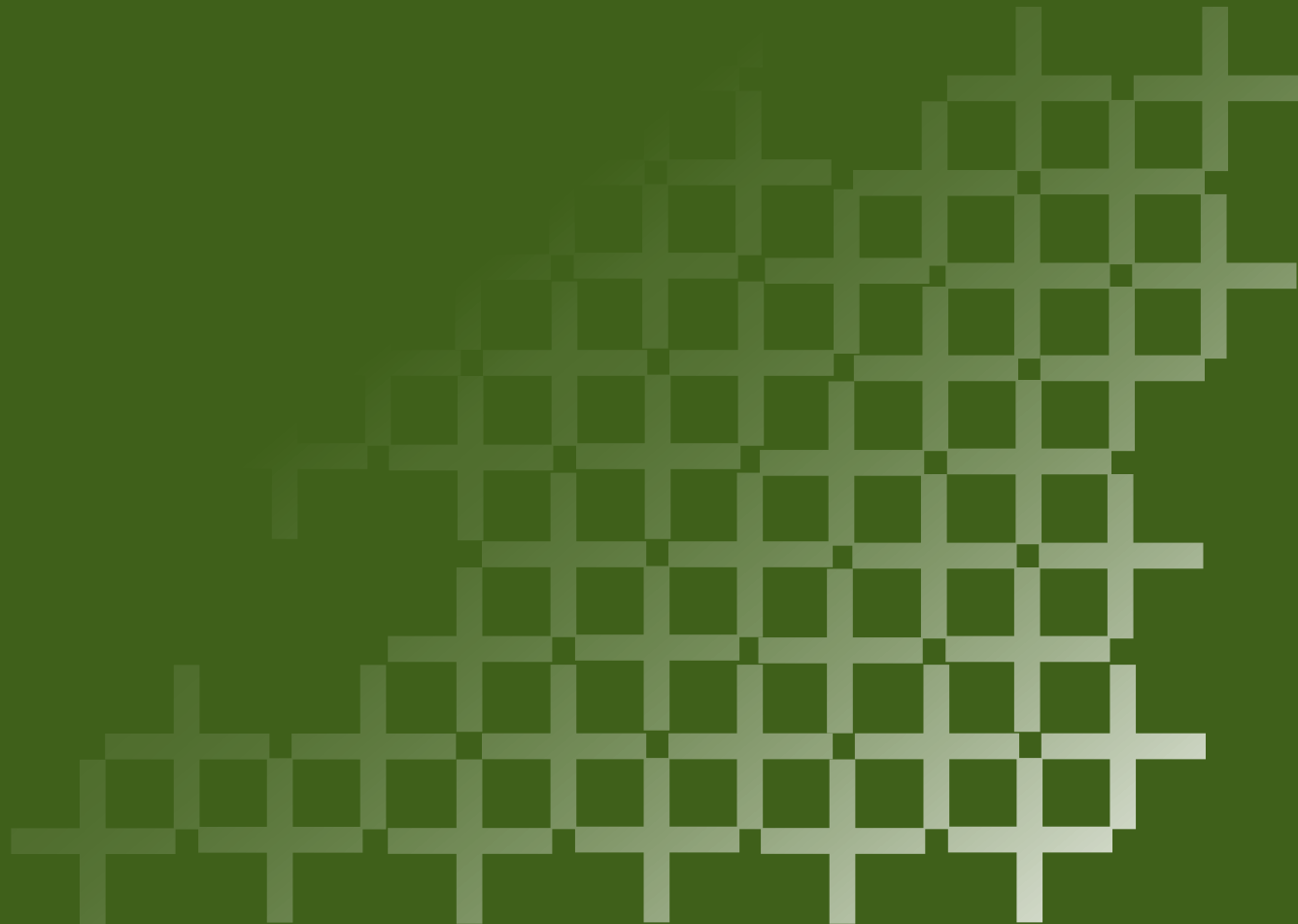






# 2 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION



# Finding Meaning

## Introduction

Active transportation, encompassing pedestrian, bicycle, and lightweight, low-powered “micro-mobility” devices such as scooters, have an increasingly important role to play in Northwest Indiana’s transportation network. The benefits of these modes are well-documented, ranging from their efficient use of space, extreme energy efficiency and very low environmental impact, and positive impact on individual health and wellbeing. The region has positioned itself to take advantage of these benefits and expand the role of active modes. Northwest Indiana has taken full advantage of the abandonment of duplicative rail corridors radiating from Chicago to create one of the nation’s leading and most functional systems of shared use trails. These trails both serve internal community needs and link the region’s cities and many of its central districts together. Preservation of corridors through railbanking and creative short- and long-term planning through NIRPC’s 2020 *Greenways+Blueways Plan* will ensure the extension of trails into more parts of the MSA and continue to connect communities. Finally, the recent awards of a RAISE grant in 2021 to complete the Marquette Greenway from Chicago to New Buffalo and in 2022 to implement a complete street program along Ridge Road from the Indiana State Line to Columbia Avenue in Munster, represent major investments in active transportation infrastructure and integration with major improvements and expansion of the South Shore Line. The region now has over 300 miles of local, regional, park, and multi-state trails.

On the other hand, aspects of development also pose significant challenges. While trail development has been visionary and robust, on-street infrastructure – including ways to link trails together and to neighborhoods and major off-trail destinations has lagged. Land use patterns with large heavy industrial sites, mainline railroads, and three transcontinental interstate highways all create difficult barriers. And the auto-oriented environments of the eras that represented the most extensive growth made few if any accommodations for pedestrian or bicycle access. Filling these voids are the major focus of the Active Transportation Chapter of NWI 2050+.



## The Scope of the Chapter

The Active Transportation chapter is part of the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission's update of *NWI 2050*. It supplements the *2020 Greenways+Blueways Plan*, which is primarily focused on trails using separated rights-of-way, and *NWI 2050*, which recognized the role of both trails and complete streets and established a funding framework for both.

Individual communities also develop active transportation components of their comprehensive and/or transportation plans. For example, Hammond published a bicycle master plan in 2019 and Gary is developing a similar plan. Munster prepared a new comprehensive plan in 2022 and Merrillville is undertaking a similar project in 2022-23, both of which will incorporate local active transportation plans.

The overall goal of this effort is to build on the solid foundation of previous work to integrate existing and proposed trails, appropriate streets and roadways, and other corridor opportunities into a comprehensive regional network that connects and serves major destinations like city and town centers, the lake shore, Indiana Dunes National and State Parks, South Shore stations, major parks, commercial focuses, and other activity centers and access nodes.

This plan does not go to the level of detail of an active transportation plan for a specific city. The three-county region is approximately the size of the State of Delaware, and such place-specific plans are the prerogative of municipalities.

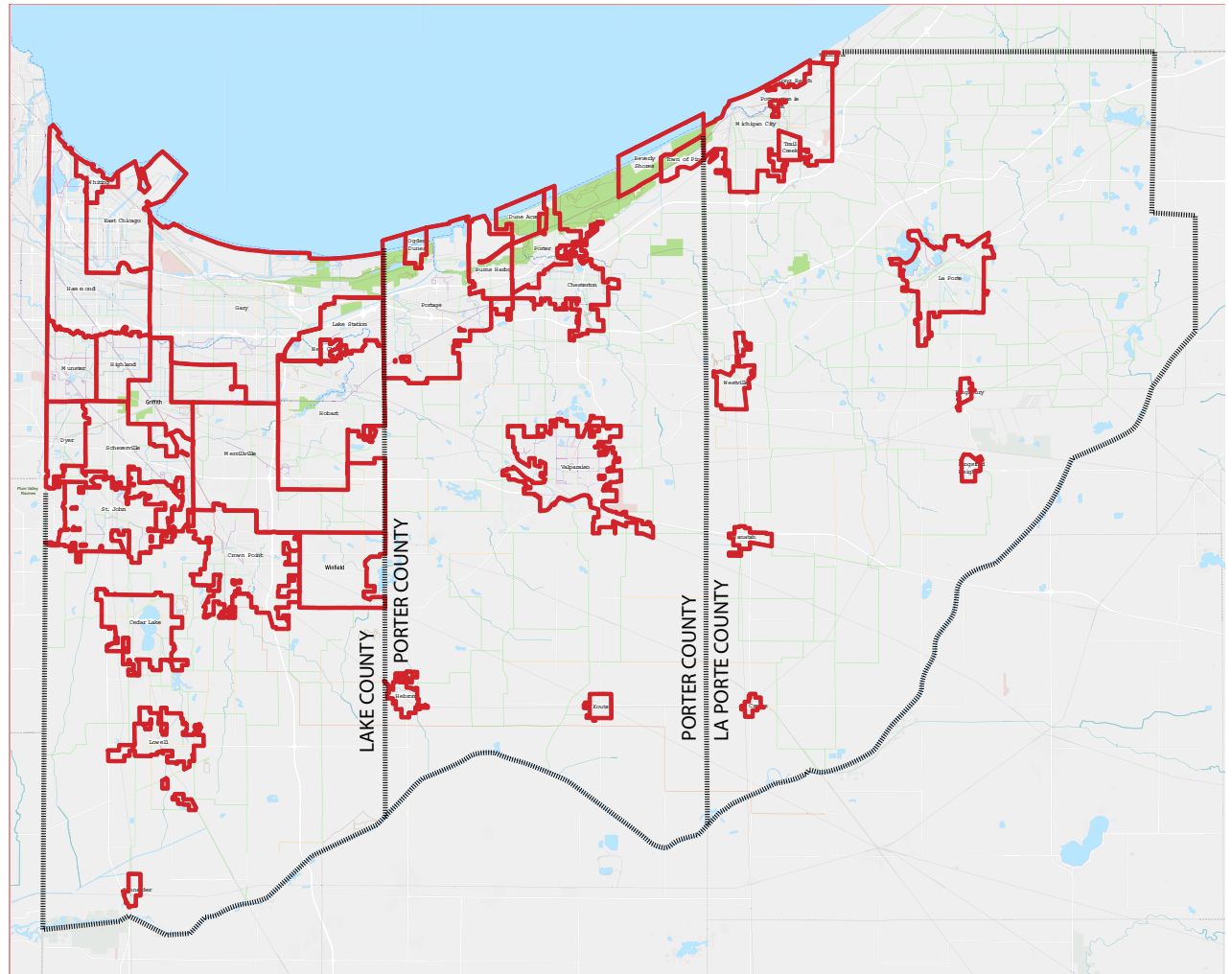


Figure 2-1: NWI 2050+ Study Area

But it will address components of the network within city boundaries. It will also identify types of infrastructure that match the conditions of elements of the network and will provide specific guidance and concepts for individual problems, including street and highway barriers and creating better pedestrian/bicycle environments in major auto-oriented environments. It will also be integrated with other elements of *NWI 2050+* including land use, transit, roadways, and freight movements.

This chapter is based on extensive fieldwork in all parts of the study area and conversations with people who live, work, make policy, and develop projects in Northwest Indiana. Its preparation including several hundred miles of bicycling (and a smaller amount of driving) throughout the region, holding six public input sessions at six bike shops from August through October, 2022, and reviewing the results of a survey that attracted 214 respondents as of November, 2022.

It summarizes trends and relationships, and observations, allowing facts and observations to help frame directions and priorities of successive phases of the plan. It is conceived as an analytic atlas of the region that covers the following subjects:

**Existing/proposed regional trails and bicycle infrastructure.** This identifies major existing regional facilities on the ground and proposed trails included in the *2020 Greenways+Blueways Plan*. These exhibits also display areas within two miles of a regional trail corridor. Two miles typically corresponds to a 10-12 minute bicycle ride to a trail. In a sense, this analysis conceives of trails much like transit lines or the major arterials of a network, with streets, roads, and local trails functioning as the feeder routes.

**The 15-Minute City Concept.** This concept of a walkable/bikeable environment around a major focus like a city or town center, was also discussed in the Finding Meaning element of the Land Use Element and is repeated here for reference. The concept helps evaluate the adequacy of access routes and presence of barriers within the theoretical walking or biking distance to a town center or any other destinations.

**Public Engagement Results.** In the on-line survey, participants provided opinions about destinations and different types of facilities, among other items. Through interactive mapping, they also provided comments about specific locations. Finally, the six workshops provided valuable information and specific ideas, generally from experienced cyclists and bike shop staff.

**Destinations.** This display maps key destinations for active transportation, generally derived from both our experiences and fieldwork in the MSA and the opinions of survey respondents. Based on this information, this section will summarize the basic framework of a destination-based network – the specific features that it should serve and connect.

**Road Typology.** The major focus of this study will be the street and roadway system of the region. This section describes various roadway types observed in the region, their potential role in the network, and types of infrastructure necessary to make them useful for the largest number of potential users.

**Network Candidates.** This section presents overall principles that guide components of the network and a series of maps identifying candidate corridors for more detailed analysis and facility design in Part Two. It also identifies areas that require special study and detail for pedestrian and bicycle access during the next parts of the plan.



## Regional Trails: Existing

Figure 2-2 on this page displays the reach of existing regional trails. The longest continuous facilities are the Oak Savannah/Prairie Duneland, Erie-Lackawanna, and Pennsy Greenway. Both the Marquette Greenway and Little Calumet have significant lengths of trail, but their full length is interrupted, and the north-south Monon Trail is officially closed with the construction of the South Shore Line's West Lake Corridor.

Shaded areas indicate catchment corridors that are two miles in each direction from the main trail, with darker shades representing areas served by multiple regional trails. Current trail service is concentrated in the northwest corner of the region, extending paralleling the lakefront to Michigan City by combining the Prairie Duneland and Calumet Trails, the latter an unpaved facility.

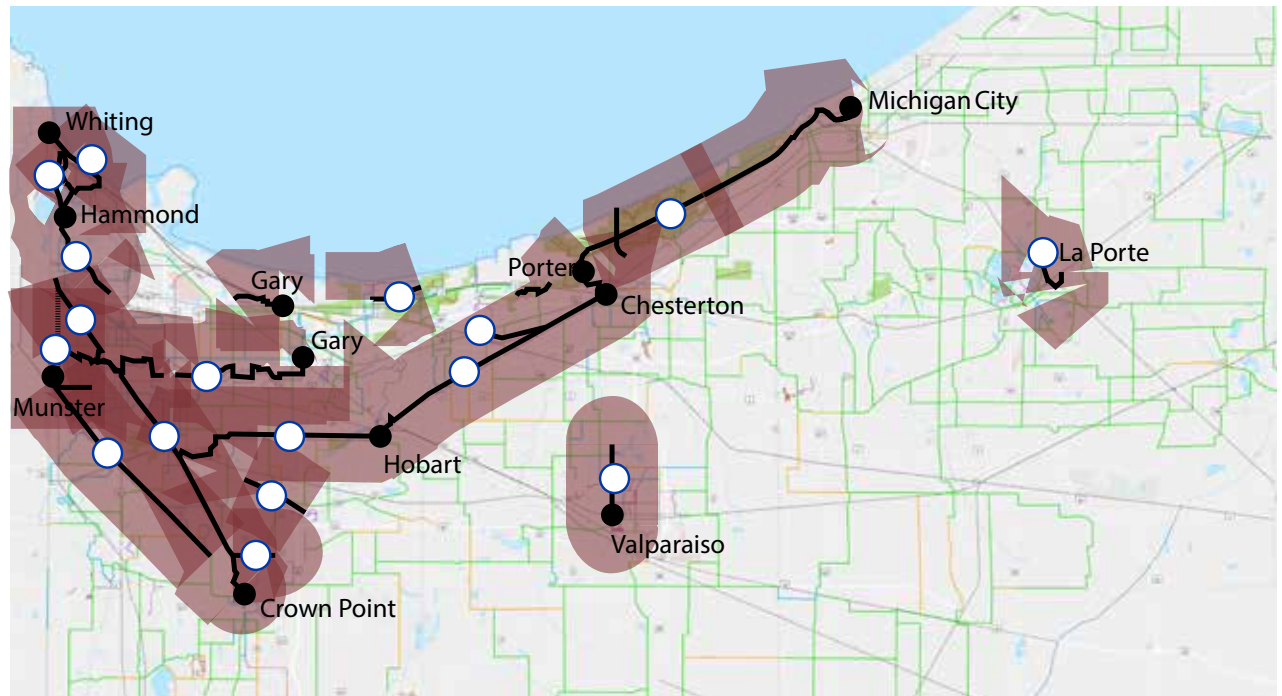


Figure 2-2: Extent and Service Coverage of Existing Trail System

On-street bicycle infrastructure is limited to scattered locations in cities. These facilities include:

### **In Hammond:**

- Hohman Avenue, with buffered bike lanes between Downtown and I-80
- Sohl Avenue, with buffered bike lanes from Douglas Street to Municipal Drive, at which point it continues north as a sidepath
- Douglas Street from Sohl to the Erie-Lackawanna Trail

### **In Munster:**

- Fran-Lin Parkway from Calumet to West 45th
- White Oak Avenue from Ridge to Carmelia

### **In Crown Point:**

- Court and West Street one-way pair from Summit and the Erie-Lackawanna trailhead to the Downtown Square

### **In Michigan City:**

- Wabash Street, with buffered bike lanes from West 4th to West 11th Streets.
- Pine Street, with buffered bike lanes from East 11th Street to Michigan Boulevard, continuing on Franklin Street to the Harriet Colfax Bridge

|           |                                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | Wolf Lake Loop                       |
| <b>2</b>  | Whiting Beach Trail                  |
| <b>3</b>  | Marquette Greenway                   |
| <b>4</b>  | Erie-Lackawanna Trail                |
| <b>5</b>  | Little Calumet Trail                 |
| <b>6</b>  | Pennsy Greenway                      |
| <b>7</b>  | 93rd Ave Spur                        |
| <b>8</b>  | C&O Trail                            |
| <b>9</b>  | Oak Savannah Trail                   |
| <b>10</b> | Prairie Duneland Trail               |
| <b>11</b> | Iron Horse Trail                     |
| <b>12</b> | Lakewood Link (Dunes-Kankakee Trail) |
| <b>13</b> | Chessie Trail                        |
| <b>14</b> | Monon Trail                          |

## Regional Trails: Proposed

Figure 2-3 on this page displays the reach of proposed regional trails. These proposed facilities extend the trail network well into rural parts of the MSA, primarily to the east and south. Major new regional facilities include:

- Completion of the Marquette Greenway from the Chicago/Hammond boundary to New Buffalo, Michigan. The project includes paving the currently unpaved Calumet Trail segment from Dune Acres to Michigan City. This project is funded through a RAISE grant awarded in 2021.
- The Dunes Kankakee Trail, connecting Chesterton and the Prairie Duneland/Oak Savannah system to Valparaiso and south to Kouts and River's Edge Farm.
- The Veterans Memorial Trail, extending the Erie-Lackawanna to Hebron and part of the Great American Rail Trail system which continues west along SR 8 to La Crosse.
- The Iron Horse Memorial Trail, a strategic urban link between the Prairie Duneland and Little Calumet Trails through Portage and Lake Station.
- The C&O Trail connecting much of the existing trail network to the Merrillville/Hobart commercial complex at I-65 and US 30.
- The Lincoln Memorial Trail, linking Michigan City with the Purdue Northwest campus and Westville.
- The Wheeler Trail, connecting Valparaiso to the Prairie Duneland Trail at Hobart
- The South Shore Line Trail, paralleling the nation's last interurban railroad and eventually linking South Bend and Michigan City.

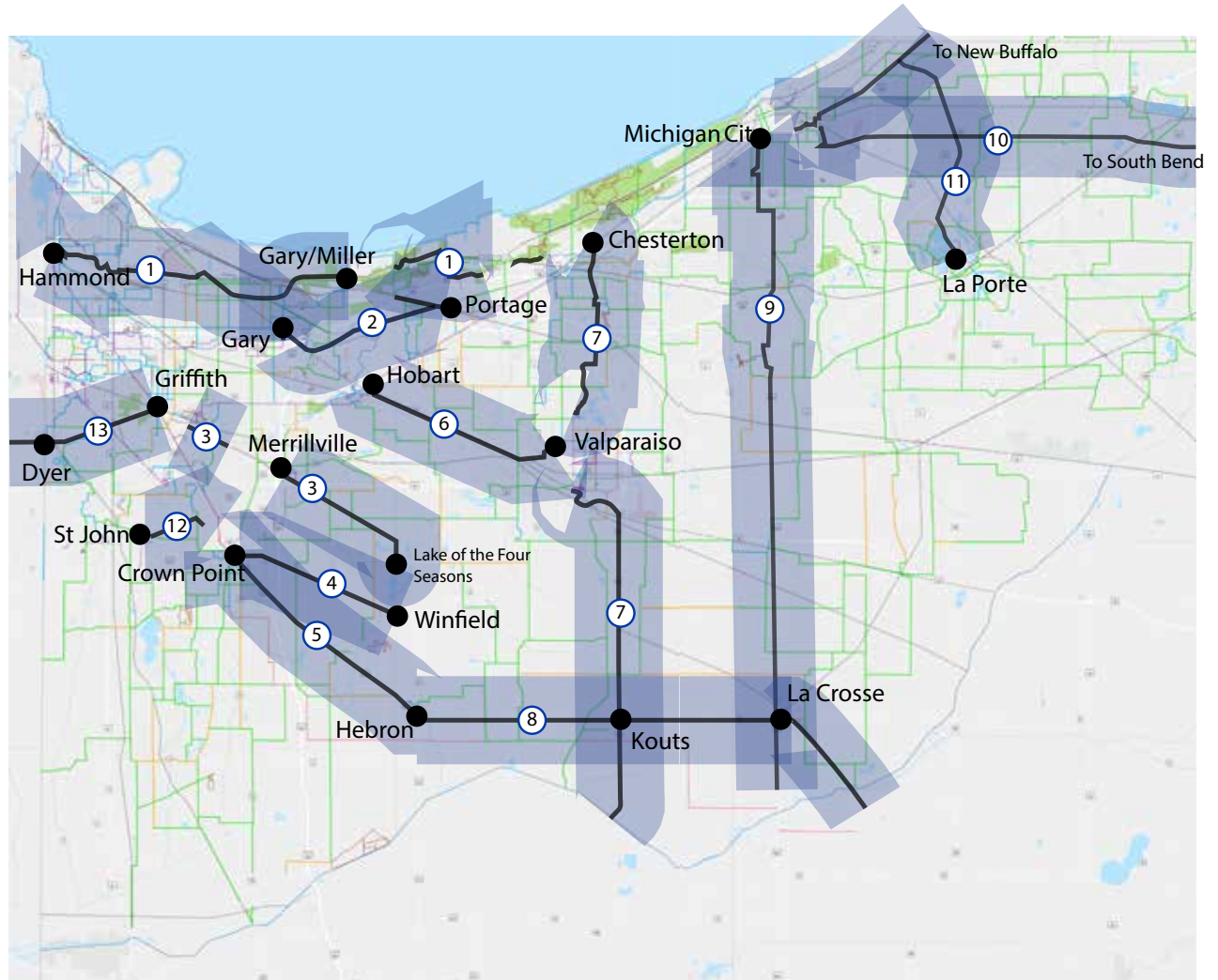


Figure 2-3: Extent and Service Coverage at Proposed Trails

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1 | Marquette Greenway        |
| 2 | Iron Horse Memorial Trail |
| 3 | C&O Trail                 |
| 4 | Winfield Trail            |
| 5 | Veterans Memorial Trail   |
| 6 | Wheeler Trail             |

|    |                                |
|----|--------------------------------|
| 7  | Dunes Kankakee Trail           |
| 8  | SR 8/Great American Rail Trail |
| 9  | Lincoln Memorial Trail         |
| 10 | South Shore Line Trail         |
| 11 | Chessie Trail                  |
| 12 | St. John Link                  |
| 13 | Old Plank Road Trail           |

## The Future Trail Network

Figure 2-4 illustrates the extent and service coverage of the future trail system, and helps direct the nature of a future network. The fully realized vision of the *2020 Greenways+Blueways Plan* produces an impressive result that places about one-third of the MSA within two miles of a regional trail and establishes connections between cities and towns reminiscent of European networks. Despite this, there are significant geographic gaps in service. These include the fast growing southwest quadrant, the focus of much of the region's housing development. This area lacked the mainline railroad abandonments that other parts of the region capitalized on. Other gaps include the central part of the region, southwest and directly east of Valparaiso and the rural and lake-oriented communities on the eastern edge of the MSA. While these areas have relatively small populations now, anecdotal information suggests growing developer interest for a market segment moving into Indiana from the Chicago area. In addition, these areas have significant visitor and recreational attractions.

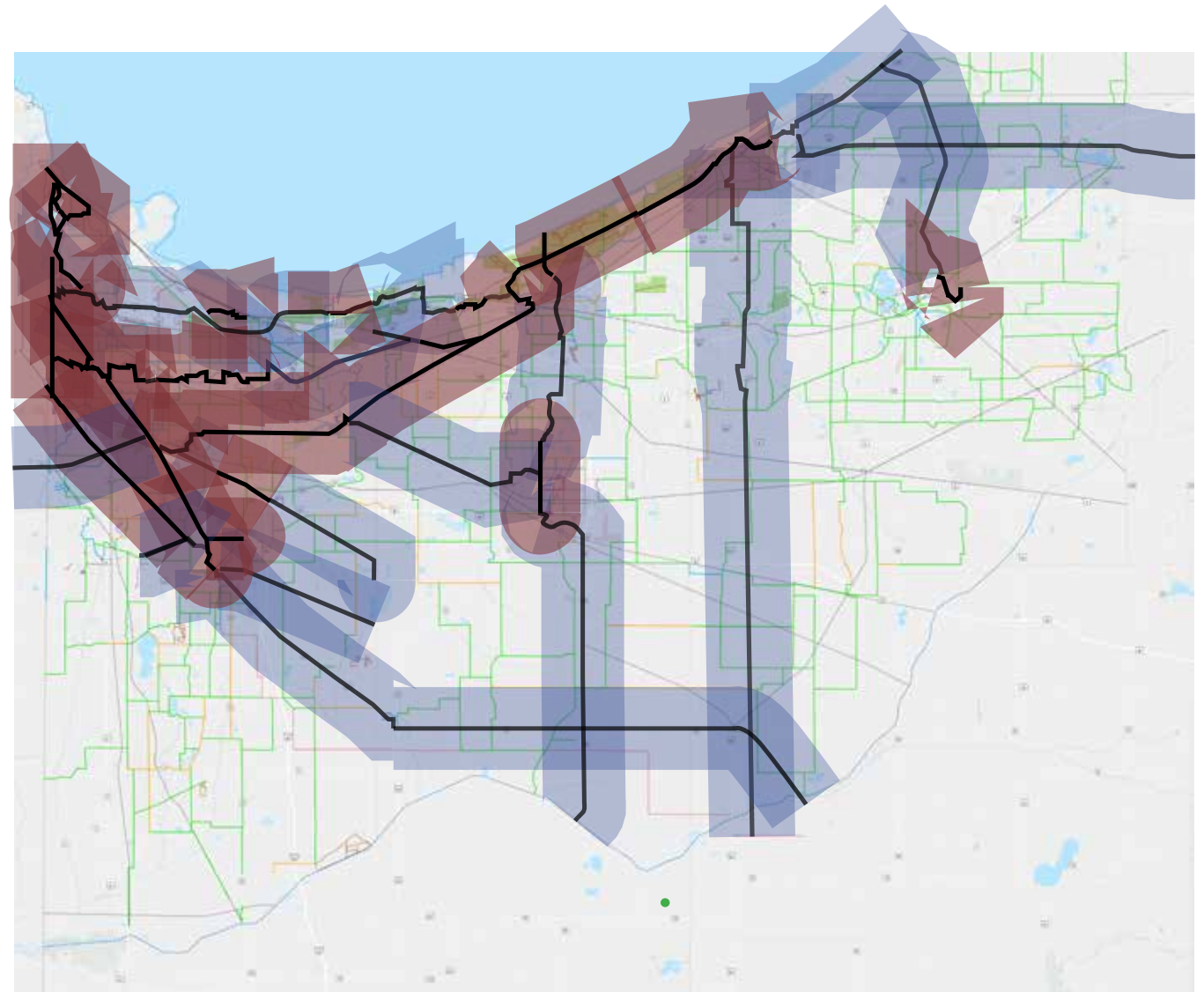
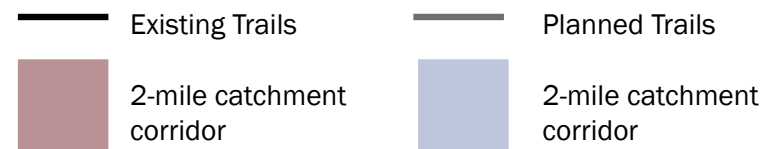


Figure 2-4: Extent and Service Coverage at Build-out of Planned Network





## The 15-Minute City

The concept of a 15-minute city as a land use and urban design tool has significant antecedents. The early 20th Century planner Clarence Perry established the concept of a “neighborhood unit” with neighborhood institutions including a community center and elementary school at the center of a planned neighborhood. This concept, published in 1929 was itself derived from the Garden Cities movement and the work of new town planners such as Clarence Stein and Henry Wright’s who applied the idea in their famous Radburn, New Jersey development. Its contemporary version was developed by Carlos Moreno, a professor at the Sorbonne in Paris. It envisions a city developed of districts in which people can perform six essential functions (living, working, commerce, health, education, and entertainment) within a 15-minute walk or bike from their home.

