

# **TDD Steering Committee**

### **Quarterly Update to Committee**

August 19, 2020

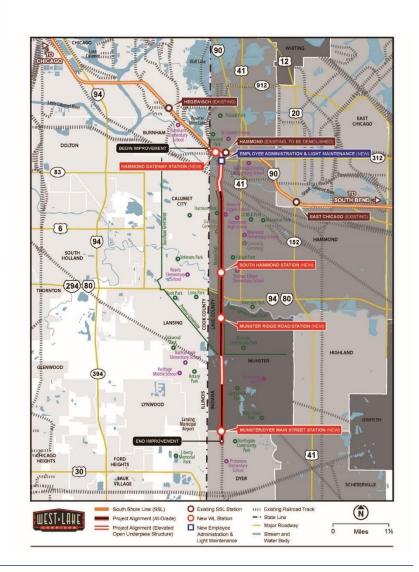
### **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome & Team and Committee Introductions
- 2. Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2020 meeting
- 3. RDA rail projects update
- 4. Public Engagement Sessions and Public Meetings Update
- 5. Spotlight: Review of TDD boundary study areas in Munster/Dyer, Portage/Ogden Dunes and Miller (Gary)
- 6. Next steps and questions
- 7. Adjourn

### 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 approval to sign the contract for design/build with Paschen to begin work on construction of the rail line.
- The FTA has asked NICTD to expedite the documents for reaching a FFGA on West Lake by no later than October of 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 Xings in Michigan City, train/car separation in Michigan City.
- Estimated cost: \$416 million
- Double track has received permission to "enter into engineering" from the FTA. In this phase, NICTD will complete all design and engineering work. Part of the cost of this will be reimbursed by FTA.
- In FTA's annual funding report issued in February, they have set a goal of reaching a FFGA on double track by June of 2021.



# **PUBLIC MEETINGS UPDATE**

#### **Proposed Hybrid Approach**

- For each TDD two public engagement sessions will be conducted in a hybrid format utilizing online engagement best practices and potential in-person engagement. Any in-person sessions will include appropriate social distancing and similar COVID-19 safety measures. Participants will be able to ask questions and leave comments in written and oral format, which will be compiled and shared with the RDA Board.
- A first public meeting will then be held as part of an official RDA Board of Directors meeting. Feedback provided at the public meeting will be presented to the Board at this time.
- A final public meeting will follow, also as part of a regular RDA Board of Directors meeting, to pass a resolution formally establishing the TDD.
- The two public meetings may consider and act upon multiple TDDs simultaneously.
- RDA plans to hold the first public engagement sessions in Fall 2020.

### **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

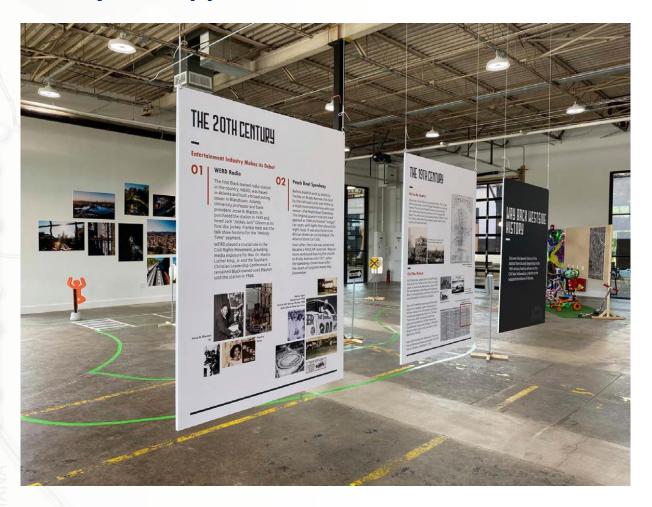
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# **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

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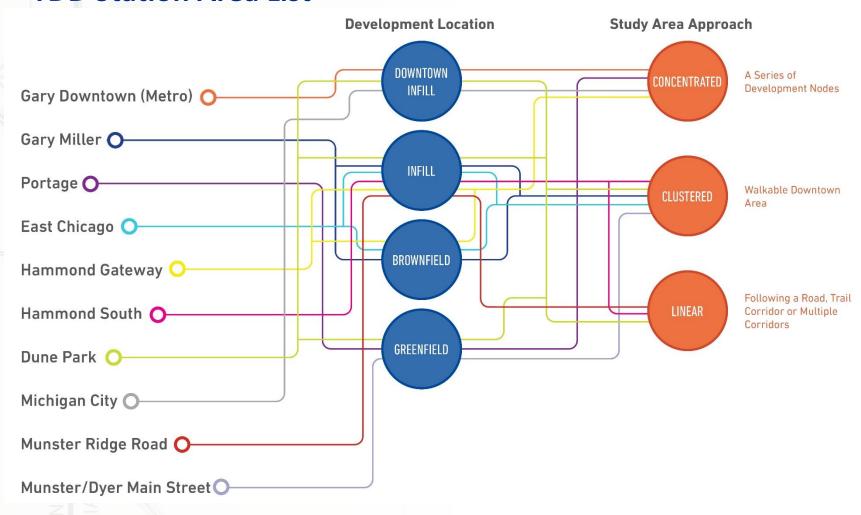
#### What Are TDD Study Areas?

