

**West Lake Corridor
Lake County, Indiana
New Starts Project Development
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The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) is planning to create new commuter rail service in Lake County, Indiana. The West Lake Corridor Project will be a branch off NICTD's existing South Shore Line providing travelers a one seat ride from downtown Chicago to Hammond, Munster and Dyer. The project includes the purchase of 32 new electric rail cars and construction of 2,200 park and ride spaces. The current estimated capital cost is \$776 million, with \$388 million coming from New Starts funding.

The West Lake Corridor project is planned to provide commuter rail service to communities that currently lack efficient transit service to major employment centers in the Chicago metropolitan area. NICTD expects that the project will lead to significant economic development in the corridor.

The project entered New Starts Project Development in September 2016. NICTD selected and adopted a locally preferred alternative into the fiscally-constrained long-range transportation plan in May 2017. NICTD expects completion of the environmental review process with receipt of a Record of Decision from FTA in February 2018, entry into Engineering in 2018, receipt of a Full Funding Grant Agreement in 2019, and the start of revenue service in summer 2022.