The concept is difficult to realize retroactively in American cities, where a number of these functions are both dispersed and, in many cases, concentrated in relatively distant areas. Examples relevant to Northwest Indiana are health care, given concentrations of services in large hospitals and commuting to work. But other aspects are more attainable from the perspective of facility planning, design of new projects, land use, and active transportation planning. To that end, NIRPC has applied the concept to Northwest Indiana’s geography, using city centers as the focal point. Figure 2-5 illustrates the results of that study, using a 15-minute walking radius and a 5 minute biking radius as standards.

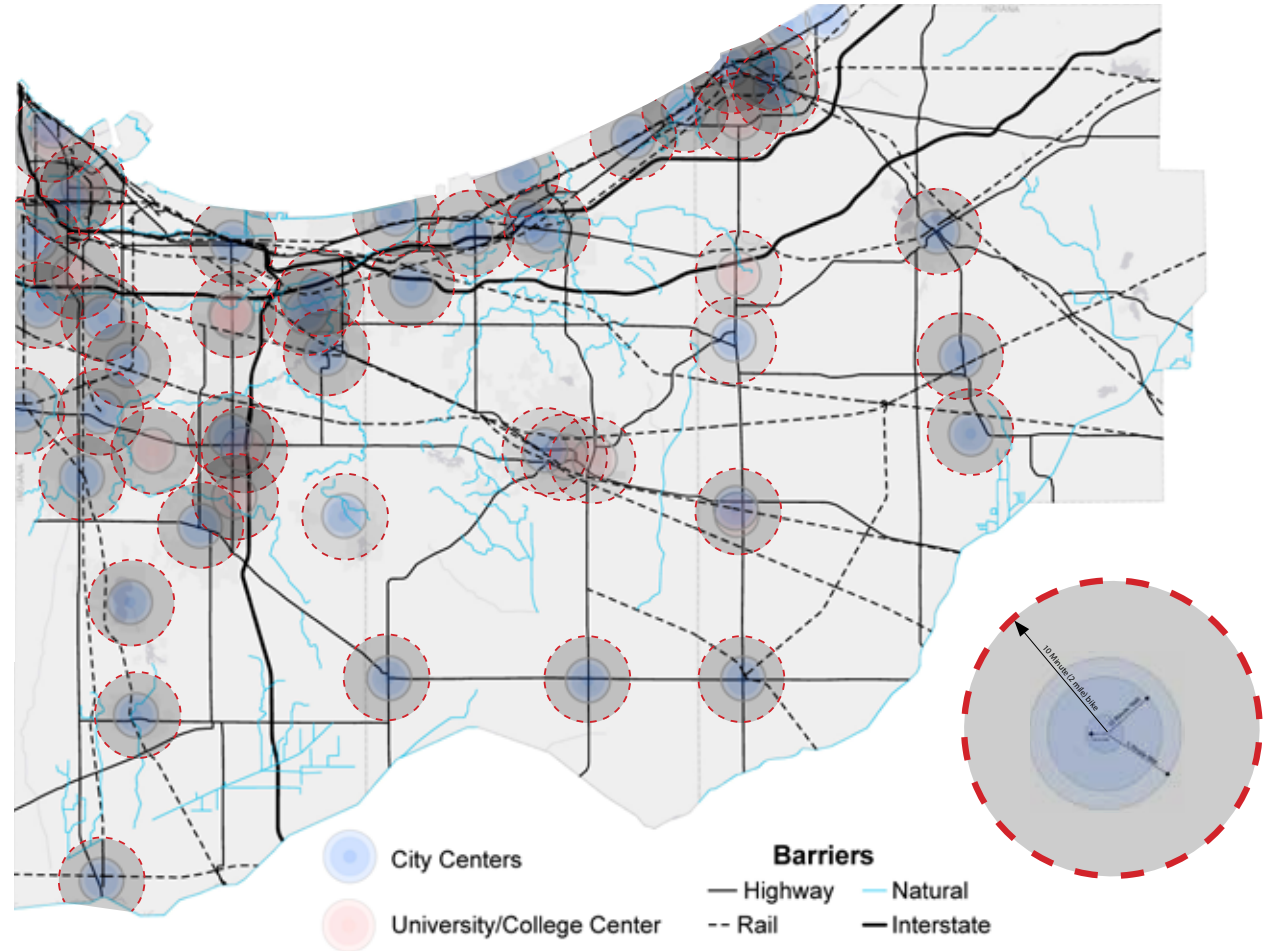


Figure 2-5: 15-Minute City Analysis with Barriers around City and Town Centers

For this study, we have amended that to include a 10 minute biking radius, corresponding to a two mile trip at a speed of 12 miles per hour. The 2010 National Household Travel Survey by the Federal Highway Administration and cited by the League of American Bicyclists indicated that 40% of all trips are two miles or less in length. Figure 2-6 on the following page superimposes this short trip radius standard on the existing land use map to help relate destinations and places of residence.

These maps show that overlapping access from city and higher education centers, with all of their attendant services and land uses, is very good in the northwestern corner of the region and much of the Duneland tier, thinning out in what are now rapid growth areas to the south. However, barriers such as the Interstates and major highways and railroads compromise or block access entirely. These barriers are especially concentrated in the northwest, suggesting the importance of addressing these barrier problems in addition to linear infrastructure and land use policy.

## Integrate Alternative Travel Modes

Transportation and land use are highly related and alternative transportation facilities can be especially important, as historic photographs of the Chicago “L” being built in cornfields can attest. Dual mode transit and pedestrian/bicycle systems also expand the market and use of both modes. Dual mode bike/transit trips can expand the direct market radius from the generally accepted 1/4 mile to up to 2 miles. Integration means such actions as secure bicycle storage at transit stops and train stations; accommodations for bikes on vehicles; and safe and secure routes that encourage people to walk or bike to transit. Figure 2-6 shows the relationship between

regional trails and existing transit lines, including the South Shore and West Lake corridors, Broadway BRT, V-Line express services from Valparaiso to the South Shore and Chicago, and local transit services. A comprehensive active transportation network should connect trails to transit.

The relationship of transit and bike/ped facilities also builds population density and the number of people served by active modes. The double tracking of the main line to Michigan City, now under construction, which will increase train frequency and reduce travel time to Chicago by 35%, has already catalyzed an \$80 million

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) in Downtown Michigan City. The new Westlake line now under construction, extending a branch from a junction station in Hammond to Dyer will also have a major impact on development patterns.

The award of a large RAISE grant to Munster to develop a protected cycle track for 1.3 miles of Ridge Road between the state line and Columbia Avenue will demonstrate the development influence of this combination of modes.

Active transportation corridors also attract development by adding access to a dual purpose facility that combines transportation and recreation. In Minneapolis, for example, the Midtown Greenway, a grade separated crosstown trail, has generated about \$1.44 billion in new investment along its 5.5 mile route. The regional Northwest Indiana trails have many of the characteristics that make the Greenway an effective land and economic development tool – use of railroad right-of-ways that serve centers and are effective transportation facilities, limited interruptions by cars, and high development standards. The region’s excellent trails have undoubtedly had a significant, if underappreciated, effect on land use and should be seen from a development as well as a recreational perspective. As an example, the Gary ELevated – an innovative and exciting concept to adapt an above grade abandoned railroad loop that surrounds the core of the city, combined with TOD potential created by the upgrading of South Shore service, can create conditions for transformation of the Metro Center district.

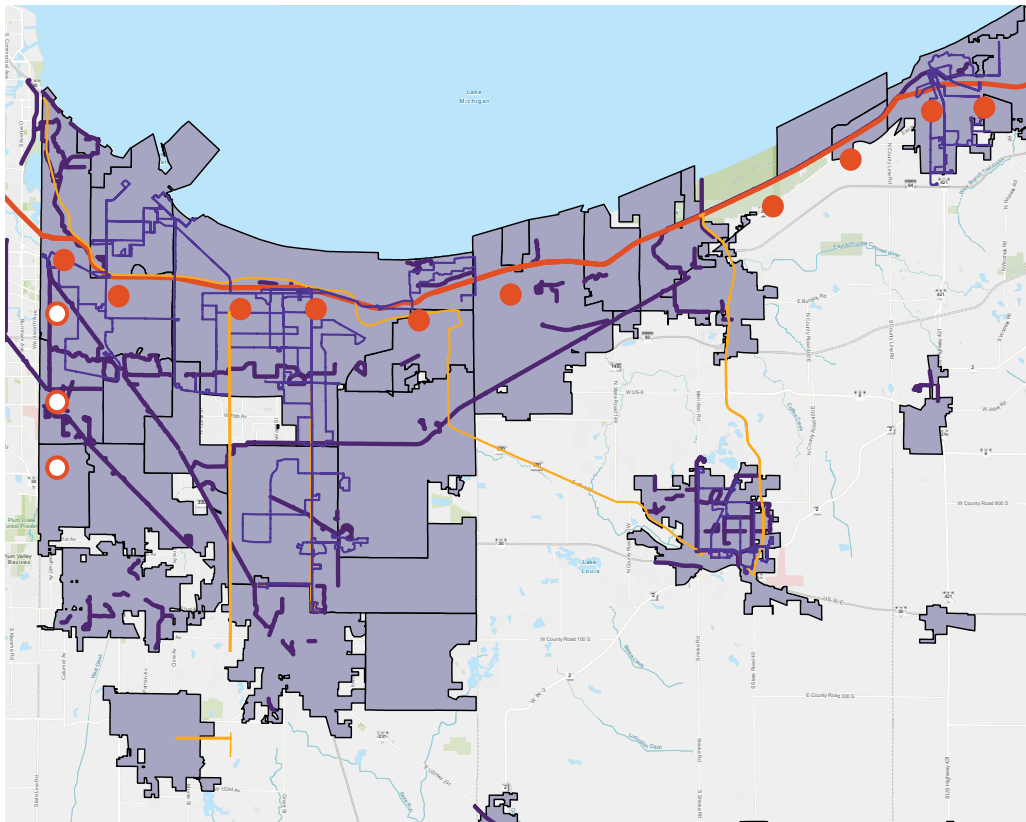


Figure 2-6: Alternative Transportation Facilities in the Northwest Indiana Region

## Community Input

No one, however much time he or she might spend learning about a region, can know as much about its fabric and character as its residents. The process that led up to this working paper included a survey summarized here. The survey also included an interactive mapping feature, on which 156 location-related notes and comments were posted and discussions started. These are recorded in an appendix to this document. As mentioned earlier, six workshops took place at bicycle and outfitting shops across the region and in-depth conversations with knowledgeable cyclists helped frame some of the ideas introduced here and to be developed in subsequent parts of the planning process. The survey results, exploring the transportation preferences of participants, their specific opinions, and their comfort levels with different types of facilities, are summarized graphically in the following pages.

## Participants Characteristics

While a non-random survey does not have statistical significance, it does accurately relate opinions of people motivated to take the survey. Figures 2-7 and 2-8 on this page tell us something about these people. The largest groups were from the Valparaiso area, reflecting the interests of a university community and the older suburban cities in the central western part of the MSA. These are locations that also have some of the region's best trail service. Older industrial cities and the central lakeshore were relatively represented, although focused efforts increased participation in later stages. About 70% of respondents were between ages 30 and 65, not atypical of similar surveys.

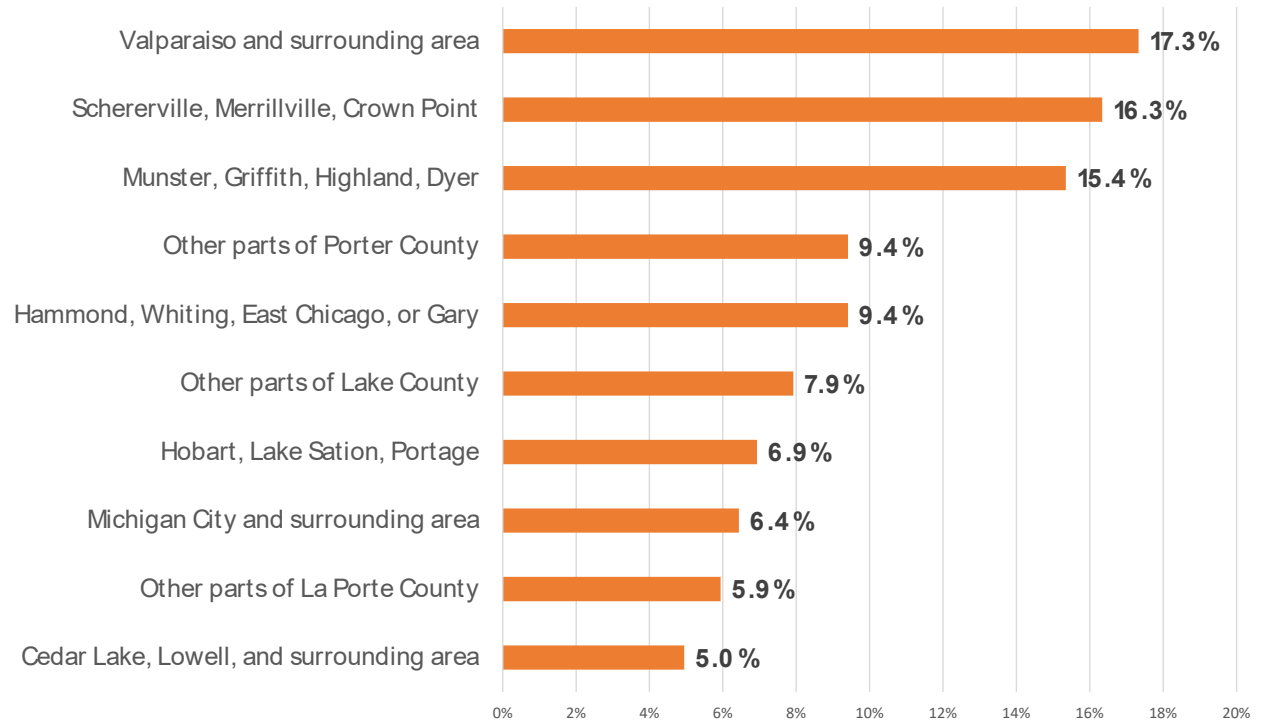


Figure 2-7: Place of Residence of Survey Respondents

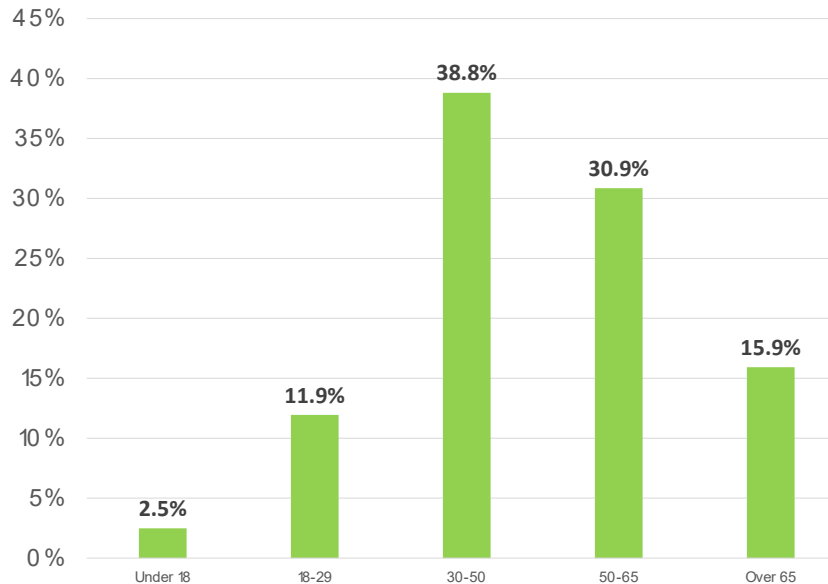


Figure 2-8: Age of Survey Respondents



### Issues

Participants rated road safety and lack of sidewalks and need for bike lanes or additional paths highest among a variety of transportation concerns listed in the survey. Issues related to trucks and freight movement ranked lowest on a 5 (highest) to 1 (lowest) scale.

### 15Minute City

Respondents tended to live close to a variety of community facilities, as noted in Figure 2-10. These may reinforce the relevance of a 15-minute concept within the types of neighborhoods that participants live in: generally characterized as suburban neighborhoods (40.5% of participants) and small towns (20.2%). Only 11% characterized themselves as living in an urban neighborhood.

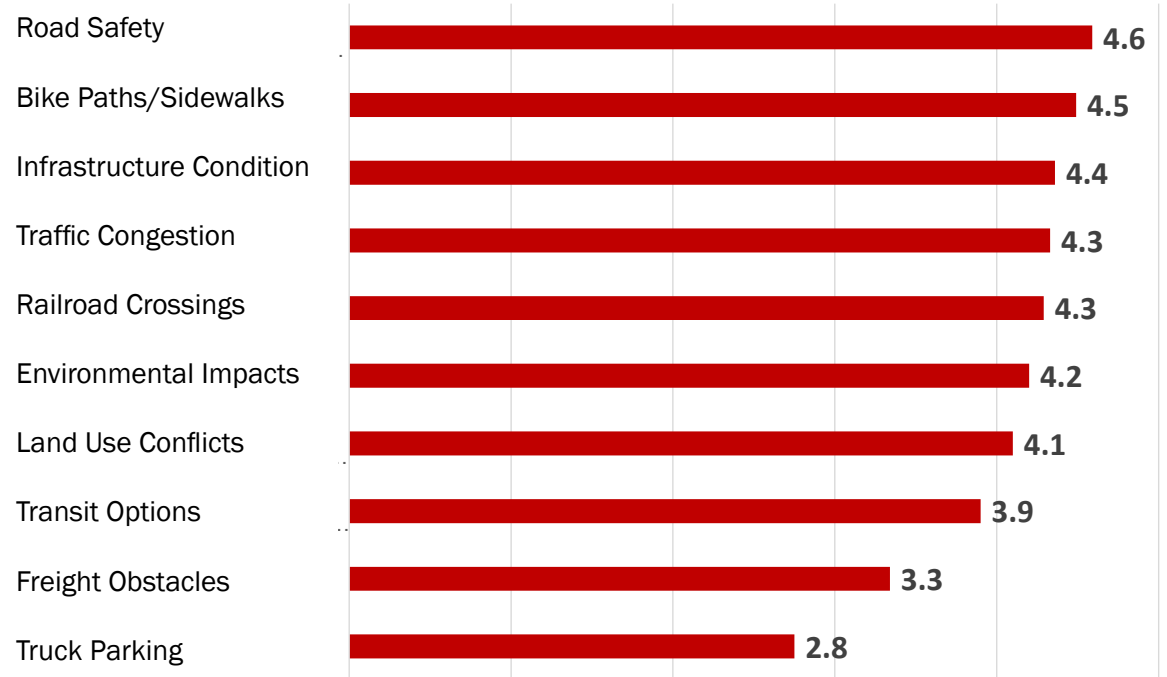


Figure 2-9: Transportation Issues of Greatest Importance

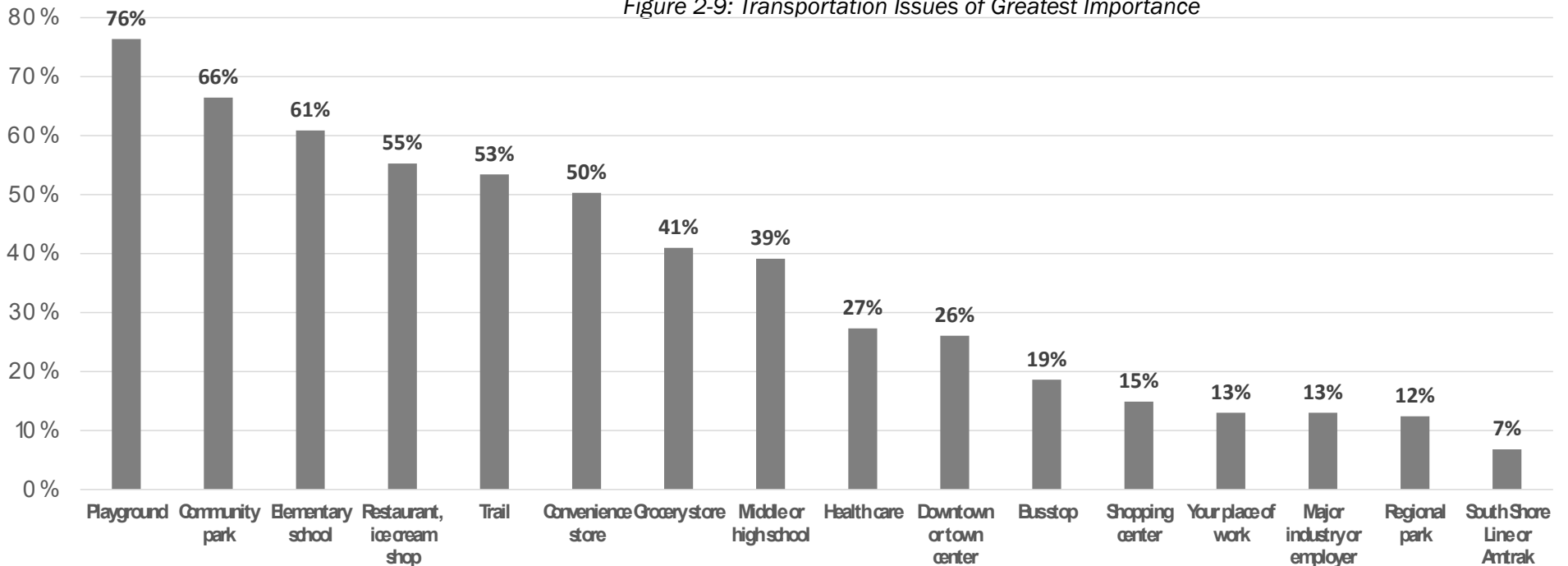


Figure 2-10: 15-Minute City: Features within a 15 Minute Walk from Home

## Destinations

On a 10 to 1 scale of relative importance of good bike and pedestrian access to destinations, destinations identified in the survey all ranked above “5.” But access to grocery stores and downtowns ranked highest, followed closely by parks and trails. Trails often are seen as discreet destinations, and travel for recreational purposes are still trips from a transportation planning perspective. Interestingly, schools ranked relatively low in comparison to other similar surveys, indicative of the dominance of kids being driven to school regardless of distance.

## Frequency of Bicycle Use

Only about 25% of respondents reported regular use of bicycles for transportation or recreation – very high for the overall population but relatively low for a focused survey. On the other hand, later questions about infrastructure elicited responses from about four times the number of people who characterized themselves as regular or frequent bicyclists, and roughly equal to the “not never” responses to this question. This suggests a large number of survey participants in an “interested but concerned” category – people who would use bicycles more with better or more secure facilities.

