



**NICTD WEST LAKE CORRIDOR NEWSLETTER
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PROJECT UPDATE NEWSLETTER**

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The 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. NICTD, along with the contractor, F.H. Paschen Ragnar Benson JV (FHP/RB) is currently constructing 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 will expand NICTD's service coverage, improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County.



Excavation activities for utility relocations.

Current and upcoming construction activities include:

- Erosion control installation started in November 2021 and will continue throughout the project.
- Tree cleaning continues throughout the project corridor.
 - Tree clearing started in December 2021. Trees have been cleared throughout the project corridor with the exception of wetland areas, banks of the Little Calumet and Grand Calumet Rivers and areas requiring existing Monon Railroad removals.
 - Tree clearing operations will resume as more areas are available.
- Municipal utility relocations began in February 2022 in Hammond. Relocations in the Town of Munster will begin in April 2022.
- Removal and salvage of existing Monon Railroad rail and ties started in February 2022.
- Initial substructure work for bridges began in February 2022 near the future Hammond Gateway Station. Work will proceed south through the project corridor.
- Earthwork and grading will begin in May 2022 beginning near the future South Hammond and Hammond Gateway Stations.

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Work by Others:

- Northern Indiana Public Service Company – NIPSCO and multiple Telecommunications companies will continue relocation of overhead and underground utility service infrastructure with several construction companies conducting the work in Hammond and Munster. Temporary closures of traffic lanes may be necessary during daytime hours along the future alignment of the West Lake Corridor line to complete the utility relocation work.



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