- TDD study areas include sites with development potential that could be included in the initial half-mile area (or roughly 320 acres)
  TDD around a train station.
- The TDD study area is larger than the eventual TDD.
- With the assistance of local leadership, the study area is outlined and presented at the RDA's first public meeting for public comment and feedback.
- To date RDA has created study areas for Munster Ridge Road, Munster/Dyer, Portage/Ogden Dunes and the Miller (Gary) station areas. These have been reviewed with local leadership and we are processing their comments to produce the first drafts of the TDDs for public presentation.

**What Are TDD Study Areas?** 



#### **TDD Station Area List**



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#### **Planning Process**

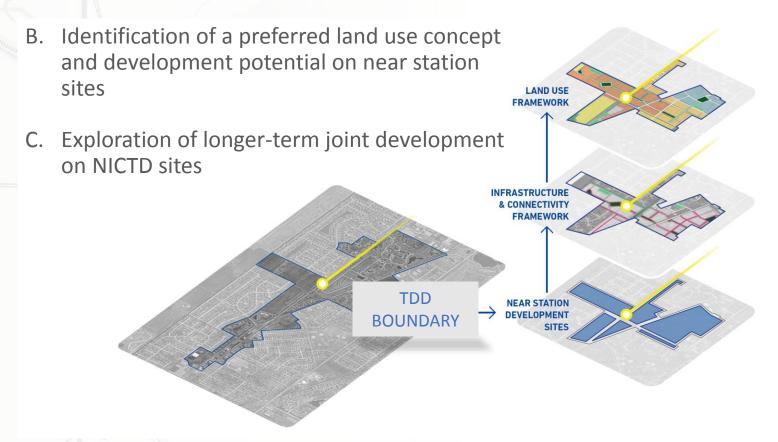


**Planning Process** 



### **Framework Planning**

A. Identification of revised block structure including infrastructure/connectivity



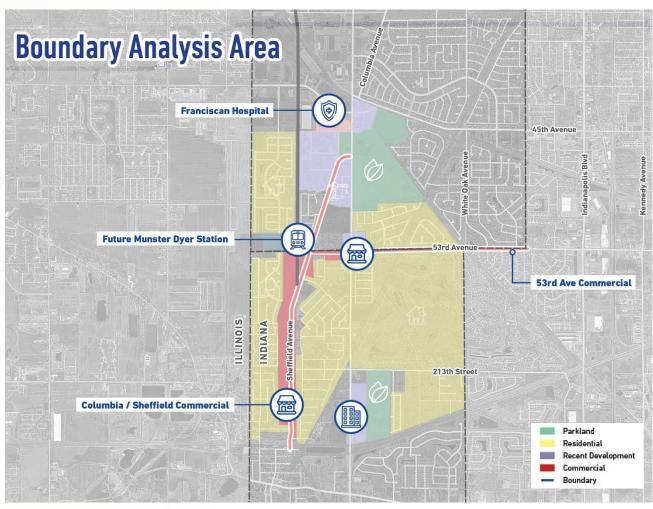
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#### **Munster / Dyer Main Street Station**









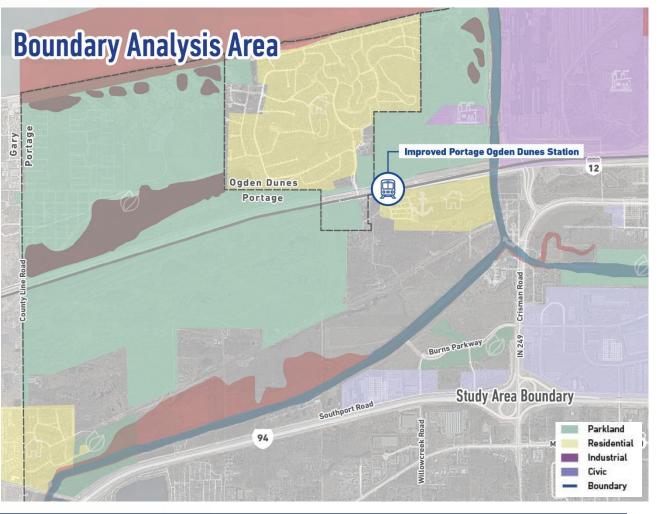
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### **Portage / Ogden Dunes Station**









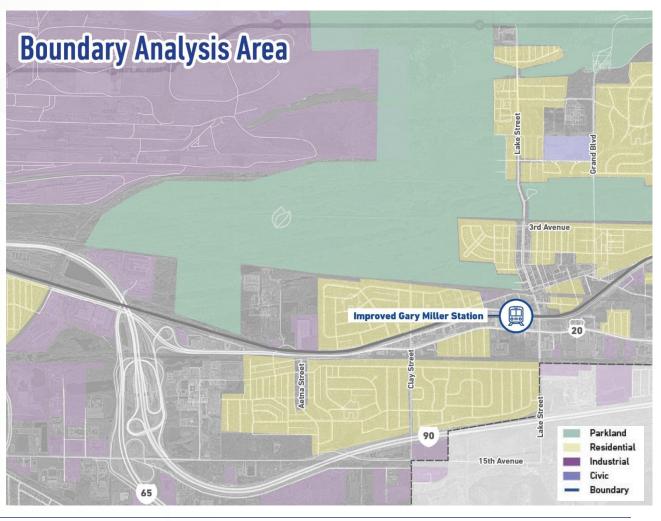
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### **Gary Miller Station**









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# **NEXT STEPS & QUESTIONS**



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### **NEXT MEETING**

November 18, 2020 11 a.m. Purdue Tech Center in Crown Point

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