of interface between West Lake Corridor alternatives and freight railroads. The report documents the communication and coordination activities with affected railroads, and the feedback received from them.

1.2 Background

The proposed West Lake Corridor involves commuter rail service using electric powered trains between Northwest Indiana and Downtown Chicago, operating as a branch of the existing South Shore Line (SSL). The Corridor can be described in four sections, which are summarized from south to north below.

1. Sheffield Avenue in Dyer to Maynard Crossing in Munster - new track on a separate right-of-way adjacent to the existing CSX Monon Sub in Dyer and Munster; several variations in station, parking, and maintenance & storage facility locations are included.
2. Maynard Crossing to Sibley Street in Hammond – use of the publically-owned Monon abandoned rail corridor is assumed.
3. Sibley Street to Kensington in Chicago – three distinct alternatives were identified to connect the West Lake Corridor to the existing SSL, including:
 - **Commuter Rail Alternative** - North of Downtown Hammond the track alignment would turn west under Hohman Avenue overpass, and then turn north on new elevated track over the IHB Mainline, generally along the Indiana/Illinois state line to the State Line Crossing area. The alignment would then parallel the existing SSL using Norfolk Southern (NS) unused right-of-way to approximately Burnham Avenue, connecting to SSL east of the Hegewisch Station in Chicago. West Lake Corridor peak period trains would share the SSL tracks to Kensington.
 - **IHB Alternative** - From Downtown Hammond, the alignment of the IHB Alternative would turn west under Hohman Avenue overpass in Hammond and would be constructed in the IHB railroad right-of-way west through Calumet City, Burnham, and Chicago. West of Burnham Avenue, the IHB Alternative would bridge over the IHB and CSX freight rail lines, landing in the IHB Kensington Branch (Conrail owned) railroad right-of-way, and would include relocating and reconstructing the IHB freight railroad on an adjacent track within the existing railroad right-of-way. The Project would then continue northwest to the proposed

- connection with the existing SSL near I-94 and 130th Street in Chicago. West Lake Corridor peak period trains would share the SSL tracks to Kensington.
- **Hammond Alternative** – From Downtown Hammond north of Douglas Street, the Hammond Alternative would extend north on embankment and bridges crossing over the IHB and NS freight rail lines immediately east of the Hohman Avenue overpass. The alignment would then extend northward and cross over Hohman Avenue just south of Michigan Street. The alignment would then continue north, crossing over the existing CSX Barr Sub freight rail line, and then turn west to be adjacent to the realigned SSL connecting with the existing Line at the state line. West Lake Corridor peak period trains would share the SSL tracks to Kensington.
4. Kensington to Millennium – The final 14 miles of West Lake Corridor service would be over the Metra Electric District (MED) in Chicago. At Kensington, the SSL crosses through the Kensington interlocking plant that include the Canadian National (CN) mainline tracks to reach the MED. West Lake Corridor trains would share the MED with Metra and NICTD trains.

A map of the West Lake Corridor including the affected freight railroad lines is illustrated on Figure 1.