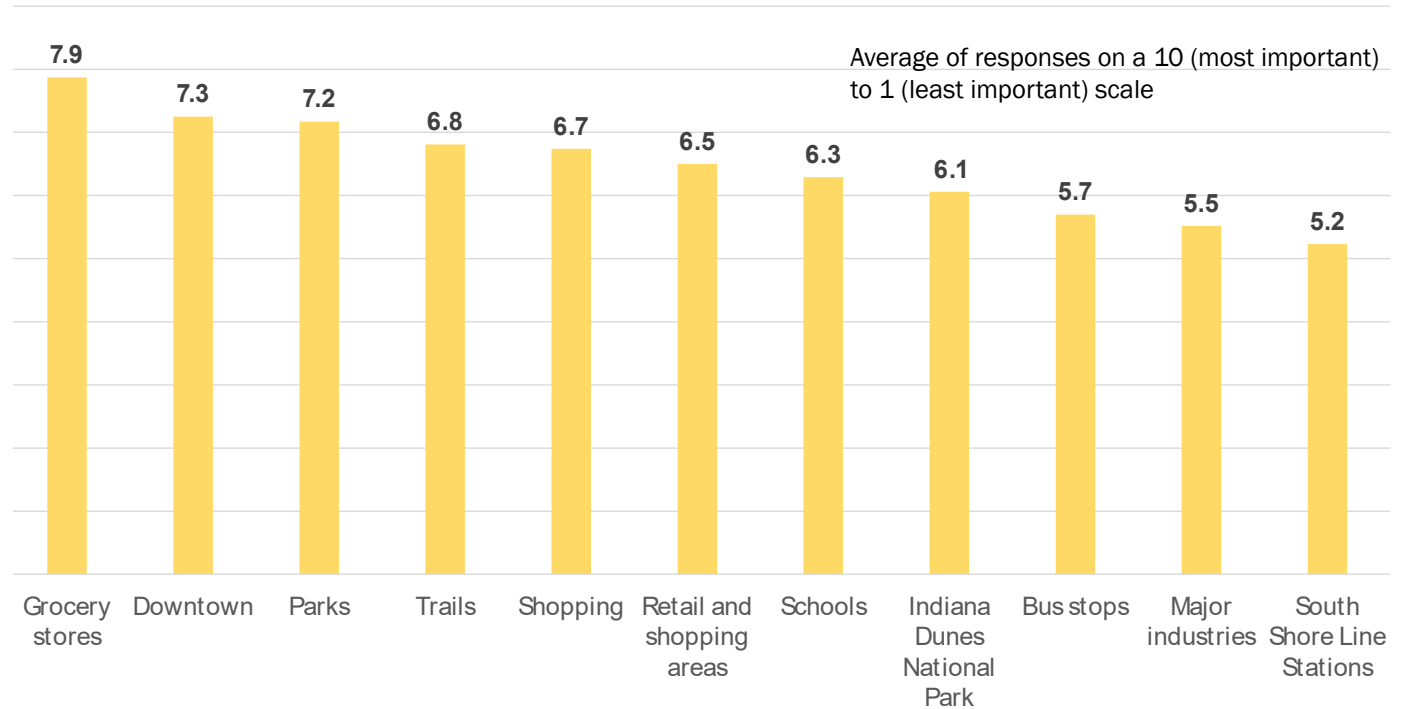


Figure 2-11: Important Destinations for Pedestrian or Bicycle Transportation

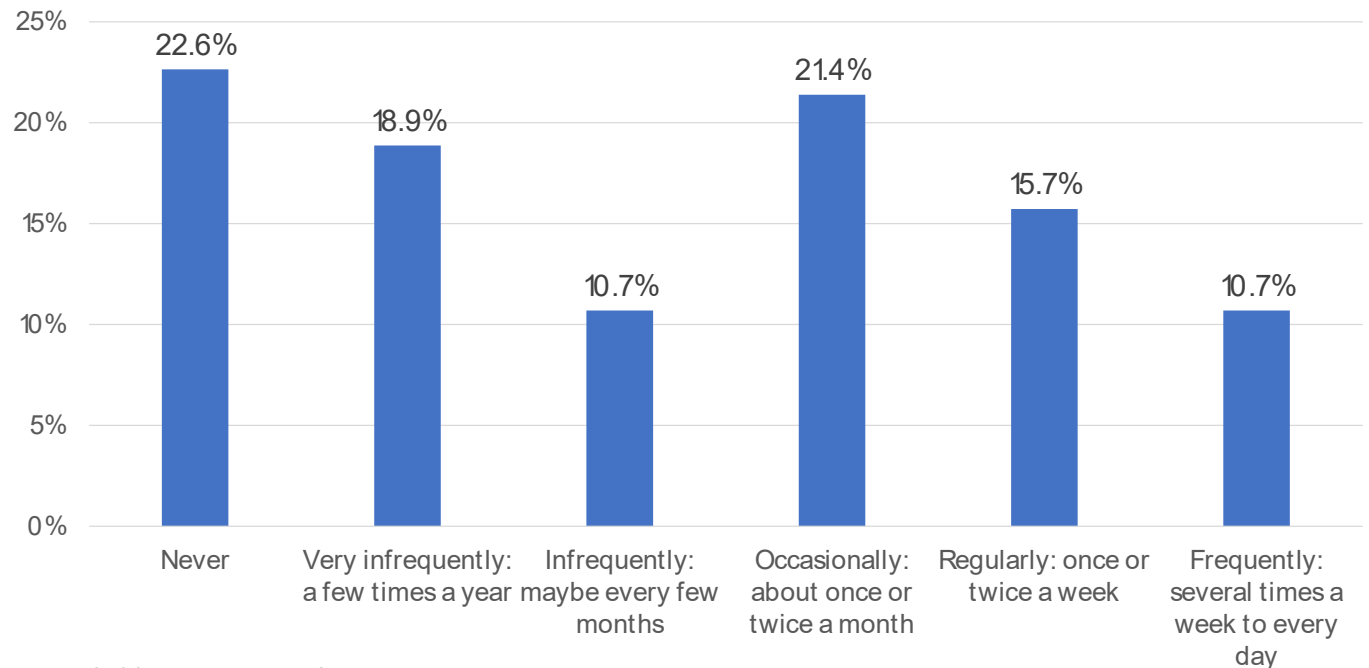


Figure 2-12: Frequency of Participants Bicycle Use

### Purposes of Bicycle Trips

In line with the results of similar surveys, regular exercise and trips to park and recreation facilities lead the list of purposes for cycling. Only about 10% of respondents use bicycles for more utilitarian purposes – trips for work, errands, or community resources. School and shopping trips lag far behind, despite the results of an earlier question identifying grocery stores as an important destination for pedestrian and bicycle trips.

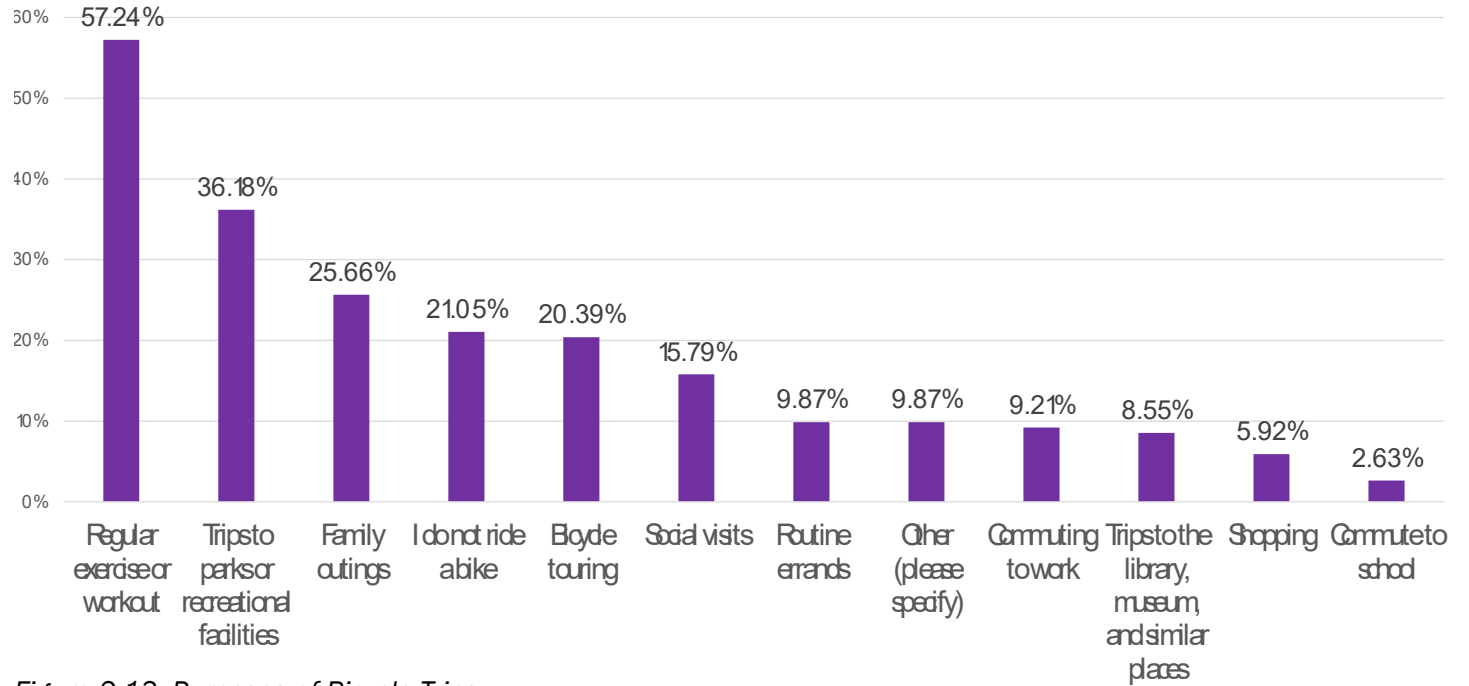


Figure 2-13: Purposes of Bicycle Trips

### Use of Individual Trails

Of major regional trails in Northwest Indiana, survey respondents report most frequent use of the Erie-Lackawanna Trail, followed by the Prairie Duneland and Pennsy Greenway. All three are in the western parts of the MSA, and correspond to the place of residence of the largest participant groups. Interestingly, the Prairie Duneland appears to receive somewhat higher use than its western extension, the Oak Savannah. This may reflect the Valparaiso market, the survey's largest individual response group, which is relatively separated from the E-L and Pennsy. The C&O, now mostly a short section of a future trail, is likely to experience much heavier use with strategic extensions.

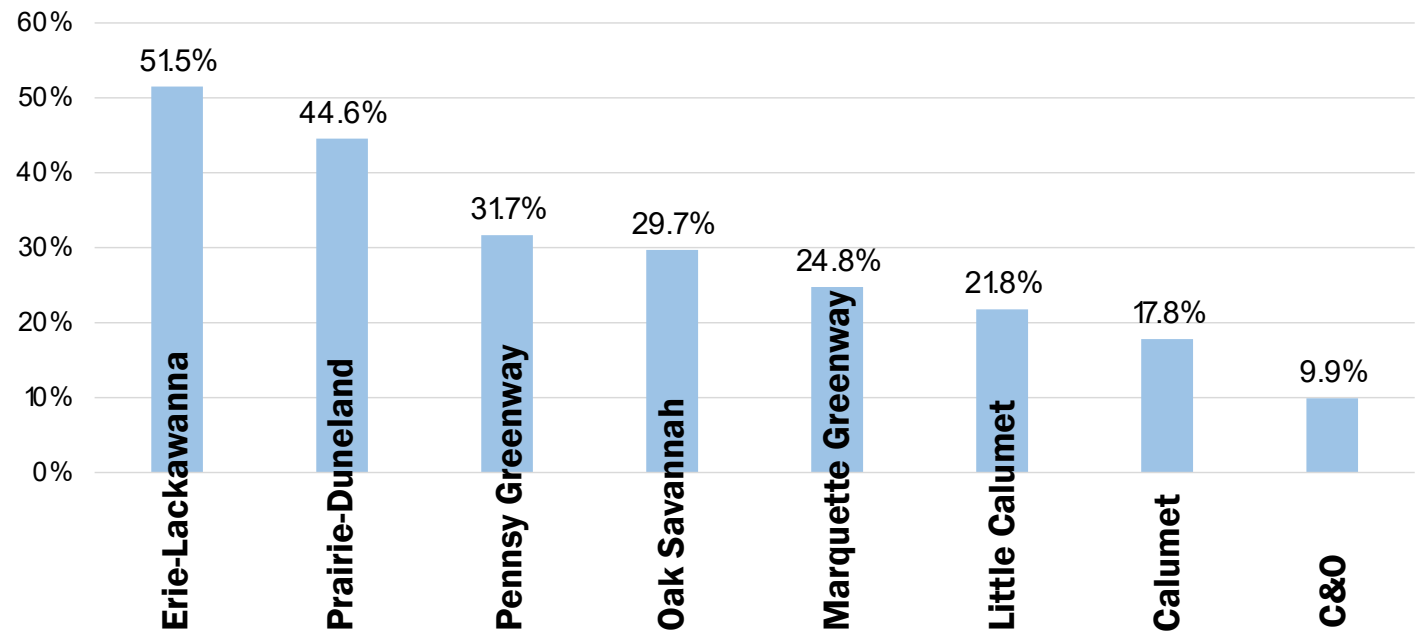


Figure 2-14: Participants Use of Individual Trails

### Most Important Improvements

Participants rated better sidewalks, more trails, and connecting sidepaths along roads as the most important bicycle and pedestrian improvements, followed closely by additional bike lanes on city streets. This suggests a preference for separated facilities, although on-street infrastructure also had a significant number of advocates.

### Evaluation of Infrastructure Solutions

The results shown in Figure 2-15 lead naturally into a series of questions through which participants assessed different types of physical facilities. The survey asked respondents to identify whether that facility was comfortable for all users, for most adult users, for the individual respondent but not for most people, for experienced cyclists only, or for no one – essentially an ascending order of exclusivity. This provides valuable input in evaluating candidate streets and roads and proposing design solutions that meet the needs of the greatest number of people. The following pages present the results of this evaluation.

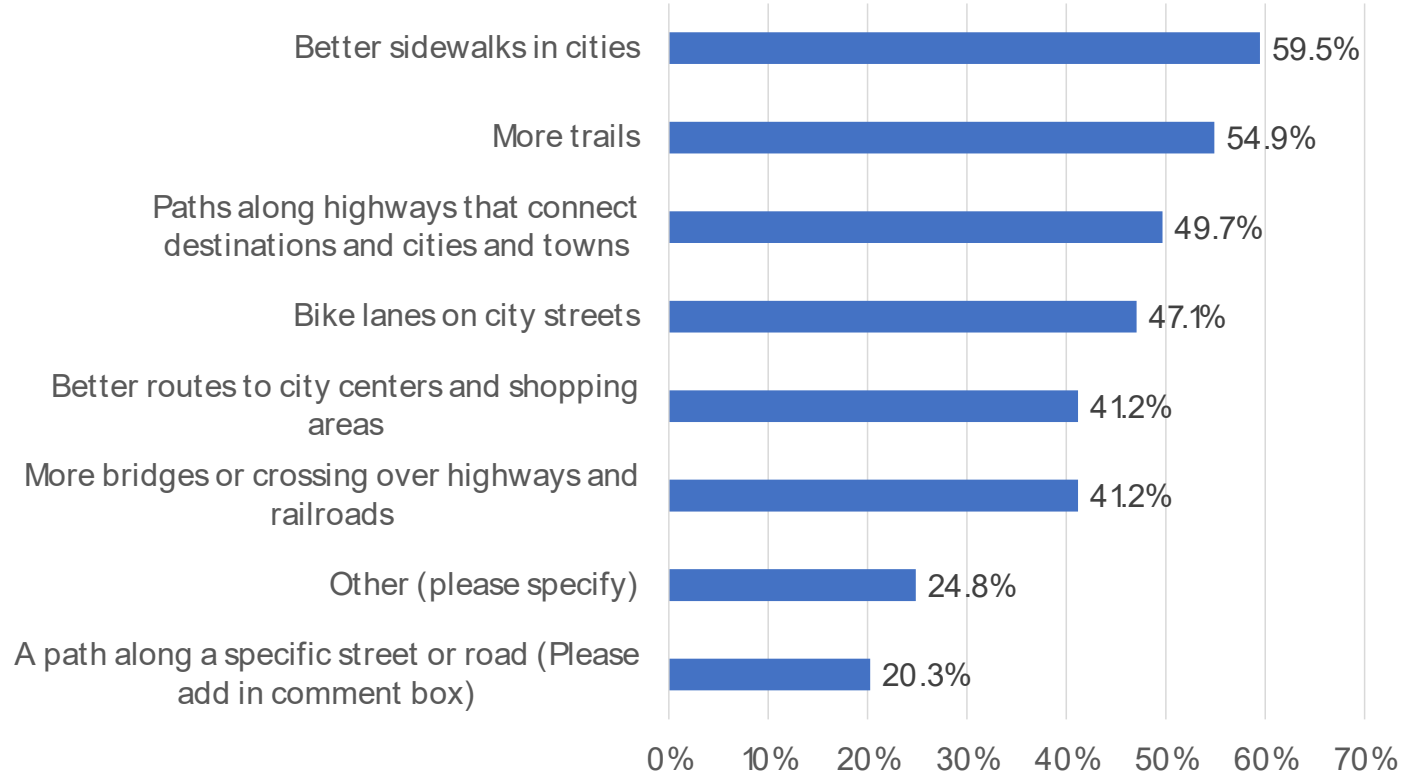


Figure 2-15: Most Important Improvements



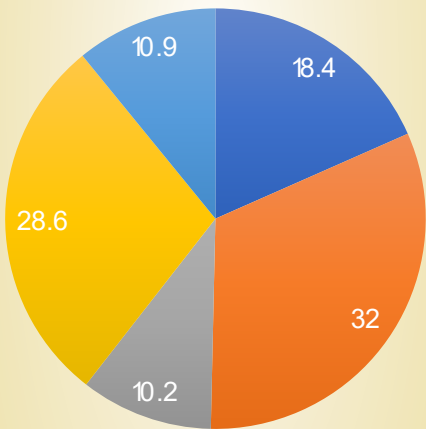
Lakewood Link in Valparaiso. This is an example of a sidepath along a major street, in this case Campbell Street leading to a major park. This would eventually be incorporated into the Dunes Kankakee Regional Trail

### BICYCLE BOULEVARD

Low traffic street with features like markings, stop preferences, intersection improvements to increase bicycle and pedestrian safety



Example: Berkeley, CA



- Good for all
- Good for most adults
- Good for me but not all
- Experienced only
- No one

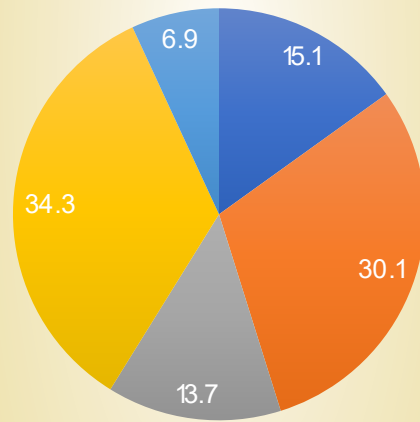
**Positive Score: 68.4**

### STANDARD BIKE LANE

Moderate volume street with painted white line and bike lane pavement markings.



Example: Bettendorf, IA



- Good for all
- Good for most adults
- Good for me but not all
- Experienced only
- No one

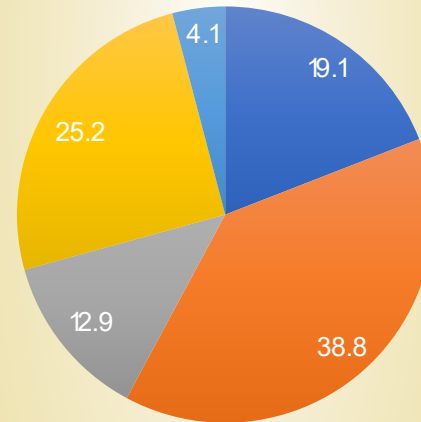
**Positive Score: 60.2**

### GREEN BIKE LANE

Moderate volume mixed use street with green painted lane in conflict zones and through intersections.



Example: Wauwatosa, WI



- Good for all
- Good for most adults
- Good for me but not all
- Experienced only
- No one

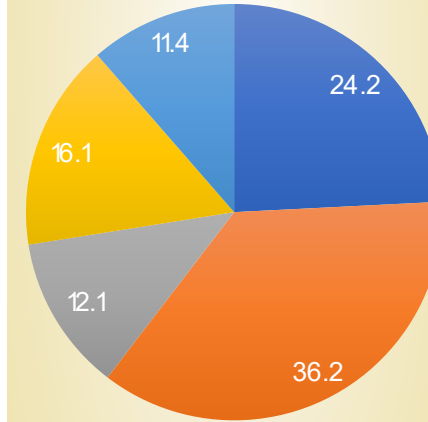
**Positive Score: 77.0**

### NEIGHBORHOOD STREET

Low volume local street without other modifications. Occasional speed bump for traffic calming.



Example: Merriam, KS



- Good for all
- Good for most adults
- Good for me but not all
- Experienced only
- No one

**Positive Score: 84.6**

Positive score = (2\*% reported good for all) + (% reported good for most adults)

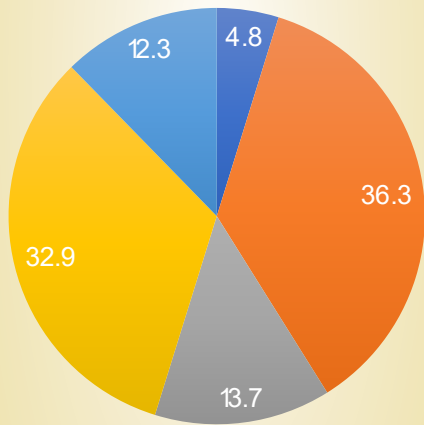


### BUFFERED BIKE LANE

Medium volume street with parking and painted buffer between bike lane and travel lane.



Example: Hammond, IN



- Good for all
- Good for most adults
- Good for me but not all
- Experienced only
- No one

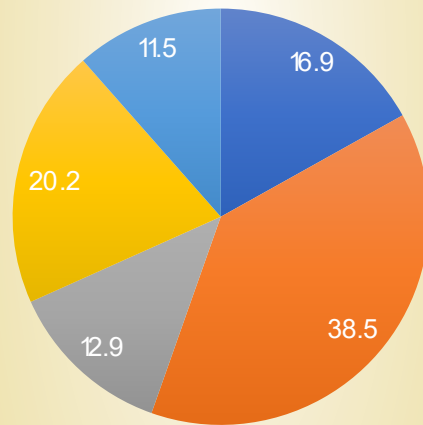
**Positive Score: 45.9**

### CALMED STREET

Low volume street modified with chicanes, bump outs and other features to slow traffic.



Example: Merriam, KS



- Good for all
- Good for most adults
- Good for me but not all
- Experienced only
- No one

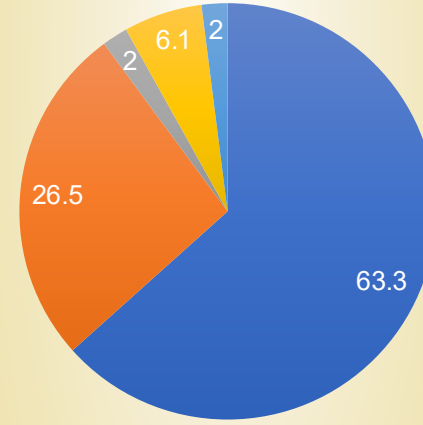
**Positive Score: 72.3**

### OFF-STREET SEPARATED LANE

Medium volume street with bike lane above curb, adjacent to but differentiated from sidewalk.



Example: Conway, AR



- Good for all
- Good for most adults
- Good for me but not all
- Experienced only
- No one

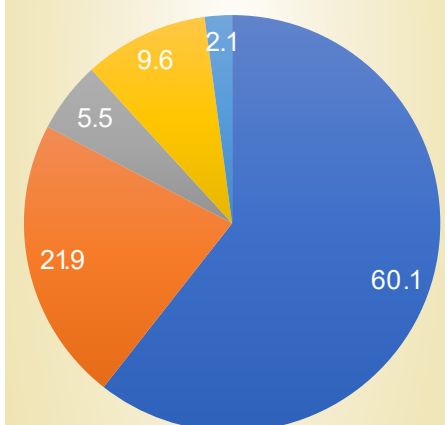
**Positive Score: 153.1**

### SIDEPATH

Medium volume street with adjacent off-street shared use path and minimum driveway conflicts.



Example: Valparaiso, IN



- Good for all
- Good for most adults
- Good for me but not all
- Experienced only
- No one

**Positive Score: 141.9**

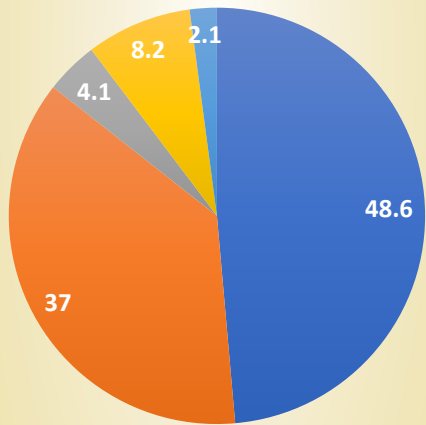
Positive score = (2\*% reported good for all) + (% reported good for most adults)

### SIDEPATH

Medium to high volume commercial street with adjacent off-street shared use path and pedestrian crossing refuge.



Example: Shawnee, KS



- Good for all
- Good for most adults
- Good for me but not all
- Experienced only
- No one

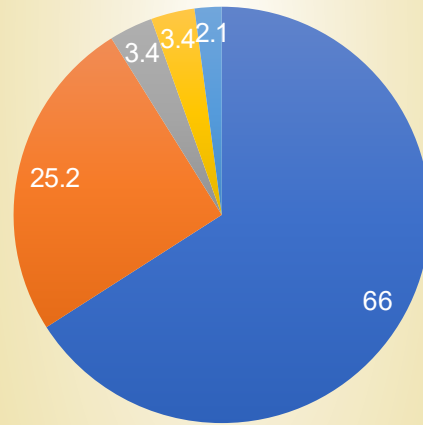
**Positive Score: 134.2**

### SIDEPATH

Medium volume rural or low-density road with adjacent off-road shared use path and signed and enhanced crossings.



Example: Saint Louis County, MO



- Good for all
- Good for most adults
- Good for me but not all
- Experienced only
- No one

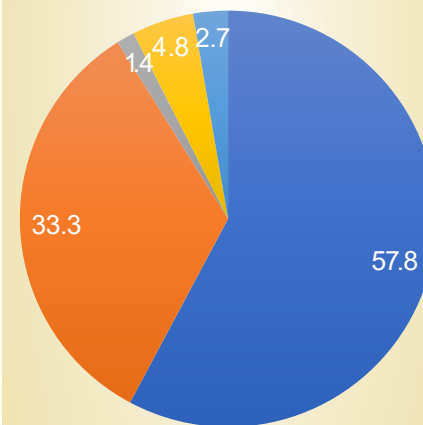
**Positive Score: 157.2**

### CYCLE TRACK

Medium volume downtown street, two-way cycle track with physical separation.



Example: Lincoln, NE



- Good for all
- Good for most adults
- Good for me but not all
- Experienced only
- No one

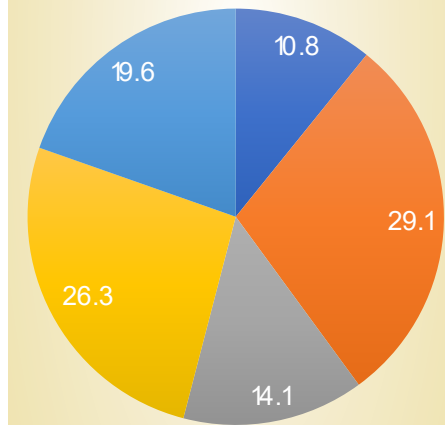
**Positive Score: 148.9**

### WOONERF

Shared use neighborhood street with features that slow cars to pedestrian speed, designed for shared use.



Example: Delft, The Netherlands



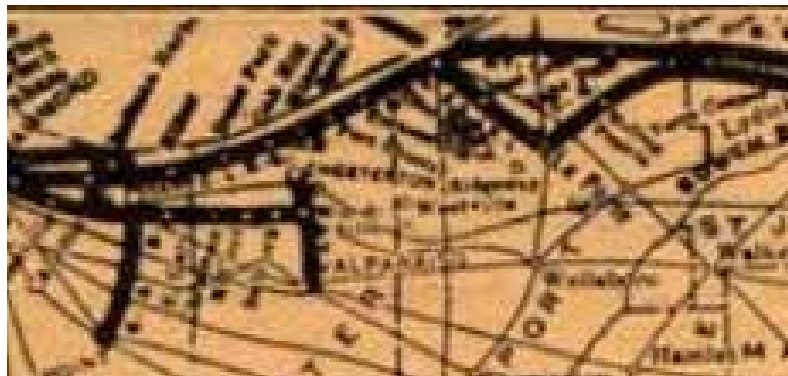
- Good for all
- Good for most adults
- Good for me but not all
- Experienced only
- No one

**Positive Score: 50.7**

Positive score = (2\*% reported good for all) + (% reported good for most adults)

## Destinations

The mission of a good transportation network is ultimately to get people where they want to go in a direct, safe, and hopefully pleasant fashion. Trails are something of an unusual component, because they have generally been viewed in the United States from a recreational perspective – hence the term “recreational trails” that causes grimaces from those who think about multi-modal transportation. But this is understandable – trail corridors are often opportunistic, using streams and lakes, abandoned rail corridors, utility corridors, parks, and occasionally the gifts of or exactions from developers. These opportunities may or may not serve destinations. Northwest Indiana is fortunate in this regard, because its railroads actually served and connected town centers and generated population density. Building a regional active network from this great resource should have recreational benefits, but the system should also have the ability to get people where they want to go.



