

# TD**D** Steering Committee Quarterly Update

August 13, 2025

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2025
- RDA Update on Rail Projects
- TDD Boundaries Update
- Next Steps & Questions
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# COMMITTEE & TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

## **Gary**      **Hammond**      **East Chicago**      **Ogden Dunes**

Chris Harris      Brian Poland      Milton Reed      Scott Kingan

## **Porter**      **Portage**      **Michigan City**      **South Bend**

Michael Barry      Tom Cherry      Angie Nelson      Tim Corcoran  
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## **Valparaiso**      **Dyer**      **Munster**      **Beverly Shores**

Bob Thompson      Scott Jefferson      Chuck Gardiner      Geof Benson

## **Pines**      **RDA**      **KPMG**      **MKSK**

Tammy Watkins      AJ Bytnar      Vince Dolan      Eric Lucas  
Amy Jakubin      Lauren Wilson      Aaron Kowalski  
David Wellman      Tom Harmening      Valerie Berstene  
Tori Luckenbach

## **Policy Analytics**

Bill Sheldrake  
Dave Reynolds



## Update on the Rail Investment

Development of the new rail lines and stations is progressing at a steady pace.

### West Lake Corridor

Design is 98% complete; train signals and operating systems remain in progress.

BR101 at the Munster Dyer station was successfully installed on May 28, 2025. Work on the Main Street underpass continues to advance and the pedestrian bridge (BR101A) over Main Street has been installed.

Catenary system installation is near completion and work on system (e.g. communications and power) installation is continuing.

Final paving of the Munster/Dyer station parking lot is expected to be complete in August.

An extended period of testing and commissioning is required between construction completion and Revenue Service.

The NICTD team is focused on getting the trains running as soon as possible. NICTD conveyed to their Board on May 28, 2025 that Revenue Service will not be until the end of the year or later

NICTD is working with the contractor to find ways to minimize changes from the current schedule and prevent remaining items from creating any further delays. The FTA grant commitment is May 20, 2026.



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### Double Track

25-mile project area includes 16 miles of new second track, the closing of 20 grade-level crossings in Michigan City, and the elimination of “street running” in Michigan City.

Overall construction is now complete.

NICTD is now operating in full double track mode.

The grand opening ceremony for the 11th Street station and garage occurred on June 18, 2025.

Revenue Service began on May 14, 2024, earlier than the FTA grant commitment of November 6, 2024

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An aerial photograph of a modern urban residential area during dusk or early evening. The scene is filled with warm, glowing lights from numerous windows in apartment buildings, townhouses, and streetlights. A major road cuts through the center, with several cars visible. To the right, a railway line with tracks runs parallel to the road. The area is densely packed with green trees and some commercial buildings, including a large complex with a red roof on the far right. The overall atmosphere is vibrant and suggests a bustling community.

# TDD Boundaries

Update

## Remaining TDDs

- **Beverly Shores/Pines:** Final approval to the Beverly Shores/Pines TDD was provided by the State Budget Committee on August 6.
- **Valparaiso:** conversations ongoing.
- **South Bend:** conversations ongoing.





# Next Steps & Questions

Next Meeting: November 13, 2025