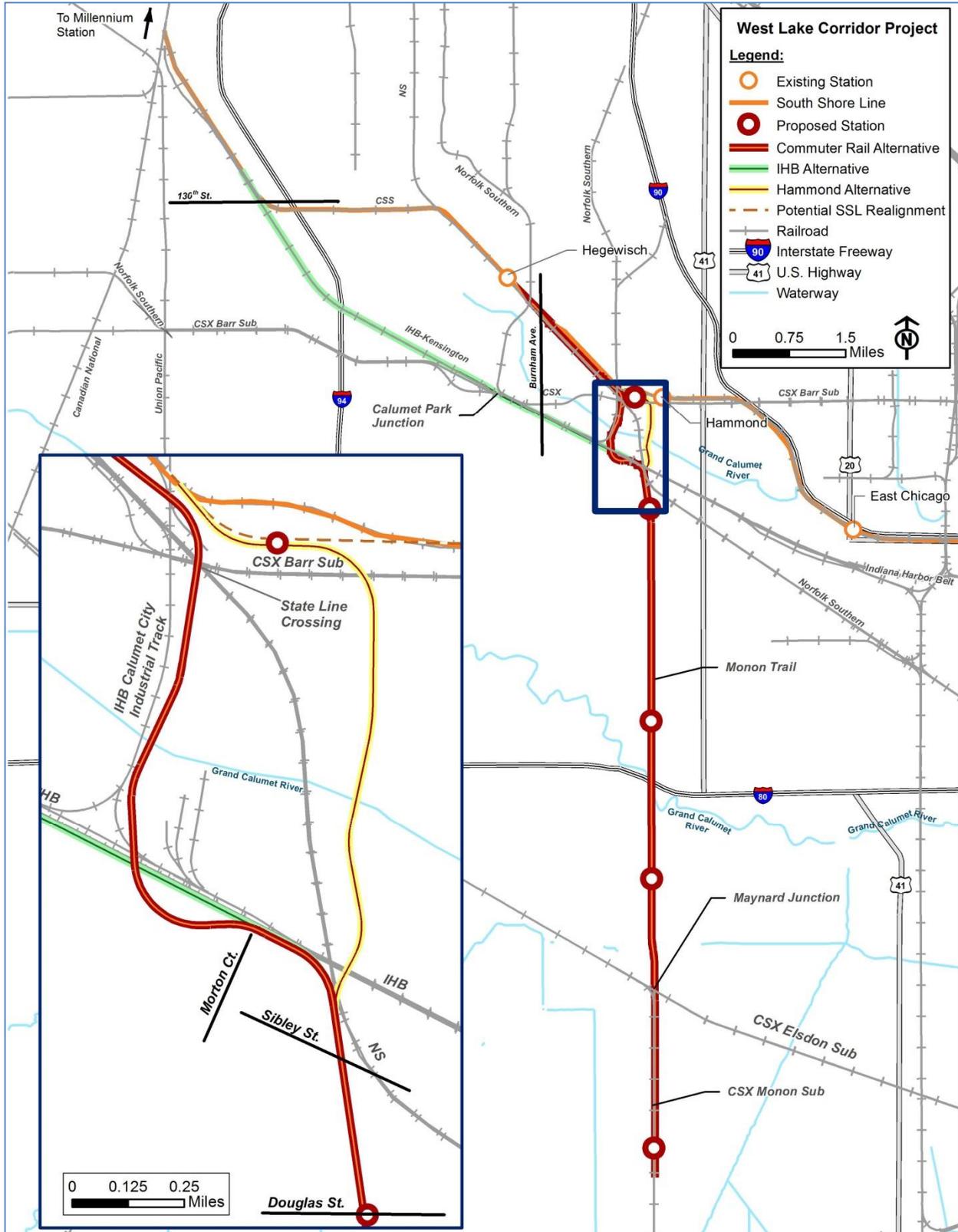


Figure 1-1 West Lake Corridor Map with Railroads

Table 1 summarizes potential impacts by freight rail line. The table is organized by route section.

Table 1 West Lake Corridor Potential Freight Rail Impacts

Project Route Section		Railroad / Rail Line	Project Impact
1	Sheffield to Maynard	CSX Monon Sub	adjacent separated operation; flyover of industry siding south of 45th
		CSX Elsdon Sub (former CN/GTW)	proposed flyover at Maynard
		CN	Traffic over CSX Elsdon Sub through Maynard
2	Maynard to Sibley St.	NICTD-owned ROW	no freight impacts
3	Sibley Street to Kensington - Commuter Rail Alternative	NS Ft. Wayne Line	adjacent operation near Hohman; flyover at State Line Crossing
		IHB Main Line (CSX-owned)	operate in IHB ROW; flyover IHB Mainline at Calumet City Industrial Track Wye
		CSX Barr Sub	flyover at State Line Crossing
		IHB Calumet City Industrial Track	flyover at State Line
		CSS	crosses east end of CSS owned-Burnham Yard site, but would not interfere with Yard expansion; adjacent operation to Burnham Yard
		NS (former Chicago Western Indiana)	acquire unused rail ROW between State Line and Burnham Avenue
3	Sibley Street to Kensington - IHB Alternative	NS Ft. Wayne Line	adjacent operation near Hohman
		IHB Main Line (CSX-owned)	operate in ROW; flyover at Calumet Park Interlocking, including support piers on RR property
		CSX Barr Sub	flyover at Calumet Park Interlocking, including support piers on railroad property
		IHB Kensington Branch	acquire portion of ROW owned by Conrail Shared Assets
3	Sibley Street to Kensington - Hammond Alternative	IHB Main Line (CSX-owned)	flyover east of Hohman
		NS Ft. Wayne Line	flyover east of Hohman
		CSX Barr Sub	flyover west of Sheffield
4	MED Kensington to Millennium	CN	Additional NICTD trains through Kensington Interlocking

2. SUMMARY OF FREIGHT RAILROAD COORDINATION

The following are railroads potentially impacted by West Lake:

2.1 Canadian National (CN)

2.2 CSX Transportation (CSX)

2.3 Chicago South Shore & South Bend (CSS)

2.4 Conrail Shared Assets (CR)

2.5 Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad (IHB)

2.6 Norfolk Southern (NS)

2.1 Canadian National (CN)

The CN operates along the east side of the MED on former Illinois Central ROW. West Lake trains will cross CN tracks at Kensington, through an interlocking that is controlled by Metra. At a meeting held in September 2014, CN preferred that SSL and the West Lake Corridor fly over the CN at this location. While this could be a worthwhile investment, given Project capital funding limitations, only adding six trains per peak period, and passenger trains having priority through the Metra-controlled interlocking, the current physical plant is recommended to remain.

The CN's east-west line through Maynard (the former Grand Trunk) was acquired by CSX. However, CN traffic continues to use this line, and could be impacted by West Lake, especially if an at-grade scenario is advanced.

A complete set of the West Lake plan set drawings was provided in November 2015 for CN review. CN has not provided additional comments.

2.2 CSX Transportation (CSX)

CSX is a Class I railroad, serving major markets in the eastern US with connections to the Midwest and Canada. Three CSX routes may be impacted by the West Lake Corridor.

An initial meeting was held in September 2014. Key discussion points included the following:

- The Team provided an overview of the West Lake design concept, including potential impacts to the CSX Monon Sub and to the CSX Barr Sub.
- CSX indicated that over the last year, 35% growth in Chicago and 20% Midwest has been experienced. CSX will be diverting traffic and adding new customer traffic to the Monon Sub through Dyer. They noted a new customer on this line, Magnetation, in Reynolds, IN, will generate additional traffic to the Monon Sub.
- CSX cited four requirements for CSX to consider the proposed commuter operation:
 - Operation would have to be as safe as current, nothing less.
 - No liability to CSX
 - Sufficient capacity
 - Adequate compensation
- CSX will not allow a catenary system on its property due to maintenance personnel safety considerations. CSX is not interested in selling any real estate or ROW for passenger exclusive use.