*Interurbans in Northwest Indiana , 1926*

This section presents a series of maps that located a sample of destinations that appeared most important to survey respondents – city and town centers, where civic life is concentrated; grocery stores that signal places that have clusters of neighborhood and community-based retailing; and county parks, large community parks, and nature preserves, as well as Indiana Dunes National Park.

To these, the destination maps add high schools that frequently double as major community activity and sports centers and college and university campuses. This is not a complete list of destinations, but it does begin to suggest the structure of a destination-based network that connects destinations to Northwest Indiana’s extensive and growing trail system.

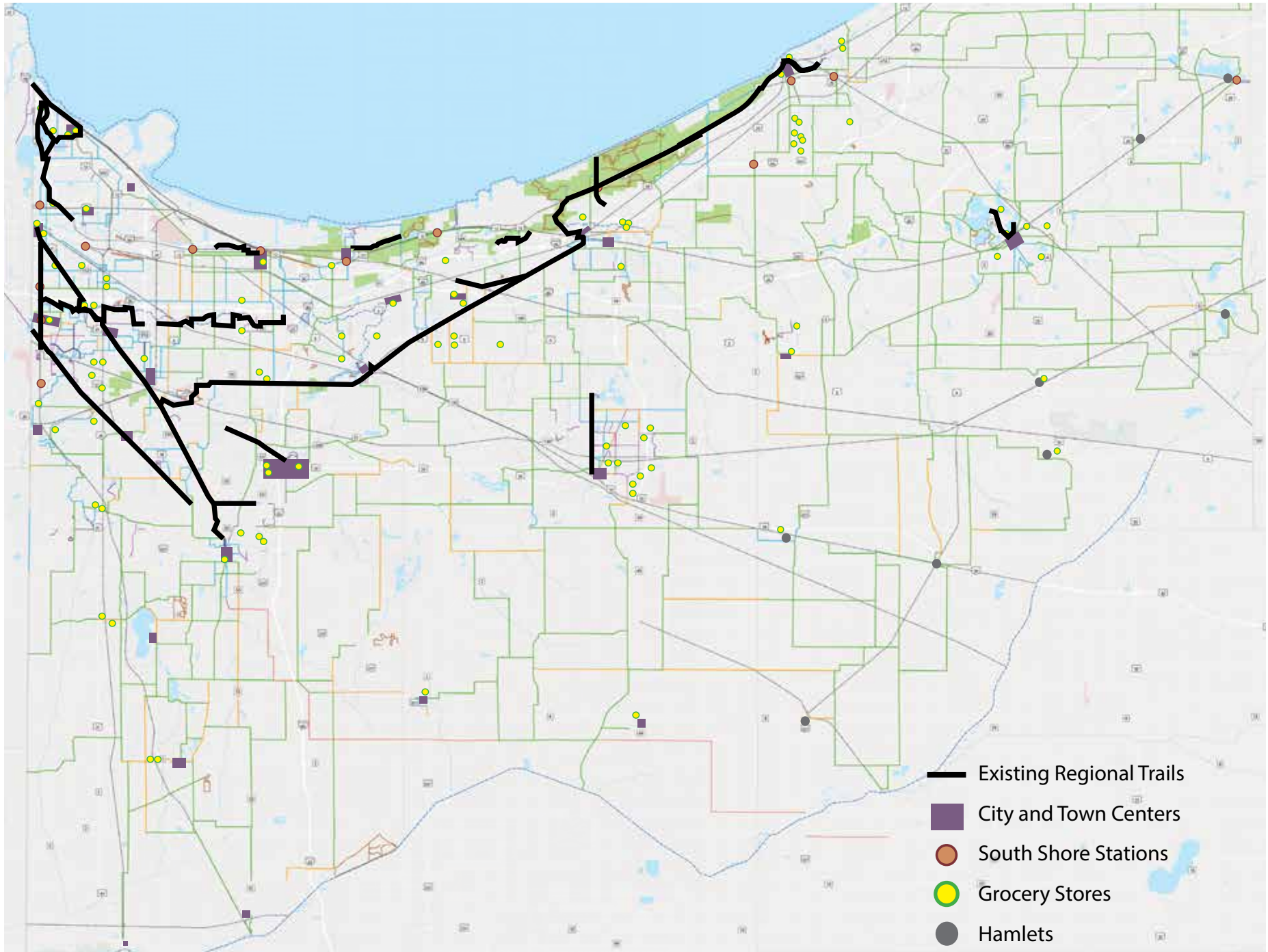


Figure 2-16: Destinations: Centers/Groceries/SSL Stations/Small Places

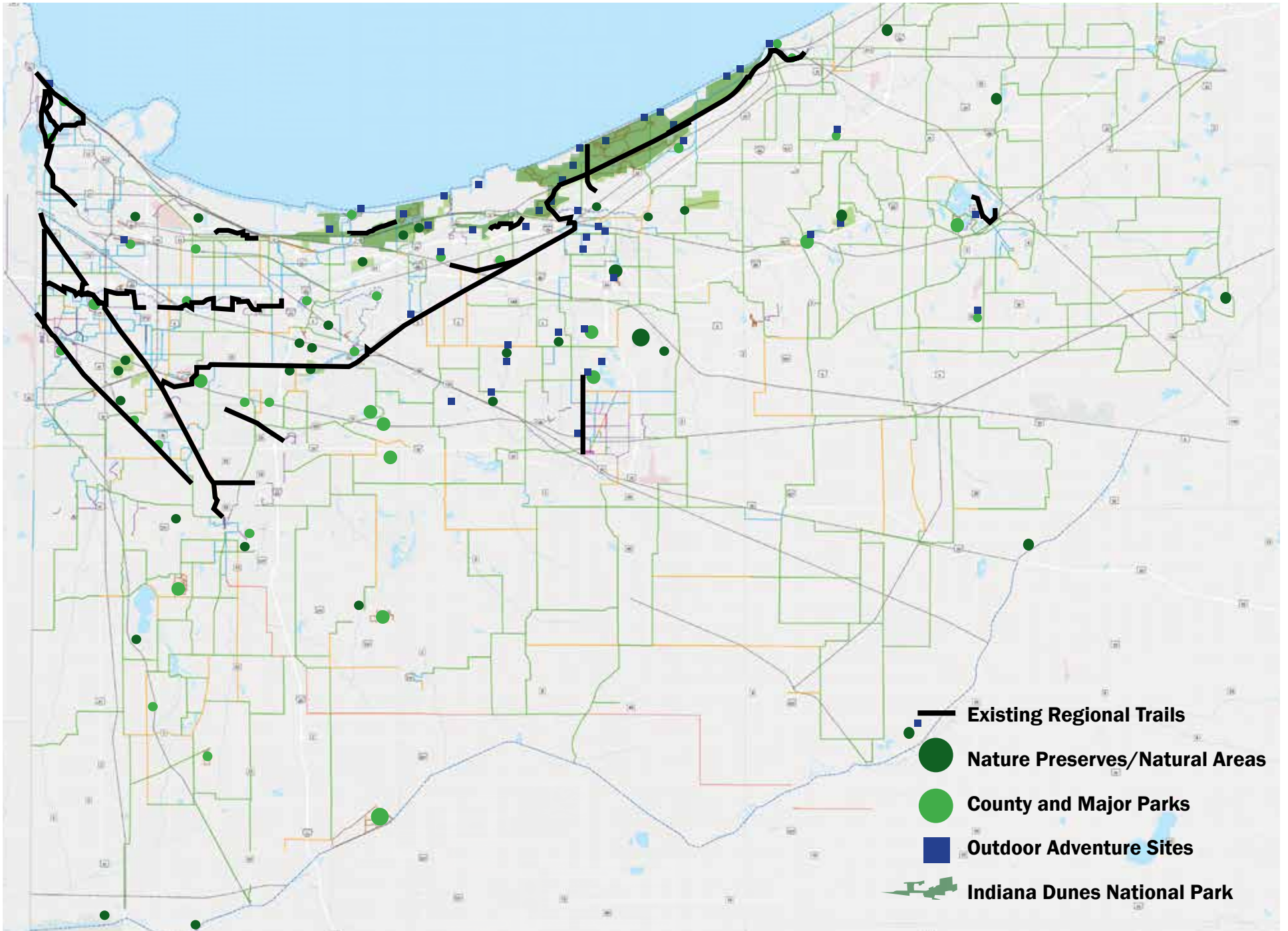


Figure 2-17: Destinations: Large Parks/Nature Preserves and Natural Areas

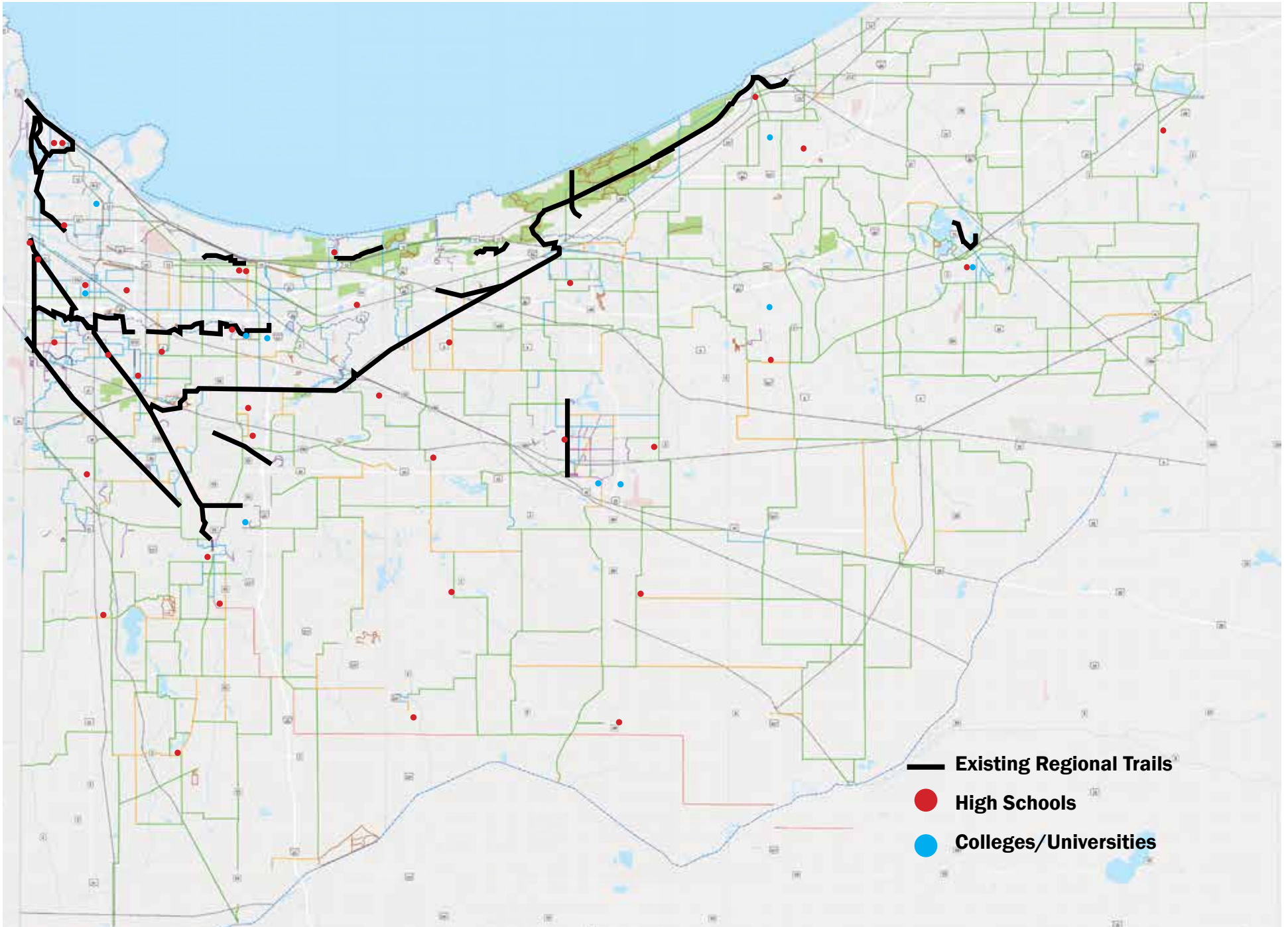


Figure 2-18: High School and College Campuses

## Road Opportunities

Because the active transportation network will be composed of two major elements – trails and roadways – the character of Northwest Indiana’s roads, including width, traffic volume, geometry, grades, and other factors will help determine routes and the framework of the network. This will also help define the nature and expense of projects needed to make them a functional and comfortable part of the network. For example, as traffic volumes increase on a road, the need for separation from vehicular traffic also increases.

The MSA’s secondary and tertiary roads are a major asset in the formation of a network. Most section line roads are paved and some segments of half-section line roads are also hard surfaced. Inclusion in the active network will help ensure a level of maintenance appropriate to this role.

The roadway opportunities typology displayed in Figure 2-19 is the result of extensive fieldwork on both two and four wheels, and forms a system to both evaluate candidate roads and determine appropriate infrastructure and priorities. In many cases, these roads may parallel future trails, but may provide a low cost, short- to medium-term option that serves before the more costly but desirable trail facility is built. Road types in Northwest Indiana range from extremely low volume “lanes” to major arterials, some of which may be necessary when alternative ways to serve major destinations exist.





Figure 2-19 Network Road Opportunities Typology

| Type  | Characteristics   | Infrastructure Direction  | User Markets  |
|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Country Lane</b>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Narrow 2-lane</li> <li>Very low volume</li> <li>Tight landscape. Surface drainage close to the roadway</li> <li>ADT less than 1,000 vpd</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Route designation</li> <li>Advisory signage</li> <li>Wayfinding</li> </ul>   | General use for most people   |
| <b>Rural County Road</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard two-lane, unshouldered</li> <li>Moderate to low volume &lt;3,000 vpd</li> <li>Surface drainage, sometimes with space in the ROW</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Route designation</li> <li>Shoulders or sidepath on critical segments with higher volumes</li> <li>Advisory signage</li> <li>Wayfinding</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General use at lowest volumes or with sidepaths</li> <li>More experienced cyclists on high volumes without separated infrastructure</li> </ul> |
| <b>Principal County or Interurban Roads</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard two-lane, usually unshouldered but sometimes with shoulders</li> <li>High to moderate volume &lt;5-7,000 vpd</li> <li>Surface drainage, often with space in the ROW</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Route designation</li> <li>Shoulders or sidepath</li> <li>Advisory signage</li> <li>Wayfinding</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General use with sidepaths</li> <li>Experienced cyclists only without separated infrastructure</li> </ul>                                      |
| <b>Assembled Local Street Routes</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban 2-lane</li> <li>Very low to low volume</li> <li>Urban section with or without sidewalks</li> <li>Parallel to major corridors</li> <li>Continuous routes involve assembly of appropriate streets without direct continuity and little misdirection</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Route designation with combined street segments to provide continuity</li> <li>Advisory signage</li> <li>Wayfinding with line identification</li> <li>“Bicycle boulevard” infrastructure – traffic calming, stop preference</li> <li>Sidewalks</li> <li>Intersection design for pedestrians and bikes at arterial crossings</li> </ul> | General use for adults or families with supervision   |

Table 2-1: Network Road Opportunities Typology Descriptions





Figure 2-20: Network Road Typology

| Type                                  | Characteristics   | Infrastructure Direction   | User Markets  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>Urban Collectors</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban 2-lane, sometimes with wide street channels</li> <li>Moderate volume &lt; 7,000 vpd</li> <li>Urban section, usually with sidewalks</li> <li>Good continuity</li> </ul>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhanced standard or protected bike lanes</li> <li>Sidepaths at higher volumes</li> <li>Advisory signage</li> <li>Wayfinding</li> <li>Sidewalks</li> <li>Intersection design for peds and bikes at arterial crossings</li> </ul>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General use with sidepaths or protected bike lanes</li> <li>Street comfortable cyclists with standard lanes</li> <li>Experienced cyclists without supportive infrastructure</li> </ul> |
| <b>Arterials with excess capacity</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four or five-lane, usually unshouldered urban section</li> <li>Moderately high volume &lt;15,000 vpd</li> <li>Signalized or 4-way stop intersections</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Route Designation</li> <li>Road diet with bike lanes</li> <li>Advisory signage</li> <li>Wayfinding</li> <li>Sidewalks</li> <li>Intersection design for peds and bikes at arterial crossings</li> </ul>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General use with sidepaths or protected bike lanes</li> <li>Street comfortable cyclists with standard lanes</li> <li>Experienced cyclists without supportive infrastructure</li> </ul> |
| <b>Major Arterials</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban multi-lane, sometimes with medians</li> <li>High volume &gt; 15,000 vpd</li> <li>Rural or urban section without sidewalks</li> <li>Sometimes necessary for access to destinations or continuity</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared use sidepaths</li> <li>Special treatment at driveway and street intersections</li> <li>Advisory signage</li> <li>Wayfinding with line identification</li> <li>Intersection design for peds and bikes using refuge medians</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General use for adults or families with supervision</li> <li>No user group without infrastructure</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Trails</b>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exclusive off-road routes</li> <li>Most regional rail trail opportunities have been identified</li> <li>Gap fillers</li> <li>Utility right of ways and other non-rail corridors</li> </ul>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of planned trails</li> <li>New regional trail development to serve southwest growth area</li> <li>Trail segments to fill gaps in continuity</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General use</li> </ul>   |

Table 2-1: Network Road Opportunities Typology Descriptions

## Network Potential

The maps on the following pages present network concepts based on the analysis and research completed to date and summarized in this working paper. While the chapter has investigated most of these corridors, some will drop out as options receive further evaluation. However, this will serve as a starting point for further consideration and detailing in the Creating Purpose section.

From an overall policy point of view, the network concept focuses on these unifying principles:

The ultimate network should connect the central or downtown district of each community, large and small, and should be seen as a tool for their continued economic and quality of life development.

The regional network will focus on providing access to:

- County parks and major regional recreational and outdoor resources.
- South Shore Line stations, including both the existing South Bend line and the West Lake Corridor.
- Regional trails, acting as branches to the trunks that the trails constitute.
- Major destinations in Indiana Dunes National Park and public beaches.
- High school and college/university campuses. Middle schools are also significant destinations but are usually within the purview of local trail or active systems.

- Internal pedestrian and bicycle access to major commercial and mixed use nodes.
- 15-minute access to local family destinations such as elementary schools and neighborhood parks. This again is likely to be implemented by local communities. However, the Active Transportation Element will provide guidance to communities toward planning and implementing for access within fifteen minute rings.
- Major tourism facilities and connections to Illinois trails.

- The American Discovery Trail, Great American Rail Trail, and United States Bicycle Route corridors within the Northwest Indiana area.
- Growth and rural areas that are outside the reach of the existing trail network.

In addition to potential corridors and routes, the concept maps on the following pages display 2021 average daily traffic when available for the Indiana Department of Transportation, potential areas and corridors for detailed Part Two study, and other information.



Lake Street with cycle track in the Miller section of Gary

# Creating Purpose

## Building a Network

“Good roads are designed for safe speeds. We join national and international leaders ... when it comes to designing for the speed at which roads should be driven and setting speed limits for local streets. We know this will move us toward the new standard of Good Roads and Great Networks, where low-stress streets; streets with context sensitive, high quality bike facilities like bike lanes, protected bike lanes, and more; and paths and greenways will offer connected bike routes that serve all in a community. When combined with on-bike education for all and the vital programming that builds Bicycle Friendly

Communities, everyone will have the opportunity to bike for transportation, good health, and the pure joy and freedom it brings.”

- Bill Nesper, Executive Director  
League of American Bicyclists

In the Winter, 2002 issue of American Bicyclist, the League of American Bicyclists set out new evaluation criteria for its popular Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) program. In doing so, the League established two primary goals under the overall principle of Slow Roads and Strong Networks:

- To move from “piecemeal bike lanes to cohesive bike networks.”

- To create “low-stress, high quality bike facilities for all.”

To help accomplish this, the League “will now require applicants to provide a map of their bike network to show the layout of their facilities and Communities will be evaluated on how well-connected and how equitably distributed their bike network is.”

While the League is principally concerned with the quality and equity of the bicycle environment, these goals and criteria are also highly relevant to the pedestrian environment. All active users benefit from good continuous facilities, street intersections that they can negotiate safely, and environments that, to paraphrase physicist Geoffrey West, maximize positive interaction and minimize distress.” The image on this page, showing the Erie-Lackawanna trailhead in Crown Point and the crossing that links the trail to Court and West Streets, illustrates the benefit of good design to both user groups.

But Northwest Indiana, a national leader in trail development and effective transportation planning, has the opportunity to create something entirely new – the concept of a Bicycle Friendly Region. Its developed and developing intercity trails and greenways, headlined by the Erie-Lackawanna, Pennsy Greenway, Oak Savannah, Prairie Duneland, and Little Calumet Trails; its system of paved county roads; and its great diversity of environments and people provides the confluence of assets that can together make this idea a reality. This section establishes the basic network, based on the analysis of Part One and the continued input of field investigation, task force ideas, and community contacts.



Erie Lackawanna Trailhead at Summit St. in Crown Point with clear street markings.

## Goals of a Network

The basic goals of the Northwest Indiana active transportation network are:

1. To connect and serve each community in Northwest Indiana as part of a regional network.
2. To increase the role of active transportation for purpose-driven trips to major regional destinations.
3. To reinforce routine social interaction and a sense of community and common purpose among Northwest Indiana's various constituencies.
4. To provide transportation equity to the various racial, ethnic, and income groups that make up the people of the Northwest Indiana community.
5. To use active transportation as a tool to encourage efficient land use and sustainable growth and development.
6. To provide physically safe and secure transportation environments for users of active modes.

Figure 2-21 presents a diagram built on a map of the region's municipalities, showing desirable connectivity patterns of an ultimate network, based on these goals. Building the actual network starts with these general goals, and uses the destinations and focuses identified in Part One as network determinants. By way of review these include:

- County parks and major regional recreational and outdoor resources.

- South Shore Line stations, including both the existing South Bend line and the West Lake Corridor.
- Regional trails
- Major destinations in Indiana Dunes National Park and public beaches.
- High school and college/university campuses.
- Major commercial and mixed use nodes.
- 15-minute access to local family destinations such as elementary schools and neighborhood parks.
- Major tourism facilities and connections to Illinois trails.
- National trails.

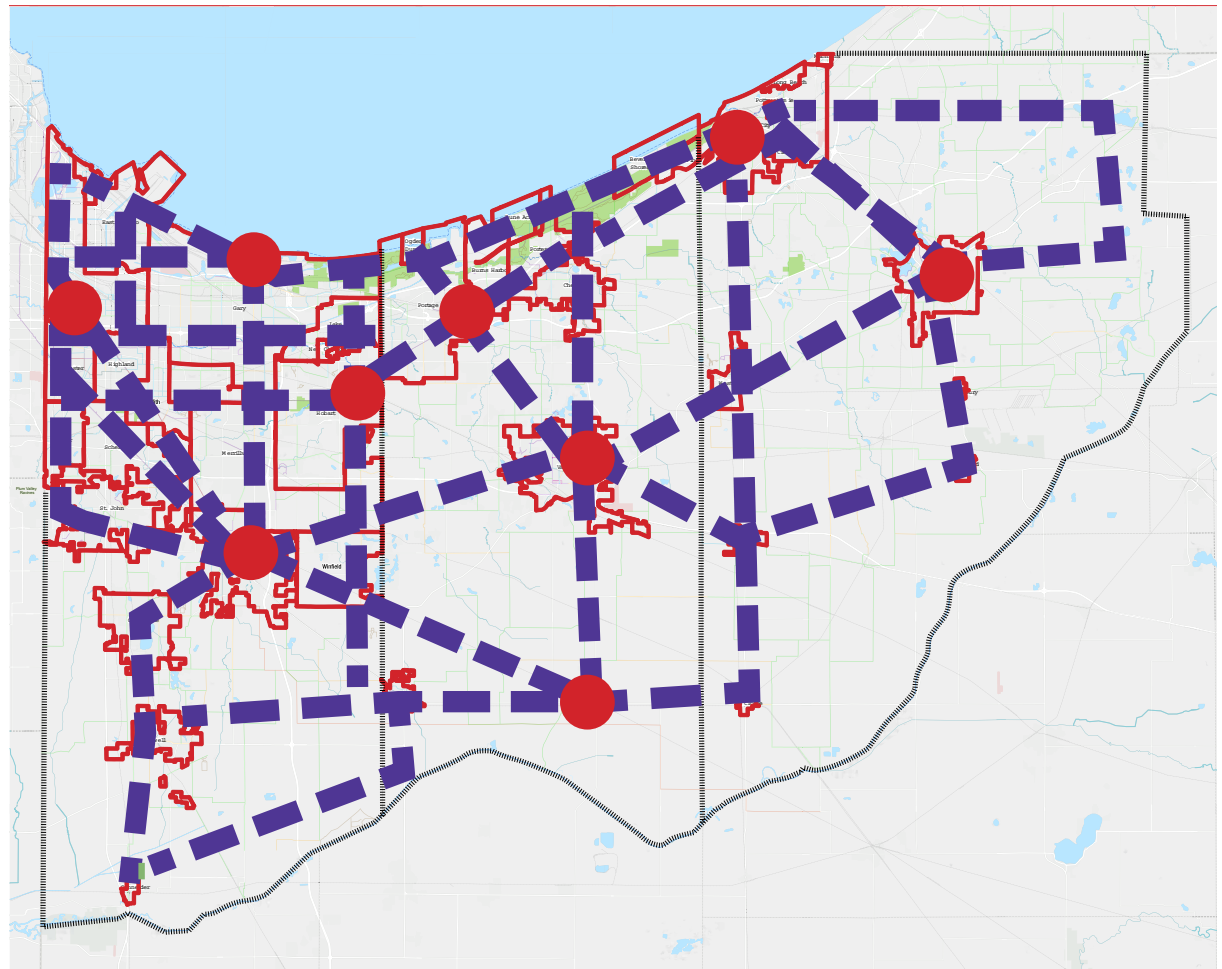


Figure 2.21: NWI 2050+ Study Area and Connection Patterns

## Network Issues

Highly successful existing trails, reserved right-of-ways, major funded projects like the Marquette Greenway, the system of paved regional roads, major community and environmental assets, passenger rail, and effective regional planning all create a favorable climate for a quality regional network. But such a network also must address specific issues, including:

Discontinuities in both the bicycle and pedestrian environment. While sidewalks are present in most “traditional” development areas, they are often lacking in mid-century and later residential development. This complicates access to local parks, schools, and other destinations. In many cases where sidewalks exist, continuity is broken by missing segments or deterioration. In others, sidewalks are too narrow, compromised by obstructions, and/or located along the back of a curb without a comfortable setback.

Similarly, while major trails like the Erie-Lackawanna, the Oak Savannah-Prairie Duneland, and Pennsy Greenway (after current construction within Centennial Village is complete) have excellent continuity, others have significant gaps that reduce their utility. These include the Iron Horse, C&O, Fisher Street, and Little Calumet Trails. Several of these present significant design challenges which, while not insuperable, will require close inter-agency cooperation and substantial funding.

