

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

TDD Steering Committee

Quarterly Update to Committee

February 17, 2021

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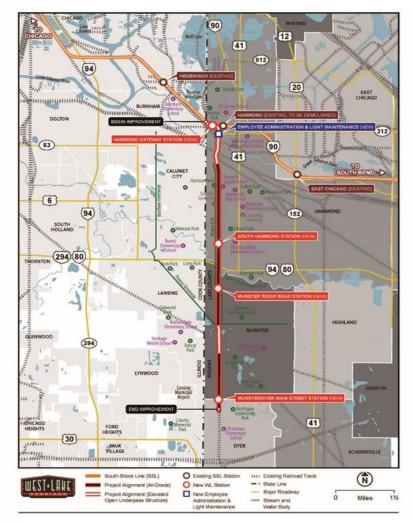
AGENDA

- Update on the progress of the rail projects
- Update on TDD boundaries and engagement
- Next steps and questions

RAIL PROJECTS UPDATE

West Lake Corridor Project

- 9-mile extension to Dyer, Indiana
- First extension of commuter rail in NW Indiana in over a century
- Project Cost: Estimated \$852 million
- NICTD has provided the notice to proceed to design-builder Paschen to begin work on construction of the rail line
- The FTA has fully executed a FFGA on West Lake and the groundbreaking occurred on October 28, 2020



RAIL PROJECTS UPDATE

Double Track Project

- 25-mile project area, 16 miles new 2nd track, 4 new bridges, 3 new hilevel boarding platforms, 7 new hispeed crossovers, closing 20 grade X-ings in Michigan City, train/car separation in Michigan City
- Estimated cost: \$454.7 million
- 100% Design for the Double Track project is near complete and real estate acquisition is underway.
- FTA FFGA on Double Track on January 8, 2021



TDD BOUNDARY AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Status Update

Public Engagements Completed/Scheduled:

- Munster Ridge Road
- Munster/Dyer Main Street
- Portage/Ogden Dunes
- Gary Miller
- East Chicago (2/18)

Draft TDD Boundary Presented to Leadership:

- Hammond Gateway
- Michigan City

Draft TDD Boundary In-process:

- Beverly Shores
- Dune Park
- Gary Metro
- Hammond South
- Michigan City Carroll Avenue
- South Bend Airport

TDD BOUNDARY AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Boundary Definition Process

BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH THE STATION AREA

- O Station area mapping
- Research community planning efforts
- Summarize community profile/demographics
- Prepare an initial market understanding
- O Visit station area

HOLDING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

- Listen to needs, preferences and development opportunities
- Present reconnaissance and community impressions
- Learn planning and real estate projects in the pipeline
- O Tour the community and station areas
- Discuss and better understand issues specific to each station/community during work sessions

DRAFTING THE BOUNDARY

- O Collaboration with NICTD on station
- O Identify and integrate community preferences
- Understand market forces that influence development
- Understand potential and suitability of surrounding sites
- O Understand supporting infrastructure
- Create plans and documents to share findings and study area

REVISING The Boundary

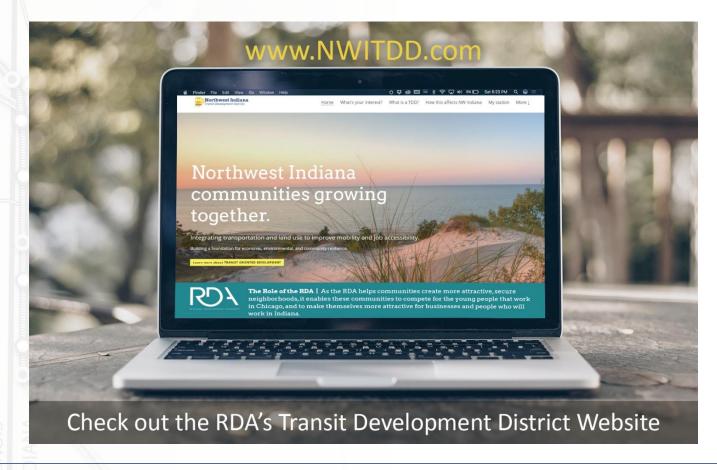
- Public engagement sessions
- Update and create TDD DRAFT boundary with community input
- Conduct first and second RDA Public Hearing
- Present boundary to State Budget Committee