In January 2015, CSX sent a letter of response, which is included as Attachment A. This initial response addressed the notion of shared use of the Monon Sub ROW. CSX recommended that West Lake be developed as a dedicated and separated corridor instead of a freight-passenger shared-use corridor. In addition, Monon Sub ROW would not be available for project use given anticipated growth in freight traffic. This response led to the decision by NICTD to acquire sufficient ROW beside the CSX Monon Sub for a dedicated commuter rail corridor that would include electrification infrastructure and an access roadway.

A meeting was held in August 2015 with CSX to discuss the three current alternatives and their possible impact on CSX. As follow-up, design drawings were sent to CSX for their comment.

In February 2016, a presentation of the West Lake project was made to senior staff at their corporate headquarters in Jacksonville, FL. A CSX response letter dated April 12, 2016 is included as Attachment B. While supportive of the development of the West Lake Corridor, the letter states "...we recommend excluding options in which freight and passenger trains operate on the same tracks or that require CSX right-of-way or property owned by CSX's affiliates or subsidiaries." This position would affect the Commuter Rail and IHB Alternatives, leaving only the Hammond Alternative as feasible from the Railroad's perspective.

2.3 Chicago South Shore & South Bend (CSS)

The CSS is an operating subsidiary of the Anacostia Rail Holdings. The railroad was formed from a trustee-in-bankruptcy in December 1989. The line serves Northwest Indiana's industrial corridor and the Illinois International Port in Chicago and connects with all Class I railroads in Chicago. CSS owns the South Shore Line trackage between the Indiana-Illinois state line and Kensington, which is shared by NICTD commuter trains. The line east of the state line is owned by NICTD and shared by CSS freight trains.

A meeting was held at CSS's Michigan City office on October 13, 2014. CSS recommended that the project use the IHB Alternative, so as to avoid conflicting with CSS freight movements.

At a follow-up meeting on June 9, 2015, CSS shared plans for an expansion of their Burnham Yard, which would be in conflict with the Commuter Rail Alternative alignment as proposed between the state line and Burnham Avenue. A field visit with CSS staff on June 26, 2015 was held to confirm the limits of the expanded Yard. CSS also provided a plat of survey and a drawing of the expanded Yard. Based on this information and feedback, the Commuter Rail Alternative was revised to push the West Lake Corridor alignment to the south, onto the unused NS-owned former CWI ROW.

NICTD staff met with CSS on September 8, 2015 to present the Hammond Alternative. CSS acknowledged that this alignment would not impact the CSS-owned corridor in Illinois, although it would add passenger trains.

Updated West Lake drawings were transmitted to CSS in November 2015, and a follow-up review meeting was held. CSS reiterated their preference for the IHB Alternative. They acknowledged that NICTD's operation of additional trains (SSL and West Lake Corridor) on CSS trackage in Illinois was permissible under the CSS-NICTD operating agreement. It was noted that West Lake Corridor trains operating over this section would be limited to peak periods, when CSS freight operations give priority to passenger train operations.

2.4 Conrail Shared Assets (CR)

Conrail was created in 1974 to take over the potentially profitable lines of multiple bankrupt carriers. Following Surface Transportation Board approval, CSX and NS acquired control in 1999, and Conrail remains a jointly-owned subsidiary. The primary assets retained by Conrail are ownership of the three Shared Asset Areas in New Jersey, Philadelphia, and Detroit. CSX and NS make use of Conrail to perform switching and terminal services within these areas. Conrail also retains a 51 percent share in the IHB.

In June 2015, an email was sent to officials at IHB, NS and Conrail Shared Assets. Design drawings of the two alternative connection alignments (i.e., Commuter Rail Alternative and IHB) were also provided.

Conrail responded in a letter dated July 2, 2015 (Attachment C), as the majority owner of IHB. Major points included:

- The Kensington Branch between Calumet Park Junction and Kensington is owned by Conrail; the section east of Conrail's ownership is owned by IHB.
- The vacant IHB ROW parallel and south of the IHB Main Line between Calumet Park and Hohman is slated for construction of an 8,000 foot track that is to serve a unit train operation.
- West Lake would cross other railroads at grade, adding potential delays and operational impacts to an already congested corridor.

The Conrail letter concludes that as majority owner of the IHB, they cannot support use of this alignment for the proposed commuter rail corridor. Conrail's letter was specifically in response to requesting entry to the IHB ROW for inspection purposes. This right of access request was denied.

A complete set of the West Lake Corridor plan set drawings was provided in November 2015 for Conrail review. In a follow-up meeting, Conrail restated their position in the July 2015 letter that the IHB ROW between the Hohman Overpass and Calumet Park Junction would not be available to the West Lake Corridor Project. Thus, from Conrail's view, both the Commuter Rail and IHB Alternatives would be infeasible.

2.5 Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad (IHB)

The IHB is the largest switch carrier in the US, providing a wide variety of services in the Chicago and Northwest Indiana areas. Communication to the IHB was made in June 2015, in the email that also was sent to Conrail Shared Assets and NS. The written response received from Conrail, as the IHB's majority owner, is discussed above.

Updated West Lake Corridor drawings were transmitted to IHB in November 2015. At a meeting with IHB, representatives of the railroad confirmed the Conrail position that ROW was not available to the Project west of the Hohman Avenue Overpass. IHB did not object to the Hammond Alternative.