**Major barriers.** The combination of interstate highways and interchanges, active mainline railroads, and other arterial roads creates significant connectivity challenges. A planned network must make efficient use of the barrier crossings, including overpasses, underpasses,

and signalized intersections without requiring people to go unacceptably far out of their way. Expansive intersections with wide roads like US 30 must be scaled to make pedestrian and bicycle crossings more comfortable and more visible to motorists.

**Traffic speeds.** While the region has an abundance of low volume county roads, these same conditions can also encourage higher speeds and more dangerous situations for bicyclists. As a result, roads that look statistically attractive from their AADT will be unacceptable to many users. A city street operating at 3,000 vehicles per day in the city and a rural road with similar volume but higher speeds will feel very different to potential users. Therefore, the network that maximizes user comfort will make greater use of well-designed sidepaths, lower speed limits, and speed management techniques and designs.

**Wayfinding.** Wayfinding in a regional network becomes extremely important and can be a significant (and relatively affordable) first step in developing a regional system. Currently, the region lacks a uniform wayfinding system. Trails are unique and a very effective system is being established along the Erie-Lackawanna and will extend to other trails. But wayfinding and bike route signage occurs on occasion in Porter and La Porte Counties, but is not consistent, does not direct people to destinations, and does not follow MUTCD standards. Additionally, in addition to increasing the utility of the network – it never feels good to feel lost – wayfinding signage alerts motorists to the possible presence of bicyclists on a route.



*Examples of active network challenges: From top down - pedestrian negotiating busy street with no sidewalks; obstacles located in sidewalk making accessible travel hazardous; lack of wayfinding at railroad crossing.*

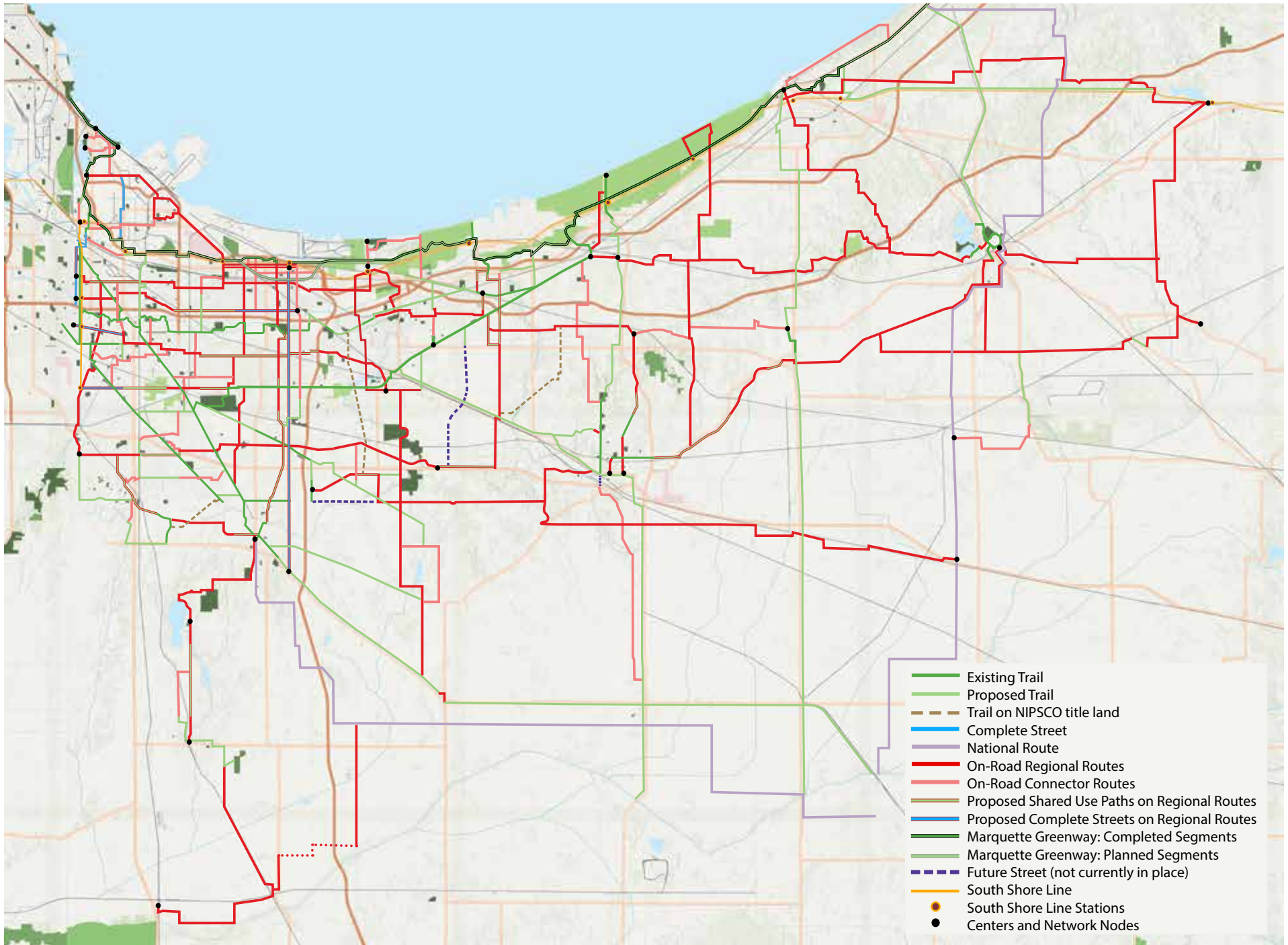


Figure 2.22: Proposed Active Network

## Components of the Network

The network proposed in this plan is illustrated in Figure 2-22. It is a destination-based system that combines segments into distinct point to point regional routes. In effect, it is analogous to a major streets plan that establishes facilities that can fit into a STIP-like capital program for NIRPC. While these routes will provide local benefits, they are intended to speak primarily to regional needs and connections. As such, they complement rather than replace local area active transportation plans.

The network is composed of the following components:

**Major inter-community or regional routes.** These are the principal routes of the network, composed of combinations of low volume roads, trail segments, and sidepaths. They are point to point routes with distinct endpoints. As such, they lend themselves effectively to a regional wayfinding system. On the map, lines shown in red indicate on-street or on-road routes. These in themselves will use different types of infrastructure, presented in detail in Part Three.

**Connector routes.** These are shorter, point-to-point routes, usually within a single or adjoining municipalities. Their primary purpose is to connect longer routes together or to provide a necessary link to a trail from a long route.

**Trails or shared use paths.** These facilities are the spines of the network and will tend to be the most frequently used components because of both their recreational and, in this region, potential transportation function, especially when tied to destinations through the active network. Completed and proposed trails are differentiated in Table 2-2 and sectional enlargements on subsequent pages. In addition, the Network Plan distinguishes between proposed paths that are part of a point to point route. In many cases, these will be sidepaths along streets or roads with high traffic volumes or other traffic characteristics uncomfortable for most users.

**Complete streets.** These corridors either have protected bicycle facilities or have sufficient width to accommodate a protected bike lane or cycle track within their width. Existing complete streets include Hohman Street south of E. 165th Street in Hammond, and Ridge Road in Munster is programmed for a complete street conversion.

**Proposed corridors.** These are street connections that do not currently exist, but are proposed for development. They include the currently planned Willowcreek extension in Union Township between US 6 and US 30 and the Campbell Street extension between Lincolnway and US 30 in Valparaiso.

**Utility corridor trails.** This category envisions trail development along power line corridors. NIPSCO corridors are valuable candidates and other possibilities may emerge over time. The company states that:

*Bike trails along our electric and gas corridors serve the purpose of community connectivity and provide families with the opportunity to enjoy a safe place for recreation throughout the region. NIPSCO is proud to support this initiative and our local communities.*

**National routes.** National routes include the region's two members of the United States Bike Route (USBR) system: US BR 35, running north and south through the eastern part of the region and passing through La Porte; and USBR 36, which makes an approximate V from Chicago along the Wolf Lake, Erie-Lackawanna, Oak Savannah, and Prairie Duneland Trails, and continuing east along the Marquette Greenway into Michigan.

Figure 2-22 summarizes the route included in the network, indicating their endpoints and the direct connections they provide to South Shore Line stations, trails, and city and town center districts. Part Three provides detailed, segment by segment infrastructure for each of these routes. Figures 2-23 to 2-26 expand the overall map for readability. Both figures provide reference material for Part Three to follow, addressing the nature of specific routes, trail and greenway priorities, policy recommendations, and wayfinding.

| Route  | Endpoints  |   | Direct Connection to . . .   |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|  | North/West   | South/East                                  | South Shore Line, Amtrak or BRT  | Trails   | Central Districts/TODs                                 |
| <b>Whiting/Hammond to Gary</b>                                   | Indiana-Illinois state line at the lakefront; 129th at Wolf Lake | Gary Metro Center                           | Gary Airport Station (SSL), Gary Metro Center, Whiting (Amtrak), Broadway BMX              | Wolf Lake, Marquette Greenway                  | Whiting, East Chicago, Gary                            |
| <b>Whiting Connector: 115th St</b>                               | Forsythe Park  | 129-New York Ave                            | No   | Wolf Lake, Whilhala Beach Trail                | No   |
| <b>Whiting Connector: 119th St</b>                               | Forsythe Park  | Whiting Lakefront                           | No   | Wolf Lake, Whilhala Beach Trail                | Whiting  |
| <b>Hammond Connector: Hoffman Street</b>                         | Hammond Gateway Station  | Cline & Cesar Chavez                        | Hammond Gateway Station (SSL), East Chicago Station (SSL), Gary Airport, Gary Metro Center | Marquette Greenway                             |  |
| <b>Hammond Connector: Pulaski Park/Wabash</b>                    | Sheffield south of I-90  | Hammond Gateway Station                     | Hammond Gateway Station (SSL)  | Marquette Greenway, Wolf Lake                  | Hammond  |
| <b>Hammond Connector: Marquette Greenway to Downtown Hammond</b> | 143-Baltimore  | Douglas-Hohman                              | Hammond Gateway, Downtown Hammond Station (SSL)  | Marquette Greenway, Erie-Lackawanna            | Hammond  |
| <b>Michigan Connector</b>  | Sohl-Michigan  | East Chicago SSL Station                    | East Chicago Station (SSL)   | Sohl Complete Street                           | No   |
| <b>Hohman Complete Street</b>                                    | Hohman and Douglas   | Hohman-Ridge (Munster)                      | Downtown Hammond Station (SSL), South Hammond Station (SSL), Munster Station (SSL)         | Erie-Lackawanna, Monon, Little Calumet         | Hammond, Munster                                       |
| <b>South Hammond to Miller</b>                                   | 165-Hohman (Hammond)   | 3-Lake (Miller)                             | South Hammond Station (SSL), Miller Station (SSL), Broadway BMX                            | Monon, Erie-Lackawanna, Gary Elevated (future) | Miller   |
| <b>South Hammond to Gary/25th Ave</b>                            | South Hammond Station  | 25-Ellis (Gary)                             | South Hammond Station (SSL), Broadway BMX  | Monon  |  |
| <b>Munster Center-Hobart Center</b>                              | State Line & Ridge   | 10-Lincoln (Hobart)                         | Munster Station (SSL), Broadway BMX  | Pennsy, Monon, Wicker Park, Erie-Lackawanna    | Munster, Highland,                                     |
| <b>Fran-Lin Connector</b>  |  |   |  |  |  |
| <b>Dyer-Chesterton (via trail)</b>                               | Dyer Station, Main & Calumet                                     | Broadway & Calumet (Chesterton)             | Dyer Station (SSL), Dyer Amtrak, Broadway BMX  | Pennsy, Monon, Oak Savannah, Prairie Duneland  | Griffith, Hobart, Portage, Chesterton, Porter          |
| <b>77th/ Lincoln Highway</b>                                     | 77-Hart  | Old Lincoln Highway and US 30               | Broadway BMX   | Pennsy, Erie-Lackawanna, C&O                   | Schererville   |
| <b>85th Ave Connector</b>  | 86-Patterson (St. John)  | Pine Island Dr and E-L Trail (Schererville) |  | Pennsy, Erie-Lackawanna,                       | St. John Corridor                                      |
| <b>St John-Crown Point</b>                                       | 86-Patterson (St John)   | Summit-Merrillville Rd (Crown Point)        |  |  | St. John Corridor, Crown Point via Court/West bikeways |

Table 2-2: Summary of Network of Routes



| Route                                  | Endpoints                     |   | Direct Connection to . . .            |  |   |
|--|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
|  | North/West                    | South/East  | South Shore Line, Amtrak or BRT       | Trails   | Central Districts/TODs                    |
| <b>Crown Point-Cedar Lake</b>          | Court/West & Summit           | 133-Lake Shore Dr   |                                       |  | Crown Point Cedar Lakefront               |
| <b>Southlake Mall-Valparaiso</b>       | US 30 & Mississippi (Hobart)  | Central Park Plaza (Valparaiso)   | V-Line                                | C&O (future)   | Mall area, Downtown Valparaiso            |
| <b>Portage Beach-Lake Station</b>      | Portage Beach                 | Lake Station Library, Jay & Fairview  | Ogden Dunes Station (SSL)             | Marquette Greenway, Iron Horse, Prairie Duneland   |   |
| <b>Indianapolis Blvd</b>               | 129-Indianapolis              | East Chicago SSL Station  | East Chicago Station (SSL)            |  |   |
| <b>Columbia Ave</b>                    | 167-Columbia (Munster)        | 93-Bull Run (St. John)  | Dyer Station (SSL)                    | Erie-Lackawanna, Little Calumet, Fisher St, Pennsy   | Munster, Centennial Village               |
| <b>Northcote Connector</b>             | 167-Northcote (Hammond)       | Azalea Dr & Hawthorne (Highland)  |                                       | Erie-Lackawanna, Little Calumet, Wicker Park, Fisher St with gap connection                              | Indianapolis/Kennedy & I-94 focus area    |
| <b>5th Street Connector</b>            | 5th & Little Calumet Trail    | 5-Lincoln   |                                       | Little Calumet, Porter St.   | Highland                                  |
| <b>Gary-St John</b>                    | 9th-Colfax (Gary)             | 85th Ave. & Alexander (St John)   |                                       | Erie-Lackawanna, Little Calumet, Pennsy  | Griffith, Schererville, St. John corridor |
| <b>Chase connector (Gary)</b>          | 5th & Chase (Gary)            | Erie-Lackawanna Trail at Whitcomb (Merrillville)                                  |                                       | Little Calumet, Gary Elevated (future), Oak-Savannah   |   |
| <b>Taft Connector (Gary)</b>           | 2nd & Taft                    | 25th Ave & Taft   |                                       | Marquette Greenway   |   |
| <b>Gary-Merrillville-Crown Point</b>   | 4th & Harrison                | Merrillville Rd & Summit  | Gary Metro Center (SSL)               | Marquette Greenway, Gary Elevated, Little Calumet, Oak-Savannah, C&O, Erie-Lackawanna                    | Gary, Century Plaza Area, Crown Point     |
| <b>Broadway Complete Street</b>        | Gary Metro Center             | US 231 & Broadway (Crown Point)   | Gary Metro Center (SSL), Broadway BMX | Marquette Greenway, Gary Elevated, Little Calumet, Oak-Savannah, C&O, Erie-Lackawanna, Veterans Memorial | Gary, IU-Gary, Crown Point                |
| <b>Virgina-Georgia Connector</b>       | Marquette Greenway at Virgina | 56th Ave & Georgia, extended to Carolyn Drive & Broadway through Hidden Lake Park | Broadway BMX                          | Marquette Greenway, Gary Elevated, Little Calumet, Oak-Savannah  | Gary, IU-Gary                             |
| <b>Miller-Hobart</b>                   | 7th & Lake (Gary/Miller)      | 10th & Wisconsin (Hobart)   | Miller Station (SSL)                  | Marquette Greenway, Iron Horse   | Miller, New Chicago, Hobart               |
| <b>South Hobart Connector</b>          | 10th & Wisconsin              | 10th & County Line Rd   |                                       |  |   |
| <b>Hobart-Lake of the Four Seasons</b> | 10th and South Hobart Rd      | County Line & US 231  |                                       | Winfield (future), Veterans Memorial (future)  |   |

Table 2-2: Summary of Network of Routes

| Route                                | Endpoints  |  | Direct Connection to . . .                             |   |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
|                                      | North/West                                       | South/East   | South Shore Line, Amtrak or BRT                        | Trails  | Central Districts/TODs                |
| <b>Miller to Lake Station</b>        | Lake and Old Hobart                              | Fairview & Pike (Lake Station)                                 | Miller Station (SSL)                                   | Marquette Greenway,                                 | Miller, Lake Station                  |
| <b>Chesterton to Valparaiso</b>      | Porter Beach                                     | Campbell and Lincolnway (Valparaiso)                           | Dune Park Station (SSL)                                | Marquette Greenway, Prairie Duneland, Lakewood Link | Porter, Chesterton, Valparaiso        |
| <b>Valparaiso-Kouts</b>              | 8th & Campbell                                   | SR 49 at Kankakee River  | V-Line   | Dunes Kankakee (future)                             | Valparaiso, Kouts                     |
| <b>Chesterton-La Porte</b>           | Broadway & Calumet Rd                            | US 35 & Weller (La Porte)                                      |  | Lincoln (future), Chessie                           | Chesterton, La Porte                  |
| <b>Valparaiso-La Porte</b>           | Morgan Blvd & Lincolnway                         | Michigan & Lincoln Highway (La Porte)                          | V-Line   | Lincoln Memorial                                    | Valparaiso, Westville, La Porte       |
| <b>Beverly Shore to Valparaiso</b>   | Beverly Shores South Shore Line Station/Broadway | SR 2 & N 400E  |  |   |                                       |
| <b>Michigan City-La Porte</b>        | Wabash & Michigan Blvd                           | Wozniak and Small Road, continuing on common route to La Porte | Michigan City Station (SSL)                            | Marquette Greenway, Trail Creek                     | Michigan City, La Porte by connection |
| <b>Michigan City to Hudson Lake</b>  | 8th and Huron                                    | Chicago Rd & E 700N  | Michigan City Station (SSL), Hudson Lake Station (SSL) | South Shore Line Trail (fut), Marquette Greenway,   | Michigan City, Hudson Lake            |
| <b>Hudson Lake to Fish Lake</b>      | Chicago Rd & E 700N                              | SR 4& S 800E   | Hudson Lake Station (SSL)                              | South Shore Line Trail (fut),                       | Hudson Lake, Fish Lake                |
| <b>Westville to Fish Lake</b>        | Joliet Rd & CH 625W                              | SR 4& S 800E   |  |   | Fish Lake                             |
| <b>Kingsford Loop</b>                | W 800S & Long Lane (USBR 35)                     | 18th & I (La Porte)  |  |   | Kingsbury                             |
| <b>US Bicycle Route 35 (USBR 35)</b> | Michigan-Indiana state line at 150 E             | S 650W at Kankakee River                                       |  | South Shore Line Trail (fut)                        | La Porte                              |
| <b>Aberdeen to Hanna</b>             | N 250W & W 100N                                  | W 350S & Long Lane   |  | Dune Kankakee (future), Lincoln Memorial (future)   | Wanatah, Hanna                        |
| <b>Chesterton to Westville</b>       | Tratebas Rd & Calumet                            | W 300S & Lincoln Trail (Westville)                             |  | Lincoln Memorial                                    | Westville                             |
| <b>Cedar Lake-Lowell</b>             | Lake Shore Dr & Cline (Cedar Lake)               | 235th & Pierce (Shelby)  |  |   | Cedar Lake, Lowell, Shelby            |
| <b>Kankakee Valley</b>               | 236th & Parrish (Schneider)                      | 217th & Clay (Grand Kankakee March County Park)                |  | Levee Trail   | Schneider                             |
| <b>Hebron-Grand Kankakee</b>         | S Main & Pratt (Hebron)                          | 217th & Clay (Grand Kankakee March County Park)                |  | Levee Trail   | Hebron                                |

