



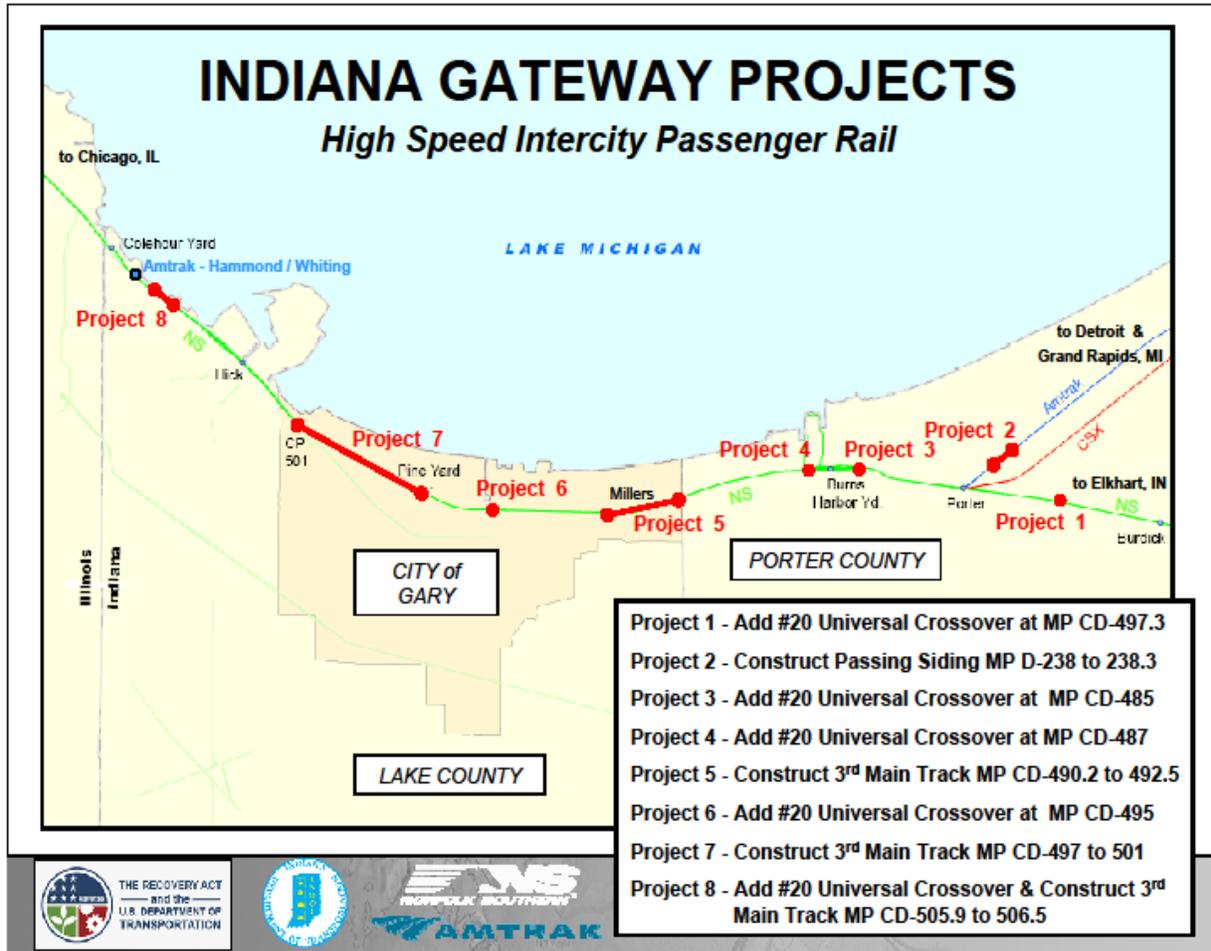
Indiana Gateway

The Indiana Gateway Project is located in Northwest Indiana between Porter, Ind., and the Illinois state line. The Indiana Department of Transportation was awarded \$71.4 million for final design and construction of the project, which will improve intercity passenger rail service, from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Indiana Gateway consists of eight subprojects. Seven subprojects are on Norfolk Southern's Chicago Line and one is on the Amtrak Michigan Line.

- The seven subprojects on the Norfolk Southern Chicago Line consist of five locations where universal crossovers will be added and three locations that will construct a third mainline track. The seven subprojects have an estimated cost of \$ 66.9 million.
- The subproject on the Amtrak Michigan line, located just north of the Porter Interlocking, will construct a new passing siding to enable meeting trains to pass each other. This subproject has an estimated cost of \$ 4.5 million. Located in Porter, Ind., near Chesterton, Ind., Porter Interlocking is where the Norfolk Southern Chicago Line, the Amtrak Michigan Line, the CSX Grand Rapids Sub and the CSX Porter Branch intersect. The Michigan Line and the Grand Rapids Sub head towards Michigan.
- Each of these subprojects will provide train dispatchers with additional alternatives when they are planning train meetings and passings in and out of Chicago. In addition to improved passenger service, some of the other benefits that Indiana anticipates are:
 - Jobs – although they are expected to be temporary – they will still be created
 - Improved fluidity in Northwest Indiana for both train traffic and the travelling public
 - A reduction in lengthy crossing blockages because the train dispatchers will have alternatives to keep trains moving
 - The alternatives will improve passenger service to the east, towards South Bend, Elkhart, and Waterloo, Ind., and beyond for the Amtrak Capitol Limited to/from Washington and the Lake Shore Limited to/from New York and Boston

The Indiana Gateway Project will complement passenger service projects such as the Englewood Flyover construction in Illinois and the increased speed for passenger service in Michigan.



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