2.6 Norfolk Southern (NS)

The NS is a Class I railroad operating an extensive intermodal network in the eastern US, including connections to the Midwest. The NS Fort Wayne Line is part of the Heartland Corridor, a public-private partnership that has provided increased freight capacity between the east coast and the Midwest.

Calls with NS were held in June 2015. NS was provided designs plans for the Commuter Rail and IHB Alternatives. NS opposed the IHB Alternative.

An updated drawing set was transmitted in November 2015, including the Hammond Alignment. NS has not provided comments on the more recent materials that were sent.

APPENDIX

- A. CSX Letter of West Lake Corridor Project Comments, January 2, 2015**
- B. CSX Letter of West Lake Corridor Project Comments, April 12, 2016**
- C. Conrail Letter of West Lake Comments/Denial of Right of Entry, July 2, 2015**

ATTACHMENT A



January 2nd, 2015

Mr. W. Robert Moore
Principal
Quandel Consultants, LLC
161 N. Clark Street, Suite 2060
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: NICTD West Lake Corridor Project

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thanks for taking the opportunity to discuss with CSX the NICTD West Lake Corridor Project on November 6th, 2014. It was very helpful to learn more about the project and its planning. CSX would like to take the opportunity to provide our initial feedback that we hope can be taken into consideration as you progress the project.

CSX fully supports the development of a dedicated passenger corridor to accommodate the planned service. In fact, we recommend excluding options in which freight and passenger trains operate on the same tracks. We believe that a dedicated and separated corridor, instead of a freight-passenger shared use corridor, will best support the service needs of the planned commuter trains.

Additionally we are concerned about including any CSX right of way in your project planning. CSX is experiencing substantial growth on the lines being considered for the new West Lake Corridor Project. New customers have been located on the CSX Monon Subdivision, and because of the growth in the Illinois Basin Coal, CSX is planning to shift traffic between Chicago and the Southeast to the same subdivision. To handle this growth we are planning to increase the infrastructure capacity that will require, at a minimum, the right of way that the West Lake Corridor Project would like to utilize to build additional tracks for the commuter service. CSX believes that preserving the existing right of way to accommodate the freight

ATTACHMENT A, continued



growth will be critically important and therefore CSX is not in a position to consider the use of our property as proposed.

Thank you again for providing the opportunity to review and comment on your planning activities. CSX believes that preserving core freight operations and infrastructure will be essential for America's long term success and we hope that the same vision can be incorporated as you seek ways to improve the service of commuter trains between Northwest Indiana, Chicago and Cook County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marco Turra", with a horizontal line above the name.

Marco Turra

CSXT Director Passenger Operations
CSX Transportation
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Jacksonville, FL 32202

Cc: Jay Westbrook, AVP Passenger Operations
Tom Livingston, Regional VP - State Government

ATTACHMENT B



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April 12th, 2016

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AECOM
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Suite 500
Chicago, IL 60606

VIA EMAIL

RE: NICTD West Lake Corridor Project

Dear Earl:

Thanks for meeting with CSX to discuss the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) West Lake Corridor Project on February 10th, 2016. It was very helpful to learn more about the project and its planning efforts. As a follow up, CSX would like to provide our initial feedback that we hope can be taken into consideration as you advance the project.

CSX fully supports the development of a dedicated passenger corridor to accommodate the planned service. In fact, we recommend excluding options in which freight and passenger trains operate on the same tracks or that require CSX right-of-way or property owned by CSX's affiliates or subsidiaries. We believe that a dedicated and separated corridor, instead of a freight-passenger shared use corridor, will best support the service needs of the planned commuter trains.

CSX believes that preserving the existing right of way to accommodate the freight growth will be critically important for freight fluidity and economic growth so planning activities for the new commuter service should not contemplate the use of any of CSX property or assets (including CSX's affiliates or subsidiaries).

Thank you again for providing the opportunity to review and comment on your planning activities and we look forward working with you as the project progresses.

Sincerely,

Marco Turra

ATTACHMENT C



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July 2, 2015

W. Robert Moore, P.E.
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Re: NICTD --- West Lake Corridor Project – Kensington Branch Data Request

Dear Mr. Moore:

This letter is in response to your recent request to the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad ("IHB") to access certain IHB dispatched rail lines and rights-of-way to perform a wetlands delineation and infrastructure condition assessment. As you are probably aware, Conrail is the majority owner of the IHB and the owner of a portion of one of the candidate rail lines. Therefore, I am responding to your request on its behalf.

As noted in your request, the assessment is part of a Draft Environmental Impact Study for a new passenger service between Munster/Dyer, Indiana and the Chicago Millennium station (the "Project"). One of the rail corridors you wish to evaluate is located between Hohman Avenue in Calumet City, Indiana to just north of 130th Street in Chicago ("Proposed Rail Corridor").

The Proposed Rail Corridor includes at least a portion of two main rail lines. As such, it is a heavily utilized corridor that is operationally as well as strategically critical not only to the operations of the IHB but that of CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern who have either partial ownership or trackage rights over the Proposed Rail Corridor.

Located within the Proposed Rail Corridor is the Kensington Branch which is owned by Conrail between Calumet Park Junction to its western terminus at Kensington Yard and owned by CSX for the portion of the Branch that lies east of Conrail's ownership. Parallel to the CSX owned portion of the Kensington is an IHB owned main line. On the south side of the CSX owned portion of the Kensington is vacant right-of-way that is slated for construction of an 8,000+/- foot track that will support an IHB customer's unit train operation. As such, the Proposed Rail Corridor is not a suitable candidate for a passenger rail operation that would likely require unachievable separation requirements and/or limit current freight operating windows. Furthermore, if

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the Project were to be routed through this corridor, other rail lines would have to be crossed at grade, adding potential delays and operational impacts to an already congested rail corridor designated for additional rail freight development.