Table 2.2: Summary of Network of Routes

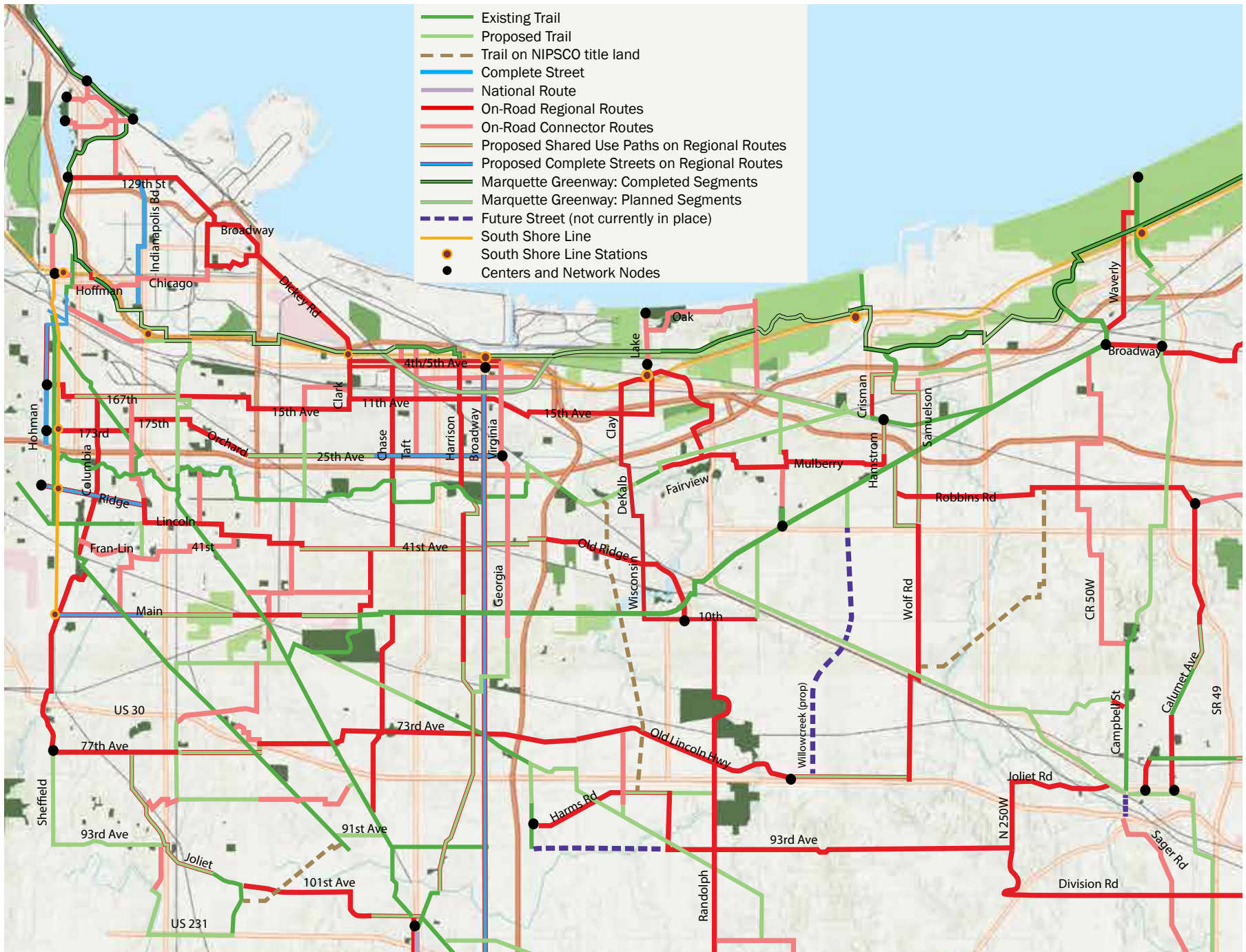


Figure 2-23: Proposed Active Transportation Network Enhancement

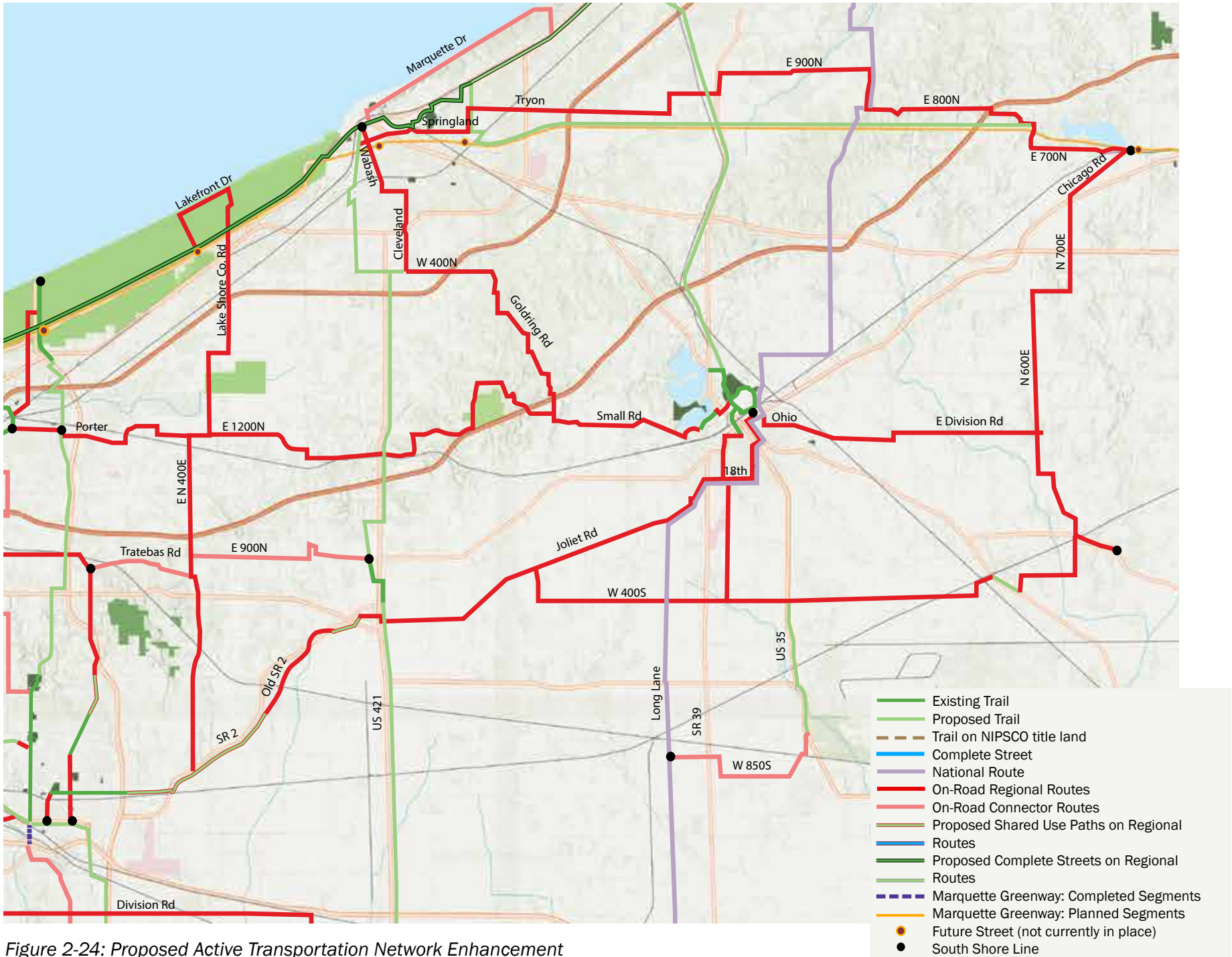


Figure 2-24: Proposed Active Transportation Network Enhancement

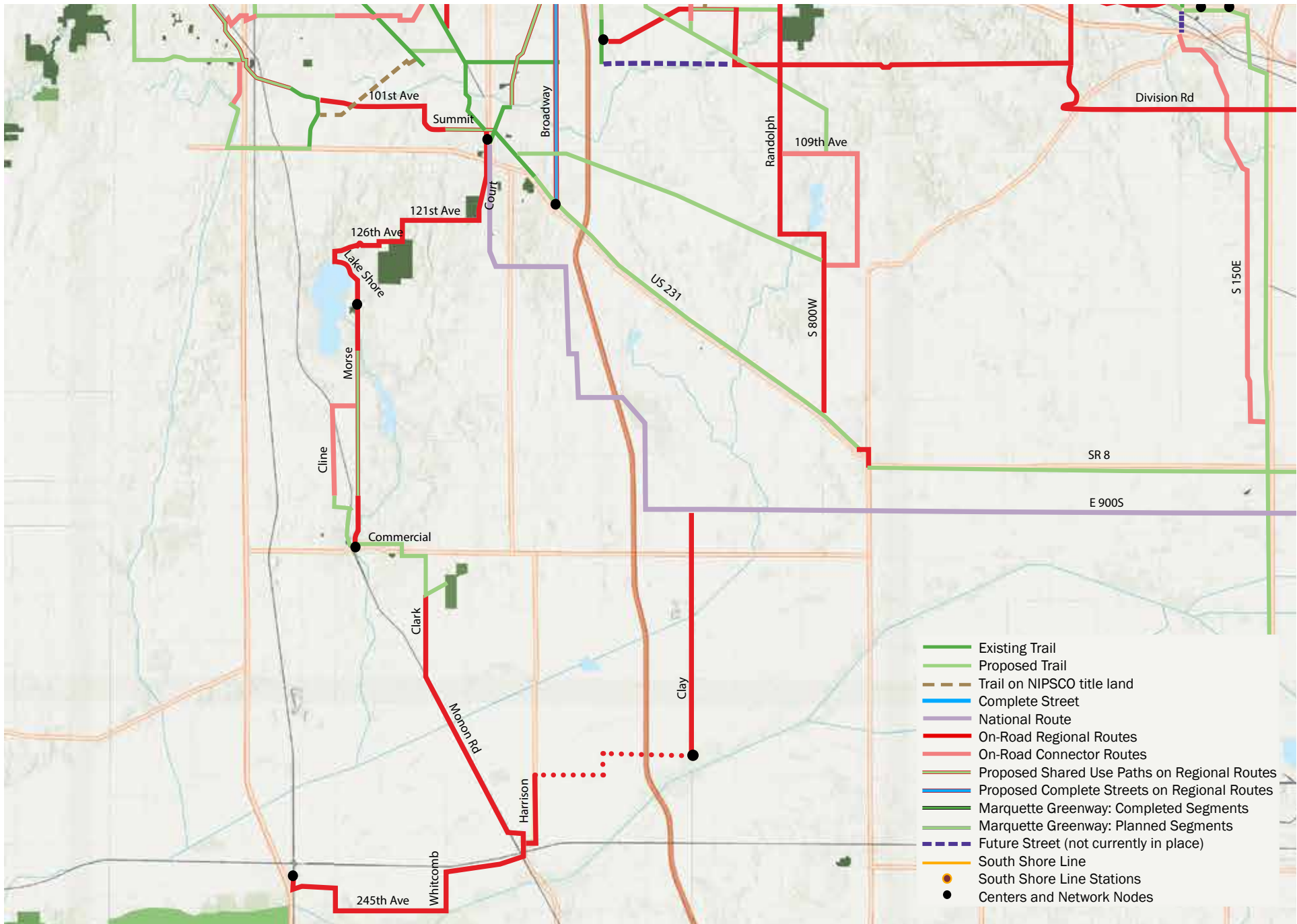


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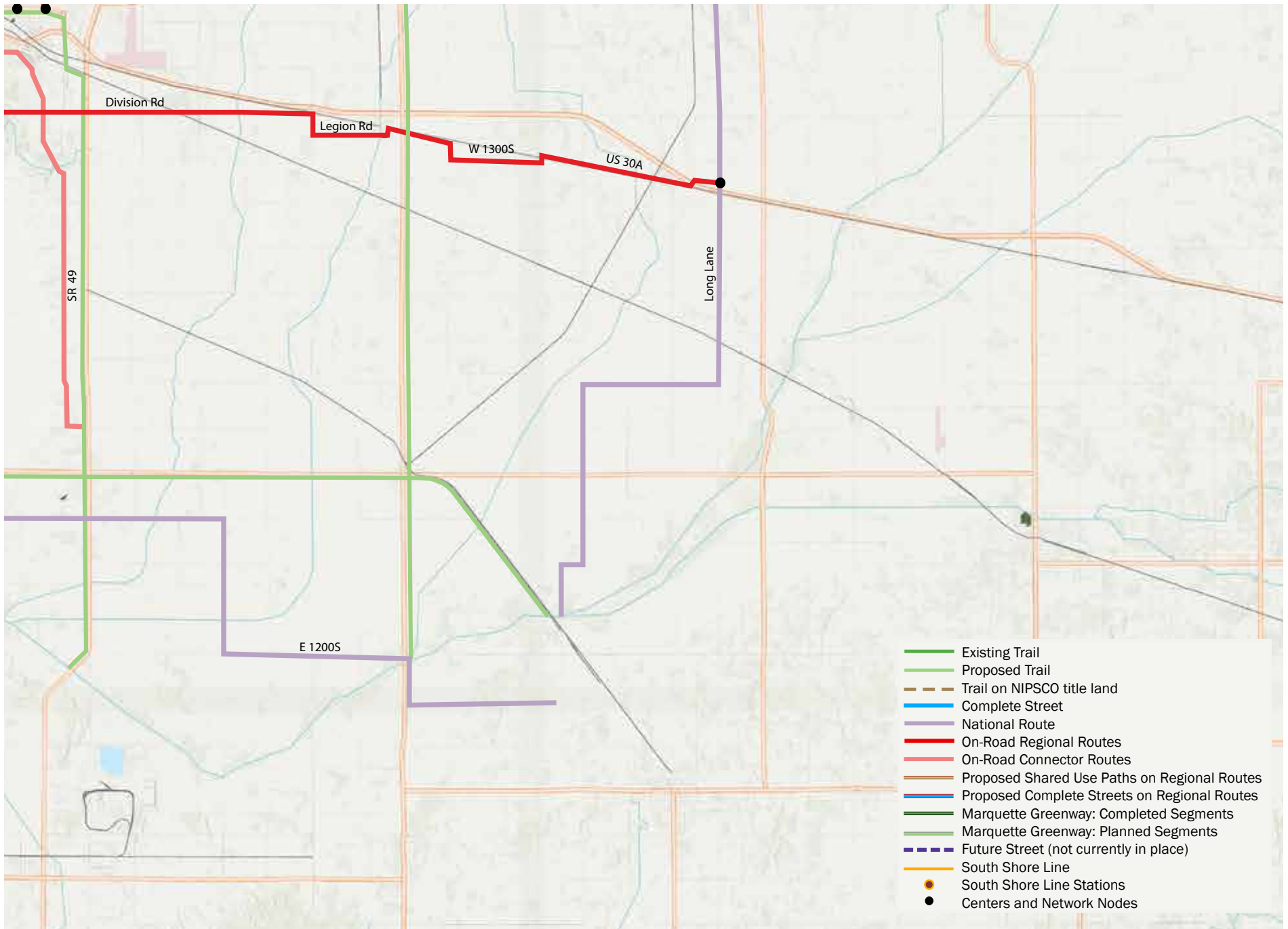


Figure 2-26: Proposed Active Transportation Network Enhancement

# Purpose Driven Planning

## Implementing the Network Program

This section of the chapter presents details – what types of facilities are needed to implement the network and what does each route offer its users. This will provide implementing agencies with guidance of facility design, a means to assess priorities and the ability to incorporate active transportation into both capital budgets and new transportation projects. The regional perspective and management of NIRPC is especially important because most of these routes are multi-jurisdictional. Maintaining route continuity and realizing a regional vision will require the cooperation of different governments and other agencies. The regional trail program clearly demonstrates that this level of cooperation exists, but these on-street facilities will require some degree of standardization and consistency.

This section contains several different parts. The most extensive presents a series of tables that provide details for each on-street route. This is consistent with the basic mission of this project, which rightly assumed that most planning for trails had been successfully concluded and that on-street connections were the subject that required the most planning attention. But the survey conducted during this planning process, consistent with other experiences, indicates that people and families are more likely to bike, or walk for that matter, when facilities separate them from cars and trucks.

As result, the network suggests separated facilities in situations that were not previously anticipated. In addition, on-street routes may change priorities for some trail segments by suggesting how trails and on-street facilitates can combine to create greater regional connectivity. Thus, this section also includes a summary of additional separated facilities like protected lanes, street reconfigurations and sidepaths. It also makes suggestions on priorities for these facilities, given the emphasis on both connectivity and equity that underlies much of the philosophy of *NWI 2050+*.

The previous section identifies the need for unified support systems. A particular focus here is wayfinding, necessary to provide information and orientation, as well as increasing driver awareness of vulnerable users on or around the road. Finally, there are a variety of policies that address roadway and intersection design and accommodate the often forgotten but largest single user group of all, namely pedestrians.

## The On-Street System

Tables 2-4 to 2-49 in this chapter review each assembled route individually, with the analysis broken down segment by segment. The tables contain the following information:

- **The jurisdiction that the route affects and benefits.** This information is important to know for coordination of standards, phasing, and funding of regional routes.
  - **Street or road type.** Normally streets and roads are classified in a hierarchy from freeways to local streets (freeway, expressway, major and minor arterial, major and minor collector, local). While generally using this typology, we have added some contextual comments that relate to land use, neighborhood or community role, and other factors that help define the relevance of that segment to an overall active network.
  - **The length of the segment,** important in calculating planning level costs for different types of infrastructure. To this point, basic infrastructure types have relatively standard per mile costs that are helpful in establishing estimates for budgeting purposes. However, individual street or greenway projects can have unusual circumstances that can have a large impact on actual cost.
- **The range of the individual road section.** In some cases where several consecutive road sections have the same character and treatment, they are grouped together. But these segments and ranges are differentiated when conditions like street width or traffic volume change.

- **Channel width.** This is an estimated curb to curb width, important in determining what kind of infrastructure can be applied inexpensively to specific road. A minimum curb-to curb width for a two-lane road without parking is 32 feet, corresponding to two 11 foot lanes and five foot standard directional bike lanes. If 10 foot travel lanes are acceptable in low-speed settings, that minimum may be reduced to 30 feet. Estimated curb width was established by measuring each segment on Google Earth and may vary in the field.

- **Lane configuration.** This relates to the number of lanes on the street, centerline striping, and parking conditions. On-street parking on a typical two lane section can preclude on-street bike lanes. On the other hand, a wide two-lane street with two-sided on-street parking can accommodate bicycle infrastructure, and the slower speeds that

creates can discourage speeding. A typical minimum width for a street with single-sided parking, standard bike lanes, and two travel lanes is about 40 feet. Many of Gary's local or collector streets are 50 feet wide, and are excellent candidates for on-street infrastructure.



*Applying the table Hoffman Street in Hammond. This is a comfortable mixed use street as a riding experience. It is rated E in the 2020 G+B Map, despite an ADT approaching 10,000 vehicles per day. However, its approximately 40' section is insufficient for bike lanes in both directions because of two-sided parking (probably necessary in its urban context). The network plan recommends a bicycle boulevard approach, using traffic calming methods to maintain slow speeds and considering low-cost infrastructure features.*



- **Adjacent ROW (right of way) conditions.** This generally applies to sidewalks, although in some cases we have included notes that address space to accommodate off-road improvements like sidepaths. As a general policy, all urban streets in the network should have sidewalk or path continuity on at least one side of the street and preferably on both sides. Exceptions can be made for planned neighborhoods or communities where a path network serves the same connectivity function as conventional sidewalks. Sidewalks should also be set back from the curb to provide space for street landscaping and greater pedestrian separation from cars.
- **ADT (average daily traffic) if known.** This information was derived from the Indiana Department of Transportation’s interactive website and represents 2021 volumes. Interestingly, these data included spot traffic counts on county roads and minor streets, a number of which were candidates for the network. This is a very important number for determining both inclusion in a network and appropriate infrastructure in its context. As mentioned earlier, a specific ADT means one thing on a city street with low speeds and a high speed highway. In assessing rural situations in Northwest Indiana, we generally applied a 2,000 vehicle per day threshold for recommending off-road infrastructure. “NA” on the table means that data were not available for that segment.
- **Greenway map rating.** NIRPC’s Greenways + Blueways Regional Map was an invaluable resource and includes a rating of mapped facilities. The map rates roads on an excellent/good/fair scale, and the assessment for road segments is shown on the tables. Ratings on the 2020 edition were furnished by the Active Transportation Alliance. “NR” indicates the segment was not rated, most often because the street involved is a local or neighborhood street (NR-L) or a major street that does not accommodate active users in its present state (NR-A).
- **Destination/trails served.** We know that trails are used most frequently for recreational purposes, and that metropolitan planning organizations like NIRPC were initially established as part of regional transportation planning agencies. The active network proposed here is envisioned as a transportation initiative that gets people to places and destinations, one of which are recreational destinations (including trails). This item lists the features immediately adjacent to or within a very short distance from the road segment. Trails indicated here are primarily existing trails. When the connection is to a proposed trail, the table indicates it as “future.”
- **Barriers and treatment.** As we have discussed earlier, Northwest Indiana, with a dense network of freeways, railroads, and freight movements radiating out of Chicago and its concentration of heavy industry, has more than its share of barriers. The active network proposed here attempts to make maximum use of existing grade separations and signalized intersections. This item identifies barriers along a specific segment and whether and how they have been addressed. If some additional action is needed, that is identified in the “recommended infrastructure” column.



- **Recommended infrastructure.** This identifies a general infrastructure approach for each segment, based on the other information assembled for the table. It is important to note that specific solutions should be unified and relatively consistent throughout a route. For example, users should not have to jump from one side of a street to another every few blocks. The actual design of facilities should provide continuity for users as they move through a route.

These infrastructure recommendations fall within several overall categories: bike routes, bicycle boulevards, bike lanes (enhanced standard and protected), sidepaths, and trails. The context used to determine type of infrastructure are discussed at right.

**The tables are placed at the end of this document for ease of use.**



### BIKE ROUTE

#### TYPICAL CONTEXTS:

- Business district streets with slow traffic, parking, and no space for bicycle facilities
- Relatively short stretches of low volume streets that connect other system elements
- Rural county roads and lanes with low traffic volumes

#### RECOMMENDED TREATMENTS

- Route identification and wayfinding signage
- Reduced speed limits
- Sidewalks in urban settings
- High visibility crosswalks and traffic controls at major street and highway crossings



### BICYCLE BOULEVARDS

#### TYPICAL CONTEXTS:

- Urban neighborhood local and collector streets
- Relatively long, continuous stretches, typically a one mile minimum
- Low/moderate traffic volume below 3,000 vpd but depends on local conditions

#### RECOMMENDED TREATMENTS

- Special identification and wayfinding signage
- Reduced speed limits
- Sidewalks in urban settings
- High visibility crosswalks and traffic controls at major street and highway crossings
- Stop preferences
- Possible traffic calming features such as corner nodes, chicanes, mini-traffic circles, striped parking



### ENHANCED STANDARD BIKE LANES

#### TYPICAL CONTEXTS:

- Urban collector and arterial streets
- Moderate to moderately high traffic
- Moderate speeds < 35 mph

#### RECOMMENDED TREATMENTS

- Route identification and wayfinding signage
- Reduced speed limits
- Sidewalks in urban settings
- High visibility crosswalks and traffic controls at major street and highway crossings
- Enhancements include green paint at strategic locations (intersection entrances, conflict zones)
- 5' minimum, 6' desirable minimum lanes
- Lane reductions, typically on 4-lane streets operating at less than 16,000 vpd



### PROTECTED (BUFFERED) BIKE LANES

#### TYPICAL CONTEXTS:

- Urban arterial streets
- Moderately high traffic
- Speeds < 40 mph
- Adequate street width to permit buffering

#### RECOMMENDED TREATMENTS

- Route identification and wayfinding signage
- Sidewalks in urban settings
- High visibility crosswalks and traffic controls at major street and highway crossings with separation of ped and bike tracks
- Separation
- Enhancements include green paint



### CYCLE TRACKS

#### TYPICAL CONTEXTS:

- Urban streets, often in business districts or commercial corridors
- Settings with excessive street width
- Variety of speed and traffic environments

#### RECOMMENDED TREATMENTS

- Route identification with wayfinding signage
- One or two-way options
- Clear vertical separation from parking and moving traffic, through raised barrier, joint use with sidewalk, or delineators
- Protected intersections with separated pedestrian and bicycle tracks
- Enhancements may include streetscape
- Often seen as a redevelopment catalyst



### SIDEPATHS

#### TYPICAL CONTEXTS:

- Major urban streets, including multilane settings
- Traffic speeds and volumes that require clear horizontal separation
- Major urban streets or corridors that lack necessary sidewalks where incremental cost of a shared use path is defensible
- Higher volume (> 2,500 vpd) two lane roads and state highways

#### RECOMMENDED TREATMENTS

- Route identification with wayfinding signage
- 10' desirable width
- Clear crossing treatments at intersection
- Enhancements may include streetscape
- Often seen as a redevelopment catalyst



### TRAILS

#### TYPICAL CONTEXTS:

- Continuing development of the rail-trails that are the region's primary active transportation assets
- New corridors, including NIPSCO utility corridors
- Other connectors through parks and public spaces
- Highway sidepaths that are part of the planned regional trail network

#### RECOMMENDED TREATMENTS

- Continue current graphics with individual logos and unique signage on the trail network. Integrate this into the standard on-street system.
- 10' desirable width
- Clear crossing treatments at intersections
- Continued installations of user amenities with new projects



*Protected crossing on the Pennsy Greenway. safely negotiates a potential railroad mainline barrier; the unique graphic identification program implemented on regional trails recalls the Pennsylvania Railroad heritage of the Pennsy Greenway with its keystone form.*

## Trails and Sidepaths

Extensive planning has been done for the expansion of the current regional trail system and the initiation of new routes. However, as mentioned above, the development of a comprehensive network has added some new potential trail and sidepath segments and may have some impact on priorities. Figure 2-27 is NIRPC's current map of trail network staging and identifies as high priorities the eastward extension of the Iron Horse Trail, the Dunes Kankakee from Porter and Chesterton to Valparaiso, the NIPSCO/South Shore Line to the future Chessie (connecting Michigan City and La Porte), and the Lincoln Memorial south from Michigan City to the American Discovery Trail route. The award of an \$18 million RAISE grant for the Marquette Greenway, formerly shown as a "State Visionary Trail" dramatically changes the status of that unique project.

Figure 3.2 on the following pages summarizes additional shared use path recommendations identified as priorities during this process. These include:

**Indianapolis Boulevard between 129th Street and Columbus Drive.** This is the only possible bike/ped conduit for three miles south of East Chicago. The roadway has adequate space and low enough traffic to support reconfiguration as a complete street.

**Kennedy Avenue Corridor linking the East Chicago South Shore Station to the Little Calumet Trail.** From the trail, concept proceeds north along trackage parallel to McCook Avenue. It turns east as a sidepath along 169th Street and north as a sidepath along west side of Kennedy Ave, continuing on alley trails to 167th Street.

It continues on street on 167th to McCook Ave. Turns north parallel to McCook along power line corridor to 161st; east as a sidepath along 161st, crossing to east side of Kennedy Avenue. The Kennedy Avenue overpass would provide a protected pedestrian/bicycle track on Kennedy Avenue overpass under US 20 overpass, with a connection here to the Marquette Greenway. The idea is to follow the ramp to Carroll Street (US 20), adapting the shoulder as a two-way bikeway, going offstreet as a westbound path to East Chicago South Shore Line station.

**The gap between the east end of the Fisher Street Trail and Lincoln Street.** This provides important connectivity between the Calumet and West Lake corridor to Highland and ultimately the Little Calumet Trail.

**Ridge Road Crossing.** This short connection provides a safe access across Ridge to the park's main entrance. It's importance is enhanced by Munster's plan to convert Ridge to a complete street west to the South Shore station.

**Main Street east from the Main Street/Dyer South Shore station.** This connects directly to the Oak Savannah Trail and ties Dyer and the south part of Munster to Chesterton, Porter, and Porter Beach.

**Joliet Street sidepath.** This relatively short path enhances a connection between St. John and the regional trail system at Crown Point.

**Power Line Path.** This diagonal route links St John to the Pennsy Greenway and, together with the Joliet Street sidepath discussed above, provides an almost all-trail connection from the St. John growth area to the regional system.



**91st Avenue Sidepath.** This appears to be the shortest and most feasible way to provide a separated trail connection between the Pennsy Greenway and the Erie-Lackawanna Trail.

**25th Avenue.** This is a potentially important corridor for Gary's revitalization. This segment is a narrow two lane street with no sidewalks, and the project provides both transportation equity and a significant east-west route.

**Gary ELevated.** This is a potentially transformational project for Gary and, together with the South Shore improvements, can catalyze the rebirth of Downtown and the stabilization of adjacent neighborhoods



| #  | Corridor Name             | #  | Corridor Name    |
|----|---------------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Buffington                | 14 | West Porter      |
| 2  | Hessville                 | 15 | Wheeler          |
| 3  | Dyer                      | 16 | Little Cal River |
| 4  | West Lake                 | 17 | Iron Horse       |
| 5  | St. John                  | 18 | Dunes Kankakee   |
| 6  | Michigan Central          | 19 | Wabash           |
| 7  | South Lake                | 20 | East Porter      |
| 8  | I-65                      | 21 | Lincoln Memorial |
| 9  | East Lake                 | 22 | MC - La Porte    |
| 10 | C&O                       | 23 | Chessie          |
| 11 | Winfield                  | 24 | South Bend       |
| 12 | Great American Rail-Trail | 25 | Kingsford        |
| 13 | State Road 2              | 26 | Kankakee River   |

**Little Calumet Trail Gap.** Negotiating this railroad crossing and gap makes the underused LCT an extremely useful transportation corridor, especially with access to possible BRT, the IU-Gary campus, and potential TOD development in the surrounding area.

**Merrillville Road.** This would provide a strategic north-south connection through western Lake County and strengthens redevelopment potential in the Century Plaza area.

**Hidden Lake Trail.** This short path would connect North Merrillville and Gary neighborhoods to an important local park, a safe pedestrian crossing to Merrillville’s White Community Center, and a link to the Merrillville Rd sidepath, linking to Crown Point.

**C&O Trail from the Oak Savannah Trail to Harms Road south of Southlake Mall.** This, in concert with a Merrillville Road project, makes trail access to and through the enormous Southlake area at US 30 and I-65 possible.

Figure 2-27: Summary of Network of Routes

## Wayfinding

A regional system in Northwest Indiana will benefit greatly from a clear and effective wayfinding program. In terms of implementation, this also becomes a relatively effective way to establish a far-ranging system that will continue to evolve. Finally, bicyclists from around the country have come to accept and recognize the standard system established by the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

### Specific Benefits of a Wayfinding Program

- Wayfinding signs will increase users' comfort and accessibility to the bicycle network.
- Signage can serve both wayfinding and safety purposes including:
  - » Helping to familiarize users with the bicycle network
  - » Helping users identify the best routes to destinations and understand the structure of the network
  - » Helping to address misperceptions about time and distance
  - » Helping overcome a "barrier to entry" for people who are not frequent bicyclists (e.g., "interested but concerned" bicyclists)
  - » Helping motorists recognize the presence of bicyclists in specific areas

### Sign Components

- Confirmation signs indicate to bicyclists that they are on a designated bikeway. Make motorists aware of the bicycle route. Can include destinations and distance/time but do not include arrows.
- Turn signs indicate where a bikeway turns from one street onto another street. These can be used with pavement markings and include destinations and arrows.

- Decision signs indicate the junction of two or more bikeways and inform bicyclists of the designated bike route to access key destinations. These include destinations, arrows and distances. Travel times are optional but recommended.

### Other Factors

- Bicycle wayfinding signs also visually cue motorists that they are driving along a bicycle route and should use caution. Signs are typically placed at key locations leading to and along bicycle routes, including the intersection of multiple routes.
- Too many road signs tend to clutter the right-of-way. We recommend that signs be posted at a level most visible to bicyclists rather than per vehicle signage standards.
- A region-wide bicycle wayfinding signage plan would identify:
  - » Sign locations
  - » Sign type – what information should be included and design features
  - » Destinations to be highlighted on each sign – key destinations for bicyclists
  - » Approximate distance and travel time to each destination

*Regional wayfinding. The Lewis & Clark trail signage program was installed over a 200 mile network of available county roads, trails, and city streets, very analogous to the Northwest Indiana concept. It also used a specific regional logo, in accordance with MUTCD requirements.*



## Policy Recommendations

This section concludes with several important policy principles that should apply uniformly throughout the region. While these principles will typically be applied on a local basis, it is a good idea to establish these directions in a regional plan.

### **Speed limits should be studied and generally reduced on streets and roads within the network that are shared with vulnerable users.**

Speeding has always been an issue, but it appears that COVID has actually made this behavior more prevalent. Lower speeds demonstrably reduce both the number and severity (and fatality) of crashes. Many of the rural roads in the proposed network have very low traffic and, while they are also very narrow, low volume in wide open areas can produce higher speeds.

### **New street and road projects should include accommodations for active users, especially when they are components of the regional active network.**

As an example, the proposed Willowcreek extension is intended to include an associated path. This road project will produce an important north-south connection between the lakefront and the interior of the region.



*Good practice and policy in Schererville. Top: High visibility crosswalks and a comfortable roundabout splitter make an intersection relatively easy to negotiate. Bottom: Strong connection between trail and front door of City Hall.*



### **Intersections of network components and major streets should be friendly to pedestrians and bicyclists.**

Techniques that accommodate active users include pedestrian refuge medians, traffic control devices like HAWK signals (already in use at some locations), sensing devices on signals that detect bicycles, signal push buttons that are accessible to people with disabilities, and high visibility crosswalks. We tend to think of network planning as a web of linear components, but intersections can defeat continuity.



**Local site planning standards and development regulations should include standards for protected access from sidewalks and paths to the front entrances of major commercial developments.** Parking lots are low-speed environments, but also present hazards to active users. Some cities provide clear, protected access routes from the public realm to the building; others actually locate bike lanes within parking lots to accommodate bicyclists. These requirements can actually generate better site planning and avoid large, undifferentiated paved areas.

