

West Lake Corridor Project
Lake County, Indiana
New Starts Project Development
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The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) proposes to implement commuter rail service in the nine-mile West Lake Corridor in Lake County, Indiana, which extends from Dyer to Hammond. The proposed project will be a branch of NICTD's existing South Shore Line, and will connect with existing service to Millennium Station in downtown Chicago. NICTD proposes four new stations, one in Dyer, one in Munster, and two in Hammond. The West Lake Project will spur economic development in the corridor and provide Northern Indiana residents access to employment opportunities in downtown Chicago. NICTD estimates the total capital cost of the project to be \$563 million. NICTD has not yet identified the amount of New Starts funding the project will seek.

NICTD anticipates selecting and adopting a locally preferred alternative into the fiscally-constrained long-range transportation plan in March 2017; completing the environmental review process with receipt of a Record of Decision in the summer of 2017; entering the Engineering phase in 2018; and receiving a Full Funding Grant Agreement in 2019. Revenue service would begin in the summer of 2022.