Given the foregoing, as majority owner of the IHB and as the owner of a significant portion of one of the candidate rail corridors, Conrail cannot support use of the Proposed Rail Corridor for the Project. Accordingly, there would be no purpose served by providing access to your firm to conduct an assessment of property unsuitable for the Project.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance or if any of the foregoing is not sufficiently clear.

Sincerely,



John K. Enright

cc: Gerald Hamas, General Manager, NICTD
Pat Daly, General Manager IHB

**APPENDIX F-5
Municipal Coordination**



Meeting Agenda

- West Lake Project Overview
- Environmental Process
- Overview of Support Facilities
- Munster/Dyer Main St. Station
- Munster/Dyer Facility Site Locations
- Schedule and Next Steps



Project Overview

- FTA and NICTD are Conducting an Environmental Review of the West Lake Corridor
- The Study includes Rail Based Service between the Munster/Dyer area and Metra's Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago
- The Study evaluates Alignments, Stations and Operating Facility Locations in the Corridor

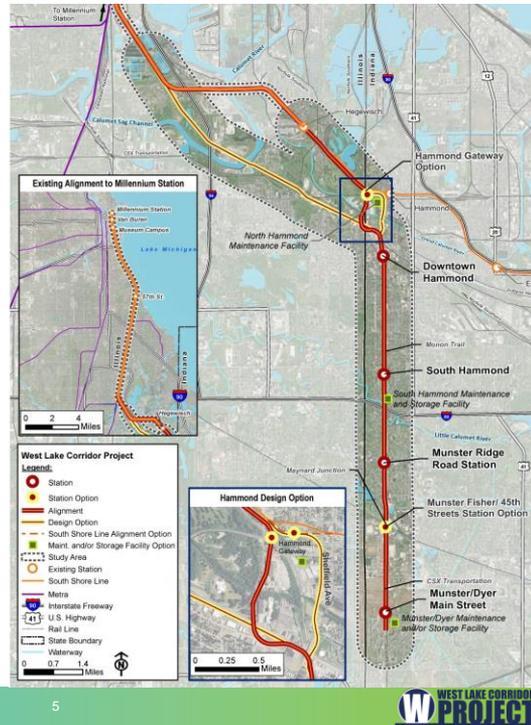
West Lake Project Overview

- 9-Mile Extension of Existing South Shore Line (SSL)
- 12 Trains per Weekday
- 4 Stations in Hammond, Munster, and Dyer
- Maintenance Facility
- Options for Alignment, Stations, Maintenance and Layover Facilities



Alternative Options

- **Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) Alignment**
- **Hammond Design Option Alignment**
- **Station Options**
 - Hammond
 - Munster
- **Maintenance Facility**
 - Hammond – 2 sites
 - Munster/Dyer
- **Layover Facility**
 - Munster/Dyer

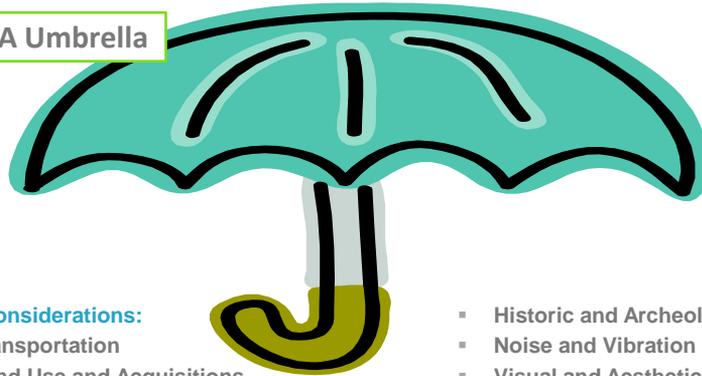


Why So Many Alternatives?

- Required to evaluate all feasible alternatives meeting the purpose and need of the project
- To consider and evaluate each alternative in a comparable level of detail
- To avoid any indication of a bias towards a particular alternative(s)
- Field work is included for all alternatives minimizing the need for additional investigation

National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA Umbrella



Key Considerations:

- Transportation
- Land Use and Acquisitions
- Economic Development
- Neighborhoods and Community Facilities
- Environmental Justice
- Parks and Recreational
- Historic and Archeological
- Noise and Vibration
- Visual and Aesthetics
- Water and Ecological
- Farmlands
- Hazardous Materials
- Safety and Security
- Short-Term Construction



Environmental Impact Statement Process





Hegewisch Station, SSL

Stations

- Boarding Platforms
- Shelters
- Parking
- Multi-Modal Access



Dune Park Station, SSL



East Chicago Station, SSL



Vehicle Technology

- Existing South Shore Electric Trains





Denton County A-Train Maintenance Facility

Maintenance Facility

- Shop Building for Maintenance of Vehicles
- Storage Tracks
- Parking and Support Facilities