**Reasonable sidewalk networks should be present within a 15-minute walking radius of appropriate destinations.** Part One discussed and evaluated the concept of a Fifteen Minute City, basically a reincarnation of Clarence Perry's estimable "Neighborhood Unit" concept of a century ago. Except in tightly planned new developments, it is very difficult to place all the essentials of life within a 15 minute radius of everyone. But the concept of being able to walk to certain destinations (trails, elementary schools, community centers, town centers, and neighborhood parks to name a few) at least within towns and cities, is important. Communities should identify "15 minute destinations" and conduct assessments of pedestrian access within a 15 minute walking radius of them. In addition, NIRPC and individual communities should identify funding mechanisms other than special assessments to finance sidewalk or path construction where necessary to serve broader areas. This is especially important because of the lack of sidewalks in an unusually large part of the urbanized area.

**NIRPC should institute a "Great Streets" type corridor planning program, backed up with implementation funding.** MPOs, including the East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG) in the Saint Louis metropolitan area and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) in Kansas City, both have great streets and/or sustainable places planning programs that place a priority on balanced transportation in corridors. Northwest Indiana would benefit from a similar planning program that addresses multiple factors, including transportation, land use, urban design, environmental considerations, and open space. (Note: This is also a recommendation of the Land Use Chapter).



| Trail/Sidepath                            | Location                        | Endpoints  |   | Notes  |          |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---|--|----------|
|   |                                 | North/West   | South/East                                |  |          |
| <b>Sheffield/Pulaski Park (Hammond)</b>   | Hammond                         | 3200 Sheffield   | Pulaski Park                              |  |          |
| <b>Torrence Median</b>                    | Hammond                         | Torrence & Gostlin                                       | Torrence and Hudson                       |  |          |
| <b>165th Sidepath</b>                     | Hammond                         | 165th & Hohman   | 165th & Harrison                          |  |          |
| <b>167th Sidepath</b>                     | Hammond                         | 167th & Indianapolis                                     | 165th & Osborn                            |  |          |
| <b>Indianapolis Boulevard</b>             | East Chicago                    | 129th & Indianapolis                                     | Columbus Dr & Indianapolis                | Reconfiguration to provide a protected path for pedestrians and bicyclists   | Priority |
| <b>Kennedy Ave Corridor</b>               | East Chicago, Hammond, Highland | Indianapolis & Carroll, East Chicago South Shore station | Little Calumet Trail                      | Key north-south connection from high volume transit station to major trail, hospitality, park, and commercial node | Priority |
| <b>Fisher Street Trail Gap</b>            | Munster, Highland               | East terminus of Fisher St Trail                         | Parkway and Lincoln                       | Stream and utility crossing that closes a major gap in east-west continuity  | Priority |
| <b>Power Easement path</b>                | Highland                        | Fisher Street “gap” west of Willowood Dr                 | Azalea St, east of Hawthorne Dr           |  |          |
| <b>Ridge Road crossing at Wicker Park</b> | Munster                         | Ridge & Hawthorne  | Ridge & Parkway                           | Short sidepath and protected pedestrian crossing at major park entrance  | Priority |
| <b>Monon South Extension</b>              | Munster/Dyer                    | 45th & Superior  | Main Street Dyer South Shore Line station | Trail along South Shore  |          |
| <b>Main Street</b>                        | Dyer, Highland                  | Main Street and Illinois state line                      | Main St & Wiggs Street                    | Complete street and/or sidepath, providing direct connection to Oak Savannah Trail from West Lake corridor         | Priority |
| <b>Old Plank Road</b>                     | Dyer, Griffith                  | Illinois state line                                      | Griffith Diamond at Broad Street          | Trail-Oriented Development (TrOD) opportunity at Sheffield crossing  |          |
| <b>W Avenue H</b>                         | Highland, Griffith              | Pennsy Greenway  | Erie-Lackawanna Trail                     | Connection of major trails, possible connection with a South Broad sidepath to business district                   |          |
| <b>Sheffield Avenue Sidepath</b>          | St John                         | 77th Avenue  | 93rd Avenue                               |  |          |
| <b>93rd Avenue Sidepath</b>               | St John                         | Sheffield Ave  | Patterson Dr                              |  |          |
| <b>Patterson Dr Sidepath</b>              | St John                         | 77th Avenue  | 93rd Avenue                               |  |          |
| <b>Bull Run Trail</b>                     | St John                         | Bull Run and Hedwig                                      | 109th Ave & Park Place                    |  |          |

Table 2-3: Summary of Additional Trails and Greenways

| Trail/Sidepath                               | Location                           | Endpoints                            |  | Notes  |  |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|  |                                    | North/West                           | South/East                                 |  |  |
| <b>Joliet St Sidepath</b>                    | St John                            | US 41 & Joliet                       | Joliet & Parrish                           | Connection to growth area and Crown Point  | Priority   |
| <b>NIPSCO Power Line Path</b>                | St John, Crown Point, Schererville | Park Place south of W 101st PI       | Pennsy Greenway south of W 91st Ave        | Important system link to St John, reduces need for sidepaths   | Priority   |
| <b>77th Ave Sidepath</b>                     | Schererville                       | Alexander St                         | Cline Ave                                  | Connection to Pennsy Greenway  |  |
| <b>85th Ave Sidepath</b>                     | Schererville                       | Alexander St                         | Cline Ave                                  | Connection to Pennsy Greenway  |  |
| <b>91st Avenue Sidepath</b>                  | Crown Point                        | Pennsy Greenway                      | Erie-Lackawanna Trail                      | Most attainable transition from Pennsy to Erie-Lackawanna. With power line and existing 93rd Avenue sidepath, creates substantial east-west continuity to Broadway, Ivy Tech, and county complex | Priority   |
| <b>Lincolnwood/Alexander Path</b>            | Schererville                       | SR 330/Joliet St                     | 85th Avenue & Alexander                    |  |  |
| <b>25th Ave Sidepath and Complete Street</b> | Gary                               | Orchard Dr                           | Broadway                                   | Street development could be a catalysis for development and reinforces a strong east-west connection   | Priority   |
| <b>Gary Elevated</b>                         | Gary                               | Marquette Greenway at West 2nd Place | Marquette Greenway north of I-90           | Very ambitious but potentially transformational project from a reinvestment point of view. Can provide a seed for the revitalization of the city   | Priority   |
| <b>41st Avenue Sidepath</b>                  | Gary                               | 41st Ave & Colfax                    | 39th Ave & Howard                          |  |  |
| <b>Power Line Corridor</b>                   | Hobart                             | E 33 Ave & Arizona                   | Clay and C&O Trail corridor                | Promising north-south corridor that can replace on-street routes   |  |
| <b>Little Calumet Trail Gap</b>              | Highland                           | West of Cine Ave                     | East of rail corridor terminating River Dr | Key railroad crossing to maintain east-west continuity of major trail  | Priority   |
| <b>Gleason Park</b>                          | Gary                               | Harrison Blvd split at Gleason Park  | 35th Ave & Harrison                        |  |  |
| <b>Merrillville Rd</b>                       | Merrillville/Crown Point           | 61st Ave & Harrison                  | Merrillville Rd and Center Ross Rd         |  | Priority for segments feeding C&O Trail: 61st Ave to US 30 |
| <b>Hidden Lake</b>                           | Merrillville                       | 56th Ave & Georgia                   | 66th & Madison                             |  | Priority with associated segment of Merrillville Rd route  |

Table 2-3: Summary of Additional Trails and Greenways

# Hammond/Whiting East Chicago-Gary

| Street Segment                                  | City or County  | Street or Road Type                                 | Length (mi) | Channel Width                                       | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions                              | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating                    | Destination/ Trails Served                              | Barriers and Treatment                              | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|---|-----------------|---|-------------|---|---|--|--------------|--|---|---|---|
| <b>129th St, Wolf Lake to Sheffield</b>         | Hammond         | Industrial minor arterial                           | 0.24        | 32'   | 2-lane undivided, LT lane at intersection   | Existing sidepath                                    | NA           | E                                      | Barstow Trailhead, Wolf Lake Trail, Sheffield Sidepath, | Grade crossing of low-use rail spur                 | Existing  |
| <b>129th St, Sheffield to Indianapolis Blvd</b> | Hammond/Whiting | Industrial minor arterial                           | 1.50        | 50'   | 4-lane undivided, 2-lane striping toward Indianapolis; channelized Calumet intersection | Narrow sidewalk, limited room for expansion          | NA           | E                                      |   | Not a ped environment                               | Lane diet with protected directional bike lanes   |
| <b>129th, Indianapolis to Dickey Rd</b>         | East Chicago    | Industrial minor arterial                           | 0.83        | 52'   | 2-lane striping, 4-lane width   | No sidewalk  | NA           | E                                      |   | Not a ped environment                               | Lane diet with protected directional bike lanes   |
| <b>Dickey Rd, 129th to Hemlock St</b>           | East Chicago    | Industrial minor arterial                           | 1.13        | 48'   | 2-lane striping   | No sidewalk and inadequate space for one, no parking | 9100         | E                                      | Marktown historic district                              | signal at Michigan Ave                              | Protected directional bike lanes  |
| <b>Hemlock, Dickey to Broadway (NB)</b>         | East Chicago    | Neighborhood local                                  | 0.21        | 36'   | 2-lane unstriped  | Sidewalks, 2-sided parking                           | NA           | NR-L                                   |   | 1-way NB  | NB bike lane  |
| <b>Alley and Parrish to Broadway (SB)</b>       | East Chicago    | Neighborhood local                                  | 0.25        | 42'   | 2-lane unstriped  | Sidewalks, 2-sided parking                           | NA           | NR-L                                   |   | Use of alley to connect to Hemlock                  | SB bike lane, signage and maintenance of alley  |
| <b>Broadway, Euclid to Guthrie</b>              | East Chicago    | Mixed use and city center street                    | 0.7         | 36', 48' Pulaski to Guthrie                         | 2-lane unstriped  | Sidewalks, enhanced streetscape                      | NA           | NR                                     | Main St business district                               | Essential parking                                   | Bicycle boulevard – signage, traffic calming; bike lanes east of Pulaski  |
| <b>Guthrie, Broadway to Cline</b>               | East Chicago    | Neighborhood collector                              | 0.56        | 53'   | Recent road configuration with repaving – 3-lane with 2-side parking                    | Wide sidewalk on south side                          | 3500         | NR                                     | Lakeside Gardens Apts                                   | Recent land reconfiguration, Cline Ave intersection | Remove TWTL to install bike lanes, or revise south sidewalk to SUP, extended to Cline   |
| <b>Cline, Guthrie to Chavez Dr roundabout</b>   | East Chicago    | Arterial, part of access system from SR 912 freeway | 0.28        | 60'   | 4-lane with median and shoulder on east side  | No sidewalk  | NA           | NR                                     |   | Traffic, Roundabout, Penske Leasing driveways       | Sidepath on west side, ties into possible adaptation of Guthrie sidepath  |
| <b>Industrial Highway, Cline to Clark Rd</b>    | Gary            | Industrial and airport related arterial             | 2.92        | 60 to 70'   | 5-lane with TWTL, 4-lane with shoulders at bridges                                      | No sidewalk  | 6927         | G                                      | Gary Airport, Airport SSL station                       | SR 912 ramps and Cline Ave roundabout               | Lane diet to 3 lanes with protected bike lane or sidepath on south side. Possible relocation of the road should include bike/ped provisions |
| <b>Clark Rd., Airport Rd to 15th Ave</b>        | Gary            | Collector with significant open land                | 1.25        | Varies, 42-60' north of 11th, 30' from 11th to 15th | 2-lane, no parking in narrower section  | Sidewalks with interruptions                         | NA           | G from Airport to 11th; F 11th to 15th | SSL Airport Station, Marquette Greenway, Brunswick Park | SSL gated grade crossing                            | Sidepath with sidewalk reconstruction; bike route signage for street  |

Table 2-4: Hammond/Whiting-East Chicago-Gary

# Hammond/Whiting East Chicago-Gary

| Street Segment                               | City or County | Street or Road Type                                       | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration                    | Adjacent ROW Conditions | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment                    | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|--|----------------|---|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---|---|---|
| W 5th Ave, Clark to Bridge St                | Gary           | Arterial highway  | 1.13        | 85'           | 4-lane divided with shoulders         | No sidewalks            | 13,000       | G                   | Bowman Leadership Academy   | Angled railroad crossing east of Chase St | Adapt wide shoulders as buffered directional bike lanes. Permit use of shoulder as a breakdown lane, defining the buffer zone with paint or an audible divider. Take directional lanes off road at the railroad crossing, require cyclists to walk bikes across tracks. |
| 5th Avenue (US 20) Bridge to Virginia,       | Gary           | Mixed use/ High density residential and downtown arterial | 2.20        | 57'           | 3-lane one-way EB with 2-side parking | Sidewalks               | NA           | G                   | Former high school site, Methodist Hospital, Rees Park, Downtown Gary, Metro Center SSL Station, Railcats Stadium |   | 3 to 2 lane reduction, making room for a parking protected EB cycle track/buffered bike lane  |
| 4th Avenue (US 20), Virginia to Bridge       | Gary           | Mixed use and downtown arterial                           | 2.20        | 43'           | 3-lane, one-way WB                    | Sidewalks               | NA           | G                   | Former high school site, Methodist Hospital, Rees Park, Downtown Gary, Metro Center SSL Station, Railcats Stadium |   | 3 to 2 lane reduction, making room for a parking protected WB cycle track/buffered bike lane  |
| Wabash Ave/7th Ave, 5th Avenue to Alabama St | Gary           | Continuous local street                                   | 3.05        | 30-36'        | 2-lane unstriped, parking             | Sidewalks               | NA           | NR-R                | Methodist Hospital, Buffington Park   |   | Bicycle boulevard   |

Table 2-5: Hammond/Whiting-East Chicago-Gary



# Whiting Connectors

| Street Segment  | City or County  | Street or Road Type  | Length (mi) | Channel Width                        | Lane Configuration   | Adjacent ROW Conditions            | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served  | Barriers and Treatment                              | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|---|-----------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>115th Street</b>   |                 |  |             |                                      |  |                                    |              |                     |  |   |   |
| <b>Lake Avenue, Bike Trail to E 115th St</b>                        | Whiting         | Neighborhood local. Includes pedestrian/bicycle crossing of railroad | 0.33        | 32'                                  | 2-lane unpainted, parking  | Sidewalks                          | NA           | E                   | Whiting Amtrak, Casino, Lakefront Park, Whihala Beach                                |   | Bicycle boulevard   |
| <b>E. 115th, Caroline to Ohio</b>                                   | Whiting         | Local Residential  | 0.24        | 32'                                  | 2-lane unpainted, parking  | Sidewalks                          | NA           | NR-L                | Access from Wolf Creek Trail to lakefront via Lake Avenue, avoiding Casino Center Dr | Unsignalized crossings at Indianapolis and Calumet  | Bicycle boulevard   |
| <b>Ohio Ave. 115th to 117th</b>                                     | Whiting         | Residential Collector  | 0.44        | 22-26'                               | 2-lane, no parking   | No sidewalks                       | NA           | NR-L                | Sports Complex, connecting to Lakefront Park   |   | Bicycle boulevard   |
| <b>Ohio/New York Avenue, 117th to 129th</b>                         | Whiting/Hammond | Residential Collector, some mixed uses                               | 1.50        | 36'                                  | 2-lane, parking  | Sidewalks, close building setbacks |              | E                   | Whiting HS, George Lake Trail, Calumet College                                       |   |   |
| <b>119th Street</b>   |                 |  |             |                                      |  |                                    |              |                     |  |   |   |
| <b>119th/Maiden Lane/Caroline/Warwick, Wolf Lake Trail to 120th</b> | Whiting         | Local Residential  | 0.30        | 28' with some wider divided sections | 2-lane, parking  | Sidewalk shoulders                 | NA           | NR-L                | Wolf Lake, Forsythe Sq   |   | Bicycle boulevard   |
| <b>120th, Warwick to Indianapolis</b>                               | Hammond         | Residential Collector  | 0.65        | 30'                                  | 2-lane, parking  | Sidewalks                          | NA           | NR-L                | GR Clark HS  | Offset signalized intersection at Indianapolis Blvd | Bicycle boulevard   |
| <b>Community Ct/Temple/Clark loop, Indianapolis to 119th</b>        | Whiting         | Business loop  | 0.16        | 35-45'                               | 2-lane, parking from Indianapolis to Temple, 1-way EB Temple to Clark with diagonal parking; 1-way SB on Temple to Community Ct. | Sidewalks                          | NA           | NR-L                | YMCA, 119th St District  | Circulation pattern                                 | Signage   |
| <b>119th, Clark to Front</b>  | Whiting         | Business district street   | 0.60        | 38'                                  | 2-lane striped, commercial parallel parking; sidepath east of New York   | Sidewalks, extensive streetscape   | 3914         | E west of New York  | Downtown Whiting, Oil City Stadium, Mascot Hall of Fame                              | Mixed traffic in main street district               | Signage, possible sidepath on south side between Bicycle Alley and Front Street |
| <b>Community Ct/Temple/Clark loop, Indianapolis to 119th</b>        | Whiting         | Business loop  | 0.16        | 35-45'                               | 2-lane, parking from Indianapolis to Temple, 1-way EB Temple to Clark with diagonal parking; 1-way SB on Temple to Community Ct. | Sidewalks                          | NA           | NR-L                | YMCA, 119th St District  | Circulation pattern                                 | Signage   |
| <b>119th, Clark to Front</b>  | Whiting         | Business district street   | 0.60        | 38'                                  | 2-lane striped, commercial parallel parking; sidepath east of New York   | Sidewalks, extensive streetscape   | 3914         | E west of New York  | Downtown Whiting, Oil City Stadium, Mascot Hall of Fame                              | Mixed traffic in main street district               | Signage, possible sidepath on south side between Bicycle Alley and Front Street |

Figure 2-6: Whiting Connectors

# Hammond-East Chicago Connectors

| Street Segment   | City or County | Street or Road Type                    | Length (mi) | Channel Width                                   | Lane Configuration   | Adjacent ROW Conditions  | ADT if known  | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served  | Barriers and Treatment                          | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|--|----------------|--|-------------|---|--|--|---------------|---------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>Hoffman/Chicago Ave</b>                                     |                |  |             |   |  |  |               |                     |  |   |   |
| <b>Hoffman, Torrence to White Oak</b>                          | Hammond        | Mixed use neighborhood avenue          | 1.11        | 39'   | 2-lane striped   | Sidewalks  | 9895          | E                   | Irving Park, Marquette Greenway  |   | Options: Bicycle boulevard, or one-sided parking with bike lanes, or striped parking lanes  |
| <b>148th St, White Oak to Bering</b>                           | East Chicago   | Residential collector                  | 0.35        | 36'   | 2-lane, parking  | Sidewalks  | NA            | E                   | Continuity   |   | Bicycle boulevard   |
| <b>Bering, 148th to Chicago</b>                                | East Chicago   | Neighborhood local                     | 0.13        | 29'   | 1-lane SB, parking both sides  | Back of curb sidewalks-wide on west side   | NA            | E                   | Library  | One-way traffic                                 | Bicycle boulevard, using wide sidewalk or adjacent alley for NB counterflow   |
| <b>Chicago Ave, Baring to Euclid</b>                           | East Chicago   | Minor arterial                         | 1.50        | 75' from Baring to Railroad, 60' east to Euclid | 4-lane, parking though business district,  | Sidewalks with streetscape from Baring to Railroad, sidewalk continuity on N. side to the east | 10,000-12,300 | NR-A                | Library, Business District, Canal bridge   | Traffic character                               | Lane diet to three lanes with protected bike lanes. Alternative local route uses Baring south to 151st, then Alexander/Melville N. to 148th, then east to Euclid. Bike lanes on 151st outside of residential areas. |
| <b>Euclid Ave, Broadway to Chicago</b>                         | East Chicago   | Neighborhood/industrial edge collector | 1.5         | 56'   | 2-lane with 2-side parking and bike lanes  | Sidewalks  | 4400          | E                   | Washington Park, Block Stadium   | Railroad gated grade crossing N. of Chicago Ave | Existing, enhance bike lanes with green lanes at intersections.   |
| <b>E 144th/Franklin, Euclid to Cardinal Dr</b>                 | East Chicago   | Neighborhood/civic collector           | 0.66        | 30-40'  | 2-lane unstriped, 2-side parking   | Sidewalks  | NA-L          | NR                  | Washington Park, Block Stadium, St Catherine Hospital, Block Middle School, Washington Elem School, Library, Kenny Lofton Fields |   | Bicycle boulevard;  |
| <b>Cardinal Dr/Butternut St/Chavez Mem Dr, Euclid to Cline</b> | East Chicago   | Neighborhood collector                 | 0.8         | 36' on local streets                            | 2-lane unstriped, parking  | Sidewalks  | NA-L          | NR                  | Block Middle School, Washington Elem School, Library,  |   | Bicycle Boulevard (0.5m); sidepath on south side of Chavez Dr to roundabout (0.3m)  |
| <b>Pulaski Park/Wabash to Hammond Gateway</b>                  |                |  |             |   |  |  |               |                     |  |   |   |
| <b>Sheffield, I-90 to 139th</b>                                | Hammond        | Mixed use collector                    | 0.36        | 60'   | 5-lane with TWTL and right turn lanes  | Sidewalk continuity on one side  | NA            | E                   | Pulaski Park   | Hohman/137th intersection with merge lanes      | Sidepath on west side, merging into Pulaski Park paths; or lane reduction to 3-lanes with protected bike lanes  |
| <b>Wabash Ave, 139th to Gostlin to Sheffield</b>               | Hammond        | Neighborhood boulevard                 | 0.86        | 50'   | 2-lane divided, parking  | Sidewalks  | NA            | NR-L                | Pulaski Park, Hammond Gateway SSL Station  |   | Bicycle boulevard, with short sidepath connection to Sheffield on Gostlin, crosswalks through roundabout, sidepath to Hanover and SSL station   |
| <b>South Shore Line connection, Torrence to Sheffield</b>      | Hammond        | Internal to TOD                        | NA          | NA  | Future   | NA   | NA            | NA                  | New TOD project, Hammond Gateway   |   | Incorporate into project design   |
| <b>Community Ct/ Temple/Clark loop, Indianapolis to 119th</b>  | Whiting        | Business loop                          | 0.16        | 35-45'  | 2-lane, parking from Indianapolis to Temple, 1-way EB Temple to Clark with diagonal parking; 1-way SB on Temple to Community Ct. | Sidewalks  | NA            | NR-L                | YMCA, 119th St District  | Circulation pattern                             | Signage   |
| <b>119th, Clark to Front</b>                                   | Whiting        | Business district street               | 0.60        | 38'   | 2-lane striped, commercial parallel parking; sidepath E of New York  | Sidewalks, extensive streetscape   | 3914          | E west of New York  | Downtown Whiting, Oil City Stadium, Mascot Hall of Fame  | Mixed traffic in main street district           | Signage, possible sidepath on south side between Bicycle Alley and Front Street   |

Table 2-7: Hammond-East Chicago Connectors

# Hammond-East Chicago Connectors

| Street Segment                                | City or County | Street or Road Type                | Length (mi) | Channel Width                                      | Lane Configuration   | Adjacent ROW Conditions   | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served  | Barriers and Treatment                                       | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|---|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------|--|--|---|--------------|---------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Marquette Greenway to Downtown Hammond</b> |                |                                    |             |  |  |   |              |                     |  |  |   |
| <b>Torrence, 143rd to Hoffman</b>             | Hammond        | Neighborhood boulevard             | 0.63        | 72' on divided sections, 32' on undivided sections | 2-lane with parking between Huehn and 143rd, 1-lane with 2-sided parking on east side of center median. Median includes shared use path. | Sidewalks   | NA           | NR-L                | Existing SSL Hammond station, future TOD with station relocation     | Street intersections that can be managed with four-way stops | Signage on undivided portion. New shared use path in median in gap between Gostlin and Hudson St. High visibility crossings of intersecting streets |
| <b>Johnson Ave, 143rd to Hoffman</b>          | Hammond        | Neighborhood avenue                | 0.63        | 34'  | 2-lane, parking  | Sidewalks   | NA           | E                   | Existing SSL Hammond station, future TOD with station relocation     | Chicago Street intersection                                  | Bicycle boulevard – alternate route to Torrence, connecting to Sohl Avenue sidepath and bike lanes  |
| <b>Sohl Avenue, Municipal Dr to Douglas</b>   | Hammond        | Compete street                     | 0.64        | 60'  | 2-lane, striped with protected bike lanes  | Sidewalk continuity on east side, both sides south of Michigan St | 2195         | E                   | –People’s Park, Renaissance Towers housing, City Baptist HS, Library |  | Existing  |
| <b>Sibley St, Sohl to Hohman</b>              | Hammond        | Complete street                    | 0.44        | 42-46'   | 2-lane striped with various bike lane types, 1-side parking  | Sidewalks   | NA           | E                   | Library, Erie-Lackawanna Trailhead, Downtown Hammond                 |  | Existing  |
| <b>Douglas St, Sohl to Hohman</b>             | Hammond        | Complete street                    | 0.44        | 46'  | 2-lane striped with protected bike lane types, 1-side parking  | Sidewalks   | NA           | E                   | Erie-Lackawanna Trail, Downtown Hammond                              |  | Existing  |
| <b>Hohman Complete Street</b>                 |                |                                    |             |  |  |   |              |                     |  |  |   |
| <b>Hohman, Douglas to 165th St</b>            | Hammond        | Community arterial                 | 1.32        | 58'  | 5-lane with TWTL, no parking   | Sidewalks   | 8607         | NR                  | Downtown, Harrison Park, Glendale Prk                                |  | Lane reduction to 3 lanes with protected bike lanes   |
| <b>Hohman, 165th to I-94</b>                  | Hammond        | Community arterial/complete street | 1.41        | 58'  | 2-lane with parking, protected bike lanes  | Sidewalks   | 9102         | NR                  | South Hammond SSL Station (Future)                                   | Hohman intersection  | Existing  |