Northwest Indiana RDA

TDD BOUNDARY AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Online Engagement – <u>www.nwitdd.com</u>

Website Statistics: 3,200 unique visitors/8,600 page views (2/16/2021)



MUNSTER RIDGE ROAD

316.44 acres (boundary defined)

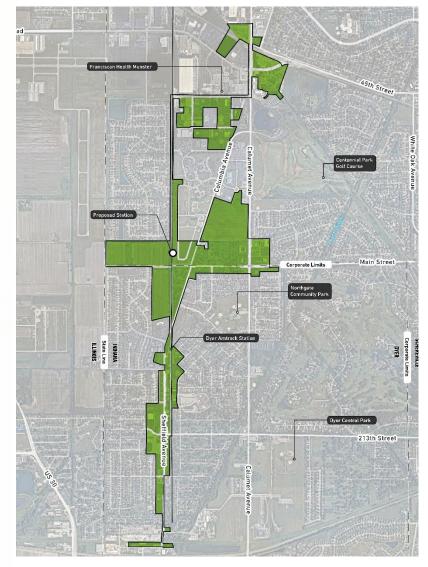
- May 2019 bus tour and leadership work session
- Spring-fall, 2020 leadership briefings
- November-December 2020 on your own gallery (17 survey respondents)
- November 2020 virtual public engagement (30 Zoom/Facebook and 102 YouTube video hits)
- Winter 2020 coordination on Ridge Road/Calumet Avenue streetscape
- December 2020 boundary feedback session with Munster leadership (boundary adjustments made)



MUNSTER/DYER MAIN STREET

316.2 acres (boundary defined)

- May 2019 bus tour and leadership work session
- September 2019 joint development work session with NICTD
- Spring-fall, 2020 leadership briefings
- November-December 2020 on your own gallery (58 survey respondents)
- December 2020 virtual public engagement (102 Zoom/Facebook and 15 YouTube video hits)
- December 2020 boundary feedback session with Munster and Dyer leadership (boundary adjustments made)



PORTAGE/OGDEN DUNES

312.7 acres -14.9 Ogden Dunes (draft boundary being finalized)

- March 2020 tour and leadership work session
- Summer-fall 2020 NICTD parking lot coordination
- Spring-winter 2020 leadership briefings
- December 2021 Ogden Dunes virtual public engagement (31 Zoom, 125 Facebook, and 20 YouTube video hits)
- February 2021 Portage virtual public engagement (32 Zoom, 115 Facebook, and 29 YouTube video hits)
- February 2021 on your own gallery (gallery open)
- February 2021 boundary feedback session completed



GARY MILLER

355 acres (draft boundary tested with public)

Input Overview:

- March 2020 tour and leadership work session
- Spring-winter 2020 leadership briefings
- February 2021 Miller virtual public engagement (40 Zoom, 78 Facebook hits)
- February 2021 on your own gallery (gallery open)

Upcoming – boundary feedback session



EAST CHICAGO

367 acres (draft boundary being finalized)

- January 2020 tour and leadership work session
- Spring-winter 2020 leadership briefings
- February 18th 2021

 East Chicago virtual public engagement (meeting information on NWITDD.com)
- February 2021 on your own gallery
- Upcoming boundary feedback session



NEXT STEPS AND QUESTIONS

Current and upcoming boundary work

Hammond Gateway and Michigan City:

 Working with leadership on boundary revisions and preparing for public input session

Beverly Shores, Dune Park, Hammond South, Gary Metro, and South Bend :

 Boundary analysis and community leadership discussions ongoing