Layover Facility

- Welfare Building for Crew
- Storage Tracks for Overnight Layover
- Parking



Metra Electric District – Richton Layover



Operations Facilities

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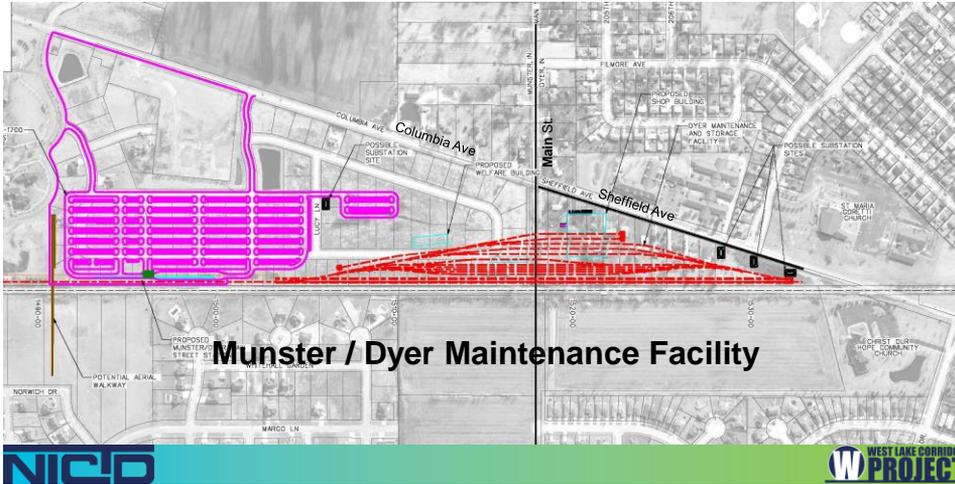
...layover facility is needed here



Operations Facilities

Munster/Dyer Station and Maintenance Facility

– inspect, repair, clean, and store vehicles



Operations Facilities

Munster/Dyer Station and Layover Facility

– overnight or mid-day storage, light interior cleaning and minor repairs,

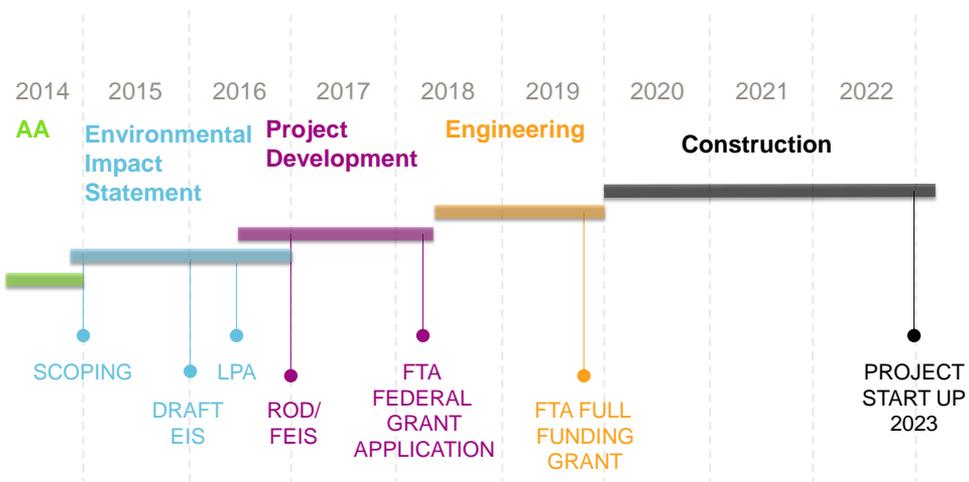


Layover Facility Conceptual Layout



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West Lake Overall Project Schedule



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Next Steps

- Public Workshops – November 2015
- DEIS Public Hearings – Spring 2016
- DEIS Public Review – Spring 2016
- Begin Project Development – Summer 2016

Key to Success: Partnerships



How Can You Participate and Stay Informed

- Project Website: <http://www.nicdwestlake.com/>
- Email: project.email@nicdwestlake.com
- Call: 219-250-2920
- Mail: NICTD West Lake Corridor Project
33 East U.S. Highway 12
Chesterton, IN 46304



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RESOLUTION NO. 2010

TOWN OF MUNSTER, INDIANA

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF MUNSTER'S REQUEST/DESIRE FOR THE LOCATION OF THE MUNSTER/DYER MAIN STREET STATION AND PARKING SPACES TO SUPPORT THE EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUTER RAIL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Munster is the municipal legislative body of the unit; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Munster, pursuant to I.C. § 36-1-7-1, et. seq. entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between and amongst several Lake County governmental entities with the purpose of providing resources to support the extension and improvement of the commuter rail services provided by the Northern Indiana Commuter Transit District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, the Town of Munster committed resources for the extension and improvement of commuter rail services in Lake County, Indiana, with the belief that the provision of those services would not adversely impact existing residential development in Munster, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Indiana Commuter Transit District has proposed two alternatives for the location of the Munster/Dyer Main Street Station that require the new tracks to be east of the existing CSX line: (1) placing the passenger platform, ticket kiosk/station, and parking facility on the east side of the existing rail line, north of Main Street (in the Community Estates subdivision); and (2) placing the ticket kiosk/station and parking facility west of the existing rail line and north of a proposed extension of Main Street (south of the West Lakes subdivision) while keeping the passenger platform on the east side of the tracks; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2016, the Munster Town Council passed Resolution 2008 in an attempt to convey its preference with regard to the location of the rail line, platform, and parking lot; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to more specifically delineate the Town of Munster's preference with regard to the location of the rail line, platform, ticket kiosk/station, and parking lot, the Town of Munster adopts this Resolution 2010 to amend/supplement Resolution 2008; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire/preference of the Town Council of the Town of Munster that this project be completed in a way to: (1) minimize any negative impact on the surrounding neighborhoods and proposed residential development; (2) enhance development opportunities; (3) increase the tax base, and (4) promote needed infrastructure upgrades; and

WHEREAS, locating the following facilities in the following locations will best advance the above goals: (1) Rail Line: east of existing CSX tracks; (2) Platform: east of CSX tracks; and (3) Parking lot and ticket kiosk/station: west of CSX tracks, north of main street, and south of West Lakes subdivision; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Munster that it expresses its desire/preference for the proposed Munster/Dyer Main Street Station facilities to be located as shown on NICTD West Lake Corridor Project Draft Conceptual Design Plans, Project I.D. 7801 01, Page 18 (Exhibit "A").