Table 2-8: Hammond-East Chicago Connectors



## South Hammond to Miller via 167th and 15th Avenue

| Street Segment                             | City or County | Street or Road Type                       | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions  | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served  | Barriers and Treatment                                   | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|--|----------------|---|-------------|---------------|---|--|--------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>165th, Hohman to Harrison</b>           | Hammond        | Minor arterial                            | 0.30        | 58'           | 4-lane, parking on south side   | Back of curb sidewalks   | NA           | NR                  | Monon Trail  | Narrow existing sidewalk, parking on south side          | Restripe to 11' lanes, extend curb to provide space for standard sidepath  |
| <b>Harrison, 165th to Locust</b>           | Hammond        | Local residential                         | 0.25        | 38'           | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalks  | NA           | E                   | Continuity   |  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>Locust (167th), Harrison to Calumet</b> | Hammond        | Residential collector                     | 0.38        | 36'           | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalks  | NA           | E                   | Edison Park  | Signalized intersection at Calumet                       | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>167th, Calumet to Osborn</b>            | Hammond        | Mixed use and rural character collector   | 3.7         | 27-30'        | 2-lane, no parking in many cases, rural section segments                | Disconnected sidewalks, adequate right of way in most cases for a sidepath | NA           | E                   | Erie-Lackawanna Trail, Columbia Ave commercial node, Hammond Sportsplex, | Railroad junctions break continuity of 167th             | Bicycle boulevard, Preferred solution would be major east-west sidepath, also serving pedestrian needs and connections to trails and commercial. |
| <b>Osborn, 167th to 165th</b>              | Hammond        | Local industrial                          | 0.25        | 45'           | 2-lane unstriped  | Sidewalks, 2-sided parking   | NA           | NR-L                |  | Use of alley to connect to Hemlock                       | SB bike lane, signage and maintenance of alley   |
| <b>167th/Ohio, McCook to 169th</b>         | Hammond        | Residential collector                     | 1.80        | 28-36'        | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalks  | 3552         | E                   | Kennedy Corridor, Phrommer Park, Soccer Complex                          |  | Bicycle boulevard Northcote  |
| <b>15th Avenue, Ohio to Clark Rd</b>       | Gary           | Industrial and residential minor arterial | 2.2         | 36'-42'       | 2-lane, parking not prohibited but little demand, typical rural section | Intermittent sidewalks, more continuity on north side                      | 5841         | NR                  | Westside HS, connection to Gary system                                   | SR 912 interchange. Shoulders can function as bike lanes | Bike lanes   |
| <b>11th Ave, Clark to Central Ave</b>      | Gary           | Neighborhood collector                    | 3.2         | 50'           | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalks  | 3142         | G                   | Continuity   |  | Bike lanes   |
| <b>Central Ave, 11th to MLK/15th Ave</b>   | Gary           | Collector parallel to railroad            | 0.76        | 50'           | 2-lane, limited parking demand  | Sidewalk on one side with gaps   | 2054         | G                   | Continuity   |  | Bike lanes   |
| <b>15th Ave, MLK to Clay</b>               | Gary           | Collector                                 | 2.07        | 27'           | 2-lane striped, no parking  | No sidewalk  | NA           | E                   |  | Negotiates I-65/I-80/I-90 interchange                    | Bike route.  |
| <b>Clay, 15th to 7th Ave</b>               | Gary           | Community avenue                          | 0.65        | 58'           | 2-lane striped, parking   | Sidewalks  | 3906         | G                   | Services at US 20, continuity  | US 20 and SSL crossing                                   | Protected bike lanes   |
| <b>7th Ave, Clay to Lake</b>               | Gary           | Collector paralleling SSL                 | 0.66        | 38'           | 2-lane striped, no parking demand                                       | 1 side back of curb sidewalk   | NA           | E                   | Miller SSL station, Miller Business District                             |  | Protected bike lanes   |
| <b>Lake, 7th to 3rd Ave</b>                | Gary           | Business district street                  | 0.44        | 54'           | 2-lane striped, parallel parking, cycle track                           | Sidewalks, enhanced streetscape  | 2068         | E                   | Miller business district   |  | Existing   |

Table 2-9: South Hammond to Miller via 167th and 15th Avenue

# South Hammond to Gary via 25th Avenue

| Street Segment                          | City or County | Street or Road Type                 | Length (mi) | Channel Width                                    | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions   | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment           | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|--|---|---|--------------|---------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>173rd, Hohman to Northcote</b>       | Hammond        | Neighborhood avenue                 | 1.8         | 36'-42'  | 2-lane striped, parking                                   | Sidewalks   | 4924         | G                   | South Hammond SSL Station, Monon Trail, O'Bannon ES, Erie-Lackawanna Trail, YMCA        |                                  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>171st, Northcote to Orchard</b>      | Hammond        | Neighborhood local with campus path | 1.4         | 28'  | 2-lane, parking. Alley access between 171st and Orchard   | Sidewalks except along greenways  |              | E                   | Purdue NW Campus, Morton ES, Baring and Knickerbocker Greenways                         |                                  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>Orchard, 171st to 177th/25th Ave</b> | Hammond        | Neighborhood collector              | 1.4         | 30' north of 173rd, 48' south                    | 2-lane north of 173rd, 4 lane with parking south of 173rd | Sidewalks, some back of curb  | 3367         | E                   | Hessville Park, Dowling Park, Jean Shepherd Community Center via local streets, Hess ES | 173rd intersection is signalized | Bicycle boulevard north of 173rd; lane reduction to 3 lanes with bike lanes south of 173rd to 177th                |
| <b>25th Ave, SR 912 to Clark Rd</b>     | Gary           | Mixed use semi-rural arterial       | 2.25        | 24'; short segment of 117th St in Hammond is 36' | 2-lane rural section                                      | No sidewalks in rural section from SR 912 to Clark; significant amount of open ground | 2628         | E                   | Seberger Park, Truck Stop services at Burr St interchange, Casino south of interchange  |                                  | Bicycle boulevard short term because of low traffic volume; sidepath   |
| <b>25th Ave, Clark to Grant</b>         | Gary           | Minor arterial                      | 2.0         | 67'  | 4-lane divided, no parking                                | Some sidewalk gaps. Substantial adjacent vacant land                                  | 4885         | E                   | Methodist Hospital Mid-Lake campus  |                                  | Complete street treatment – one travel lane on each side of median with buffered bike lane.                        |
| <b>25th Ave, Grant to Broadway</b>      | Gary           | Minor arterial                      | 1.0         | 56'  | 4-lane, parking   | Some sidewalk gaps. Scattered vacant lots   | 2027         | E                   | Roosevelt Park, Michael Jackson House   |                                  | Complete street treatment – Lane reduction to 2 lanes with protected left turns where needed, protected bike lanes |
| <b>25th Ave, Broadway to Ellis Ave</b>  | Gary           | Neighborhood collector              | 0.4         | 30'  | 2-lane striped, parking                                   | Sidewalks   |              | E                   | Continuity  |                                  | Bicycle boulevard  |

Table 2-10: South Hammond to Gary via 25th Avenue



# Munster Center to Downtown Hobart via Ridge Road

| Street Segment                                      | City or County    | Street or Road Type                     | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions                           | ADT if known         | Greenway Map Rating                    | Destination/Trails Served  | Barriers and Treatment                                  | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------|---------------|---|---|----------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Ridge Rd, Illinois state line to Parkway Dr         | Munster           | Minor arterial                          | 2.4         | 50-60'        | 4-lane, no parking  | Sidewalks   | 18422                | NR-A; F for one segment                | SSL Munster Station, Penny Trail, Monon Trail, Munster business district, Monon Trail, Arts Center, Town hall, Wicker Park |   | Lane reduction to 3 lanes with protected cycle track. First phase to Columbia Ave                                |
| Lincoln St, Parkway to Grace St                     | Highland          | Neighborhood collector                  | 1.7         | 30-36'        | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalks   | 3151                 | E                                      | Brantwood Park, Lincoln Community Center, Erie-Lackawanna Trail, Highland Christian School, Main Square Park               |   | Bicycle boulevard; Fisher Street Trail joins at Parkway and Lincoln  |
| Grace St, Lincoln to Wirth Rd                       | Highland          | Neighborhood collector                  | 0.25        | 32            | 2-lane striped, parking                                   | Sidewalks   | NA                   | NR                                     | Continuity   | Signalized intersection at Calumet                      | Bicycle boulevard  |
| Wirth Rd, Grace to Broad                            | Highland/Griffith | Mixed use and rural character collector | 1.0         | 32            | 2-lane, parking   | Some sidewalk gaps, best continuity on south side | NA                   | E                                      | Griffith YMCA  | Signalized intersection at Cline                        | Bicycle boulevard  |
| Broad, Wirth to Minter Dr                           | Griffith          | Minor arterial                          | 0.22        | 50'           | 4-lane, no parking  | Sidewalks, with wide sidewalk on east side        | 8195                 | NA                                     | Griffith YMCA  | Wirth and Broad intersection crossing                   | Adapt wide sidewalk on east side for shared use  |
| Minter/40th Pl, Broad to Colfax                     | Griffith          | Residential collector                   | 0.82        | 31'           | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalks. Sidewalk ends at Oakwood Ave           | NA                   | E                                      | Griffith YMCA, Calumet New Tech HS   |   | Bicycle boulevard; sidepath needed on Colfax from 41st Ave to Ridge Road intersection far access to high school. |
| 41st Ave, Colfax to Grant                           | Gary              | Collector                               | 3.0         | 24'           | 2-lane striped, no parking, rural section                 | No sidewalks                                      | NA                   | G                                      | Lake Ridge Tech MS, Lighthouse Charter School  |   | Sidepath on one side for shared use because of lack of sidewalks   |
| 41st Ave, Grant to Broadway                         | Gary              | Collector                               | 1.0         | 30            | 2-lane striped, no parking,                               | Sidewalks generally present but deteriorated      | NA                   | G west of Harrison, F east to Broadway | Lake Ridge Tech MS, Lighthouse Charter School  |   | Reconstruct and upgrade sidewalk on one side to sidepath standard  |
| 40th Ave/MKL Dr, Broadway to 39th Ave               | Gary              | Local residential                       | 1.5         | 24'           | 2-lane, no parking  | Sidewalks are present in places, no continuity    | NA. 4147 on 39th Ave | NR-L                                   | Hidden Prairie Wetlands  | Reroute from 41st Ave because of closure of RR crossing | Reconstruct and upgrade sidewalk on one side to sidepath standard  |
| 39th Ave/Old Ridge Rd, I-65 overpass to Hansen Blvd | Hobart            | Rural collector                         | 1.05        | 30'           | 2-lane rural section, no parking                          | Sidewalk continuity on south side                 | NA                   | G                                      | Greiner Preserve, Ridge View ES, Hillman Park  |   | Bike lanes on existing pavement with 10-11' travel lanes. Fill sidewalk gaps                                     |
| Old Ridge Rd, Hanson Blvd to Main St                | Hobart            | Minor arterial                          | 2.0         | 38'           | 2-lane with bike lanes, no parking                        | Sidewalks   | 7146                 | G                                      | Hillman Park, Wisconsin Ave node, Festival Park, Downtown Hobart   |   | Existing   |
| Main St, Old Ridge to Prairie Duneland Tr           | Hobart            | Town center main street                 | 0.47        | 34'-48'       | 2-lane striped with parallel parking in business district | Sidewalks   | NA                   | G/NR                                   | Downtown Hobart  |   | Shared use street  |

Table 2-11: Munster Center to Downtown Hobart via Ridge Road

## Fran-Lin Connector: Munster to Highland

| Street Segment                               | City or County    | Street or Road Type    | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration                     | Adjacent ROW Conditions | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served                           | Barriers and Treatment               | Recommended Infrastructure                    |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Fran-Lin                                     |                   |                        |             |               |  |                         |              |                     |   |                                      |   |
| Fran-Lin Pkwy, Calumet to Azalea Dr/45th St  | Munster           | Neighborhood parkway   | 1.68        | 63'           | 2-lane divided, parking and bike lanes | Sidewalks               | 2547         | E                   | Calumet corridor, Hammond Park and ES, Stewart Park |                                      | Existing bike lanes                           |
| Azalea Dr/Southmoor Ave, Fran-Lin to Hart Rd | Munster, Highland | Neighborhood collector | 0.73        | 30-36'        | 2-lane, parking                        | Sidewalks               | NA           | E                   | Medows Park   |                                      | Bicycle boulevard                             |
| Hart Rd/Erie St, Southmoor to 41st St        | Highland          | Neighborhood collector | 0.86        | 28-36'        | 2-lane parking                         | Sidewalks               | 3428         | E                   | Highland Middle School                              | Signalized intersection at Indy Blvd | Bicycle boulevard                             |
| 41st St, Liable St, Erie to Wirth Rd         | Highland          | Neighborhood collector | 1.2         | 31'           | 2-lane parking                         | Sidewalks               | 3563         | E                   | Erie-Lackawanna Trail, Southridge ES, Sheppard Park |                                      | Bicycle boulevard. Joins With Rd/Hobart Route |

Table 2-12: Fran-Lin Connector: Munster to Highland

## Dyer-Chesterton via Main Street and Trails

| Street Segment                                     | City or County  | Street or Road Type                                 | Length (mi) | Channel Width                               | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions                         | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment                                      | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|--|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|--------------|---------------------|---|---|--|
| Main, State line to Munster city line (Cypress Dr) | Munster   | Minor arterial                                      | 2.3         | Varies, 22-24' wider at major intersections | 2-lane rural section, no parking  | No sidewalks in most places, some path segments | 13600        | NR-A                | Dyer SSL Station, Centennial Park, Monon Trail (fut) Penny Trail,                     |   | Compete street. Sidepath or ped/bike infrastructure connected with street reconstruction or widening   |
| Main St. Cypress Dr to RR crossing                 | Munster, Griffith                                       | Minor arterial                                      | 2.0         | 24'   | 2-lane striped rural section  | No sidewalks                                    | NA           | NR-A                | Major commercial node at Indy Blvd, Hoosier Prairie State Preserve, RR grade crossing | Impact on Nature Preserve of any infrastructure development | Shared use sidepath  |
| Main St, RR to Rensselaer St                       | Griffith  | Minor arterial                                      | 0.6         | 42'   | 2-lane striped with striped shoulders, no parking; bike lanes in Downtown   | Sidewalks                                       | 7040         | NR-A                | Erie Lackawanna Trail, Downtown Griffith  |   | Bike lanes using existing shoulders – possible definition of buffers. Existing bike lanes through town center. Reverse diagonal parking to back-in on Lafayette to Rensselaer block. |
| Main St, Rensselaer to Johnson Rd                  | Griffith, Lake County                                   | Minor arterial with residential and industrial uses | 1.86        | 24-40'                                      | 2-lane striped, with left turn lanes at some intersections. Painted shoulder on one side on western reaches, no parking | No sidewalks                                    | NA           | NR-A                | Oak-Savannah  |   | Sidepath   |
| Oak-Savannah and Prairie Duneland Trails           | Lake County, Hobart, Porter County, Portage, Chesterton | Trail   | 18.5        | 10'   | NA  | NA  | NA           | NA                  |   |   | Existing regional trail  |

Table 2-13: Dyer-Chesterton via Main Street and Trails

## 77th Ave/Lincoln Highway to Deep River

| Street Segment  | City or County                                       | Street or Road Type                       | Length (mi) | Channel Width   | Lane Configuration   | Adjacent ROW Conditions  | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment   | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|---|--|---|-------------|---|--|--|--------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>77th Ave, Sheffield to Cline</b>                   | Dyer, Schererville                                   | Rural minor arterial                      | 4.45        | 24' typical rural section, wider with turn lanes at major intersections | 2-lane striped, no parking   | No sidewalks   | 4509         | G                   | Stephen Park, Schererville Soccer, Pennsy Greenway, Rohrman Park, Grimmer MS          | Route continuity crossing US 30. Proposed sidepath along Cline from roundabout to 75th Ave | Compete street. Sidepath or ped/bike infrastructure connected with street reconstruction or widening |
| <b>Heavier traffic east of Lincolnwood</b>            | Bike route (Exp), sidepath from Lincolnwood to Cline | Minor arterial                            | 2.0         | 24'   | 2-lane striped rural section   | No sidewalks   | NA           | NR-A                | Major commercial node at Indy Blvd, Hoosier Prairie State Preserve, RR grade crossing | Impact on Nature Preserve of any infrastructure development                                | Shared use sidepath  |
| <b>75th Ave, Cline to Mallard Ln</b>                  | Schererville   | Rural residential, neighborhood collector | 1.85        | 22-24' rural sections, 32-37'   | 2-lane, no parking on narrow rural sections, parking in urban subdivisions | No sidewalks in rural sections or with backyard on frontage; sidewalks in subdivisions | 1005         | E                   |   |  |  |
| <b>Mallard Ln, 75th Ave to 73rd Ave</b>               | Schererville   | Residential collector                     | 0.20        | 36'   | 2-lane and 2-lane divided, no parking                                      | Sidewalks along residential lots   | NA           | E                   | Continuity  |  | Bike route   |
| <b>73rd Ave (Old Lincoln Hwy) Mallard to Broadway</b> | Merrillville   | Rural/urban minor arterial                | 3.15        | 24'-36'   | 2-lane striped, no parking   | Discontinuous sidewalks  | NA           | NR-A                | Giddings ES, C&O Trail  | Traffic and road width   | Sidepath   |
| <b>Old Lincoln Hwy, Broadway to County Line Rd</b>    | Merrillville, Hobart                                 | Rural collector                           |             | 22-24'  | 2-lane striped, no parking   | No sidewalks   | NA           | G                   | Veterans Mem Park, Woods ES, Deep River County Park                                   |  | Bike route (Exp)   |

Table 2-14: 77th Ave/Lincoln Highway to Deep River



## 85th Ave: St. John to Schererville

| Street Segment                                 | City or County | Street or Road Type          | Length (mi) | Channel Width                   | Lane Configuration                  | Adjacent ROW Conditions       | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served | Barriers and Treatment  | Recommended Infrastructure                            |
|--|----------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| 86th Ave/Ventura Trails Dr, Patterson to US 41 | St John        | Neighborhood local           | 0.57        | 16'-36'                         | 2-lane, parking                     | Sidewalks                     | NA           | NR-R                | Lake Central HS           | 86th Ave is alley width, should be upgraded; Signalized crossing of US 41 | Bike route, sidepath on US 41 to resolve 85th Ave jog |
| 85th Ave, US 41 to Cline                       | St John        | Rural collector              | 2.06        | 22-24'                          | 2-lane striped, no parking          | No sidewalks in rural section | 4200         | F                   | Continuity                |   | Sidepath  |
| 85th Ave, Cline to Pennsy Greenway             | Schererville   | Neighborhood collector       | 1.00        | 34'                             | 2-lane, parking                     | Sidewalks                     | NA           | F                   | Pennsy Greenway           |   | Bicycle boulevard                                     |
| 85th Ave, Greenway to Burr                     | Schererville   | Neighborhood/rural collector | 0.66        | 32' in urban area, 22' in rural | 2-lane, no parking on rural segment | No sidewalks                  | NA           | F                   | Continuity                |   | Bicycle boulevard                                     |
| 85th Place/Pine Island Dr, Burr to E-L Trail   | Schererville   | Neighborhood local           |             | 26'                             | 2-lane rural section                | No sidewalks                  | NA           | E                   | Erie-Lackawanna Trail     |   | E-L Trail access on Pine Island                       |

Table 2-15: 85th Ave: St. John to Schererville

## St John to Crown Point via Joliet Street

| Street Segment   | City or County | Street or Road Type    | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration   | Adjacent ROW Conditions           | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment              | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|--|----------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Patterson, 77th to 86th Ave                            | St John        | Neighborhood collector | 1.3         | 24-40'        | 2-lane with turn lanes to north, 2-lane rural section to south, no parking | No sidewalks                      | 7072         | G south of 81st     | Continuity  | Pavement width                      | Sidepath to provide shared use access                                     |
| Patterson, 86th Ave to 93rd Ave                        | St John        | Collector              | 1.0         | 24'           | 2-lane striped, rural section. No parking                                  | No sidewalks                      | 7072         | NR-A                | US 41 commercial services   |                                     | Sidepath  |
| 93rd Ave/US 41, 93rd Ave to Joliet St                  | St John        | Major arterial         | 0.20        | 60'           | 5-lane with TWTL, no parking   | Back of curb sidewalks            | 27958        | NR-A                | Commercial services   | Signalized intersection at 93rd Ave | Sidepath with enhanced crosswalk  |
| Joliet St, US 41 to Parrish Ave                        | St John        | Collector              | 1.32        | 24-32'        | 2-lane striped, rural section, no parking                                  | Intermittent sidewalks            | 5207         | G                   | Continuity  |                                     | Sidepath  |
| 101st Ave, Parrish to Park Pl                          | St John        | Collector              | 0.64        | 24'           | 2-lane striped, rural section, no parking                                  | No sidewalks                      | 5207         | G                   | Continuity  |                                     | Existing path   |
| 101st Ave/Clark Rd/105th Ave, Park Pl to White Hawk Dr | Crown Point    | Rural collector        | 3.30        | 22'           | 2-lane striped, rural section, no parking                                  | No sidewalks                      | 3290         | G                   | Continuity  |                                     | Bike route in short-term. Future upgrade should include bike/ped facility |
| Summit St, White Hawk to Merrillville Road             | Crown Point    | Collector              | 1.10        | 27-35'        | 2-lane striped, no parking   | Sidewalks east of Timothy Ball ES |              | G                   | Timothy Ball ES, Erie-Lackawanna Trailhead, Main St commercial services |                                     | Sidepath; bike lanes on street when width permits                         |

Table 2-16: St John to Crown Point via Joliet Street

# Cedar Lake to Crown Point

| Street Segment                                       | City or County          | Street or Road Type                | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions | ADT if known                | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served                    | Barriers and Treatment | Recommended Infrastructure      |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Lee St, Lake Shore to Vermillion Dr</b>           | Cedar Lake              | Regional collector                 | 0.20        | 28'           | 2-lane striped, rural section, no parking                         | No sidewalks            | 5128                        | G                   |  |                        | Enhanced bike route             |
| <b>Vermillion Dr/ Colfax/125th Ave/, Lee to Burr</b> | Cedar Lake, Lake County | Rural roads                        | 1.77        | 24'           | 2-lane striped, rural section                                     |                         | 745-1133                    | G                   |  |                        | Enhanced bike route             |
| <b>Burr/121st Ave, 125th Ave to Court St</b>         | Crown Point             | Rural collector                    | 2.22        | 24'           | 2-lane striped, rural section                                     | No sidewalks            | 1906-3528; 5500 at east end | G                   | Lake County Fairgrounds                      |                        |                                 |
| <b>Court St/Main St 121st to South St</b>            | Crown Point             | Community street-historic district | 1.03        | 35'           | 2-lane striped, one-way bike lane pair, limited on-street parking | Sidewalks               | 8429                        | G/E                 | City Center                                  |                        | Existing one-way bike lane pair |
| <b>Court/West St, South to Summit St</b>             | Crown Point             | Neighborhood collectors            | 1.00        | 25-30'        | 1-lane one-way, 1 side parking, directional bike lanes            | Sidewalks               | NA                          | E                   | Courthouse Square, Erie-Lackawanna Trailhead |                        | Existing one-way pair           |

Table 2-17: Cedar Lake to Crown Point



# Lake Station to Portage Beach/Valparaiso: Shared Route to Iron Horse Trail

| Street Segment  | City or County        | Street or Road Type    | Length (mi) | Channel Width                | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions                       | ADT if known            | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/ Trails Served              | Barriers and Treatment   | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Fairview, Howard to Knox</b>   | Lake Station          | Local service road     | 0.34        | 30'                          | 2-lane, striped parking lane on south side                                  | Sidewalk on north side, terminates at library | NA                      | NR                  | Lake Station civic campus, library      | Retaining wall between Fairview and Central Ave  | Expand sidewalk to trail standard to Jay Street. Convert to bicycle boulevard with parking lane also used as an EB bike lane |
| <b>Fairview, Knox to Ripley</b>   | Lake Station          | Local service road     | 1.0         | 34'-39'                      | 2-lane, variable configurations with EB bike lane and striped parking lanes | 1 side sidewalk                               | NA                      | NR                  | Rearage for Central Ave businesses      | Adjacency to Ripley and Central intersection requires diversion to Central signalized crossing | Standardize on dual purpose parking/bike lane on north side, bike lane on south  |
| <b>Fairview/St Joseph Place, Ripley to Union</b>                          | Lake Station          | Local service road     | 0.48        | 18-24'                       | 2-lane and 1-lane alley   | No sidewalk                                   | NA                      | NR-L                | Alley for Central Avenue frontage       |  | Bicycle boulevard and alley  |
| <b>Union St, Fairview to 25th Ave</b>                                     | Lake Station          | Collector              | 0.14        | 24'                          | 2-lane striped, no parking  | Intermittent sidewalk                         | NA                      |                     |   |  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>25th Ave/ Vanderburg St/26th Ave(Independence Ave), Union to Brown</b> | Lake Station, Portage | Neighborhood local     | 1.27        | Varies, 24-30'               | 2-lane, hybrid section, parking   | Intermittent sidewalk                         | NA                      | NR-L                | Continuity                              |  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>Brown/Mulberry, Independence Ave to Vivian St</b>                      | Portage               | Neighborhood collector | 1.72        | 24'                          | 2-lane striped, no parking  | Intermittent sidewalk                         | NA                      | NR-L                | Continuity                              |  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>Mulberry, Vivian St to Hamstrom Rd</b>                                 | Portage               | Neighborhood collector | 0.40        | 30'                          | 2-lane divided section east of Vivian, 2-lane parking                       | Sidewalk                                      | NA                      | NR-L                | Founders Square, Prairie Duneland Trail |  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>Hamstrom Rd, Prairie Duneland to Iron Horse Trails/Crisman Rd</b>      | Portage               | Collector              | 1.08        | 26' widens at Central Avenue | 2-lane, parking south of Defiance Ave                                       | Sidewalk                                      | 5302 (north of Central) | E/F                 | Two major trails, Founders Square       |  | Bicycle boulevard, sidepath north of Defiance Ave  |

Table 2-18: Lake Station to Portage Beach/Valparaiso: Shared Route to Iron Horse Trail





# Lake Station to Portage Beach/Valparaiso: Branches

| Street Segment   | City or County            | Street or Road Type                          | Length (mi) | Channel Width                               | Lane Configuration   | Adjacent ROW Conditions | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment   | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|--|---------------------------|--|-------------|---|--|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>Portage Lakefront Branch</b>  |                           |  |             |   |  |                         |              |                     |   |  |   |
| <b>Crisman Rd, Portage Ave/ Iron Horse Trail to Crisman Bypass bend</b>            | Portage                   | Neighborhood local                           | 0.35        | 22'   | 2-lane rural section, no parking   | No sidewalks            | NA           | NR-L                | Iron Horse Trail  | Railroad grade crossing. Right-of-way character does not support sidepath. | Bicycle boulevard.  |
| <b>Crisman Rd, Willowcreek Bypass to Melton Rd</b>                                 | Portage                   | Minor arterial                               | 0.48        | 48'   | 4-lane, no parking   | Sidewalk on east side   | NA           | NR-A                | Continuity  | Transition to local Crisman Rd south of the bypass bend                    | Upgrade sidewalk to sidepath  |
| <b>Melton Rd (US 20), Crisman Rd to Jensen Dr</b>                                  | Portage                   | Major arterial                               | 0.50        | 60' widening to 72' at Crisman intersection | 4-lane with narrow shoulders   | No sidewalks            | NA           | NR-A                | Interchange visitor services  | US 20 and Crisman intersection   | Sidepath. Adaptation of intersection to improve pedestrian crossing                                   |
| <b>Ameriplex Dr/ Daniel Burnham Dr/ Jensen St, Crisman Rd to Melton Rd (US 20)</b> | Portage                   | Shared use path along office park collectors | 1.06        | 10'   | NA   | NA                      | NA           | NR                  | Continuity  | Jensen Dr underpass of I-94  | Existing sidepaths  |
| <b>Crisman Rd, Burns Parkway to US Steel Bridge Road</b>                           | Portage                   | Major arterial                               | 0.57        | 110'  | 4-lane divided with paved shoulders  | No sidewalks or paths   | NA           | G                   | Ameriplex   |  | Sidepath  |
| <b>Riverwalk Trail, Marquette Greenway Bridge to Lakefront</b>                     | Portage                   | Shared use path                              | 0.66        | 8'  | NA   | NA                      | NA           | PT                  | Portage Riverwalk and Lakefront   |  | Existing. Follows planned Marquette Greenway route, crossing under US 12 and SSL tracks to Crisman Rd |
| <b>Valparaiso Branch</b>   |                           |  |             |   |  |                         |              |                     |   |  |   |
| <b>Airport Rd, Prairie Duneland Trail to Robbins Rd</b>                            | