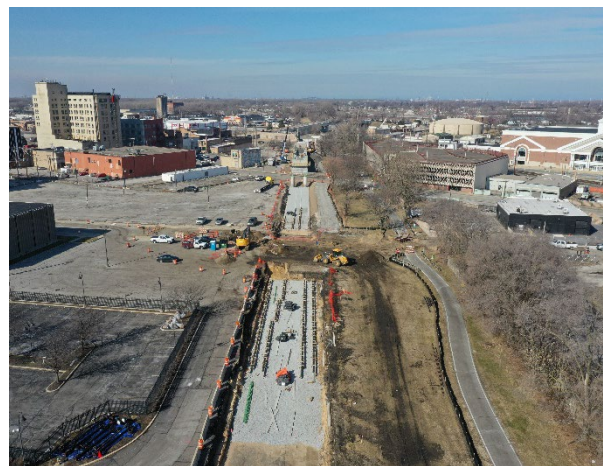




**NICTD WEST LAKE CORRIDOR NEWSLETTER
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PROJECT UPDATE NEWSLETTER**

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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.



Current and upcoming construction activities include:

Civil Construction

- Erosion control continues to be installed at project-specific construction areas.
- Municipal utility relocations are ongoing at multiple locations in the City of Hammond and Town of Munster.
- Earthwork construction for the proposed South Hammond Station has been completed.
- Earthwork construction for the Hammond Gateway Station and Munster Dyer Parking Lots is underway.
- Earthwork construction for the rail subgrade from I-80/94 through Douglas Street is complete.
- Construction of 165th Street will be underway this spring.
- Rail panel will be installed from Waltham through 173rd with the rail installation.
- New Allman Street and Wabash Street will be under construction in preparation for Marble street closure.
- MSF yard construction is underway.
- Hammond Gateway parking lot is under construction with paving this summer.
- Rail bed construction from Little Calumet to Ridge Road will be completed by mid-summer.
- Munster Ridge station foundation will be started in late spring.

Stations Construction

- Precast structures and structural steel for the South Hammond Station will resume and be completed by the end of Q1. Roofing, conduit raceways, and handrail will follow structural items.
- Precast structures and structural steel at the Munster Ridge Station will begin in Q2, and will be followed by roofing, electrical, and handrail systems.
- Precast structural will begin at the South Shore Line Platform late in Q2.

Structure Construction

- Substructure construction continues in the City of Hammond and the Town of Munster.
- Cast-in-place retaining wall construction continues in the Town of Munster.
- Bridge erection will resume in March 2023 in the City of Hammond.
- Precast retaining wall construction started in December 2022 and continues to be installed in the City of Hammond.

Systems Construction

- Conduit raceways continue to be installed at the foundations of the elevated structures throughout the project.
- Underground work at the future rail alignment is currently progressing in Hammond and Munster.

Rail Construction

- Rail construction is anticipated to start in Hammond, late in the Q1 working from Douglas Street south towards 173rd Street.

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