RESOLVED that the facilities shall be located: (1) Rail Line: east of existing CSX tracks; (2) Platform: east of CSX tracks; and (3) Parking lot and ticket kiosk/station: west of CSX tracks, north of main street, and south of West Lakes subdivision. It is contemplated that the Main Street underpass will be constructed to accomplish this design.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Indiana, this 16th day of May, 2016, by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed.



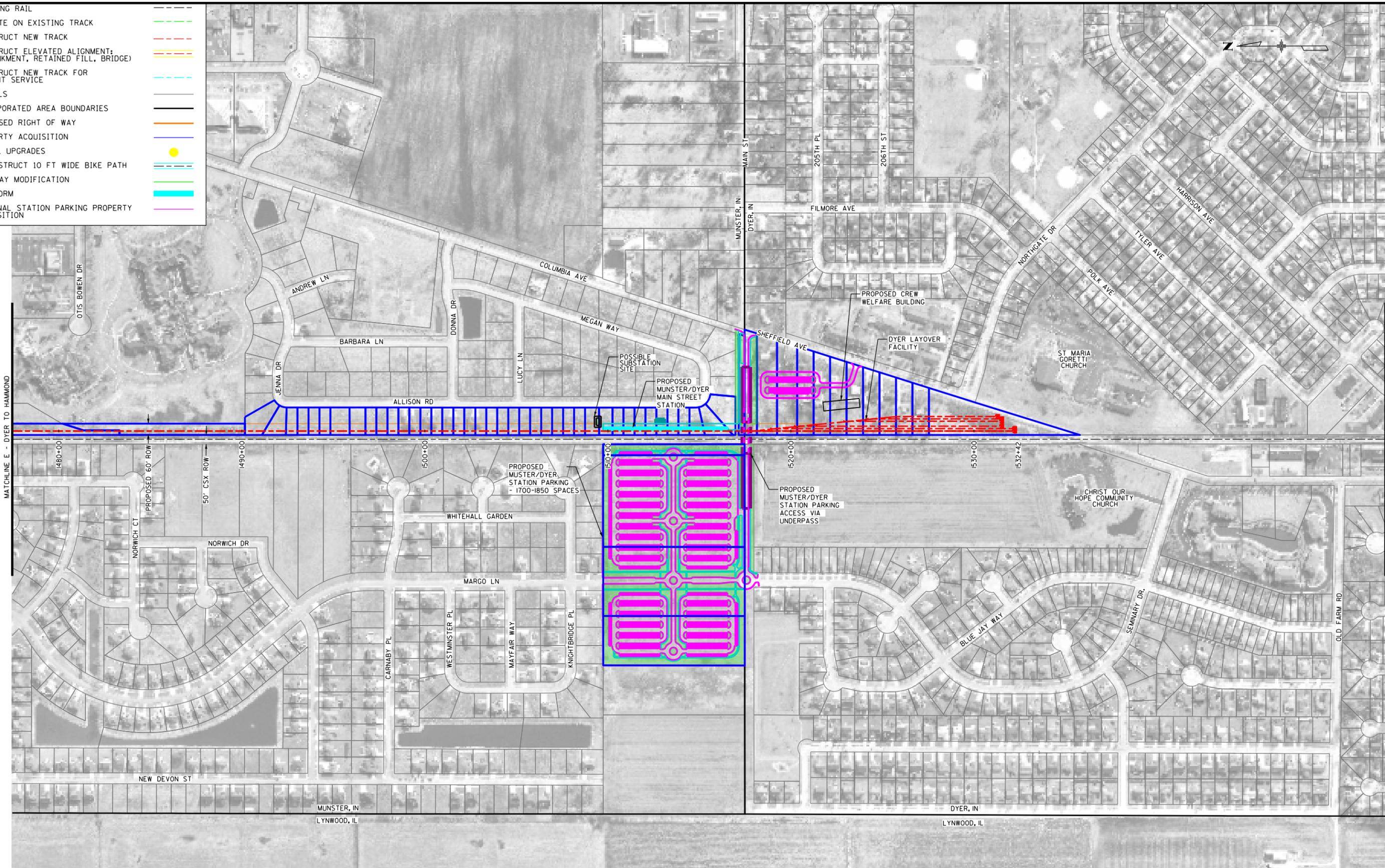
John P. Reed, President

ATTEST:



David F. Shafer, Clerk-Treasurer

- EXISTING RAIL ---
- OPERATE ON EXISTING TRACK ---
- CONSTRUCT NEW TRACK ---
- CONSTRUCT ELEVATED ALIGNMENT: (EMBANKMENT, RETAINED FILL, BRIDGE) ---
- CONSTRUCT NEW TRACK FOR FREIGHT SERVICE ---
- PARCELS ---
- INCORPORATED AREA BOUNDARIES ---
- PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY ---
- PROPERTY ACQUISITION ---
- SIGNAL UPGRADES ●
- RECONSTRUCT 10 FT WIDE BIKE PATH ---
- ROADWAY MODIFICATION ---
- PLATFORM ---
- OPTIONAL STATION PARKING PROPERTY ACQUISITION ---



REV	DATE	BY	APP.	DESCRIPTION

DESIGNED: CWH
 DRAWN: KH
 CHECKED: GF
 APPROVED: PVK
 DATE: 4/7/2016



**NICTD WEST LAKE CORRIDOR
 PROJECT DRAFT CONCEPTUAL
 DESIGN PLANS
 COMMUTER RAIL ALTERNATIVE
 DYER LAYOVER FACILITY**

PROJECT ID: 7801.1
 PAGE NO.: 18
 SHEET NO.: 10COF 10

SPONSOR: Daniel Spitale
Councilman At Large
Anthony Higgs
3rd District Councilman

RESOLUTION NO. R23

A Resolution Establishing the City of Hammond's Contingent Support of the "Hammond Alternative" to the West Lake Corridor Project
(as amended)

WHEREAS, The City of Hammond by the City Council and its Mayor have by prior resolution committed funds to support the cost of a Draft Environmental Impact Study, prepared by AECOM Corp (AECOM), for the Northwest Indiana Commuter Transit District (NICTD), for the Westlake Corridor Project; and

WHEREAS, Since said commitment, NICTD has along with its engineers (AECOM) explored various portions of the project that would directly benefit the City of Hammond; and

WHEREAS, These benefits include but are not limited to a Gateway Station located in Hammond that would allow passengers to connect to both the east/west and north/south South Shore lines, a maintenance facility to be located west of Sheffield Avenue and north of Hoffman Street, and a South Hammond station at approximately 173rd and Lyman, all which would result in approximately a \$300 million dollar investment in the City of Hammond; and

WHEREAS, this "Hammond Alternative" is the alternative that provides the maximum benefit to the City of Hammond and should be advanced by NICTD as the Preferred Alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement when it is published in the Federal Register; and

WHEREAS, this represents a significant investment in the City of Hammond which could and will impact positively the city and its residents and will also allow the potential for further RDA investment in the city through Transit Oriented Development (TOD) in the amount of at least \$40 million dollars in and around the proposed Gateway Station and the current Gostlin Street Station, and other areas along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, NICTD is at a critical time frame in its planning process and are transitioning from route planning to actual engineering and project development and wishes to commit \$10-15 million dollars to further design the project, and, advance the project through the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision; and

WHEREAS, to continue to develop the project, NICTD is in need of a further commitment of funds from the City of Hammond, which commitment is specifically contingent upon the Hammond Alternative being adopted and other contingencies being adopted as listed herein; and

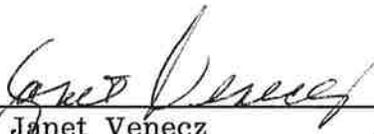
WHEREAS, the City wishes to allow NICTD to continue exploration of the Hammond Alternative as it is a significant potential investment in the City, but that the City will only further commit funds requested contingent upon the NICTD Board of Trustees committing to the following:

- 1) The Hammond Alternative (Gateway Station, Maintenance Facility and South Hammond Station) is approved and is adopted by the NICTD Board of Trustees as part of the West Lake Corridor Project;

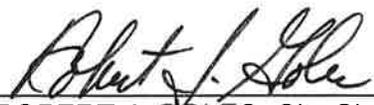
- 2) That the NICTD Board of Trustees commits to design the South Hammond Station in such a manner that parking lot traffic will use 173rd Street and will not negatively impact the neighborhood between Lyman and Hohman Avenues with any vehicular traffic;
- 3) That the NICTD Board of Trustees agrees that the current bike trails and rights of way along the proposed route are not disturbed or impacted, or, if they are impacted, they are restored at or near the current location and at or above their current condition including any and all bicycle/pedestrian bridges; and
- 4) The NICTD Board agrees that The Hammond Alternative will not be designed or constructed to standards that would accommodate freight train traffic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That if the above contingencies are met, and the Hammond Alternative is included as the Preferred Alternative in the final Environmental Impact Study and approved and adopted by the NICTD Board of Trustees, The City of Hammond by and through the Hammond City Council and its Mayor, commits for the duration of the West Lake Extension Corridor Project (not to exceed thirty (30) years) a financial commitment equivalent to 33 1/3% of its proportional distribution of Lake County CEDIT revenue (not to exceed \$900,000 per year).

RESOLVED this 8th day of August, 2016.



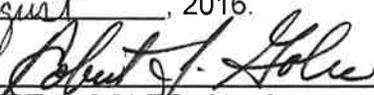
 Janet Venecz, President
 Hammond Common Council

ATTEST: 

 ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk

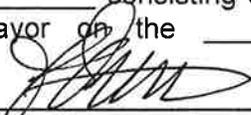
A Resolution Establishing the City of Hammond's Contingent Support of the "Hammond Alternative" to the West Lake Corridor Project

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond to the Mayor said City for approval on the 12 day of August, 2016.



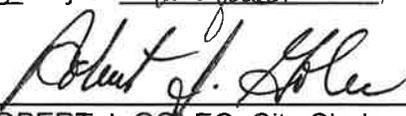
 ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk

The foregoing Resolution No. R23 consisting of two (2) typewritten pages, including this page, approved by the Mayor on the 14th day of August, 2016.



 THOMAS M. MCDERMOTT, JR., Mayor
 City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 8th day of August, 2016.



 ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk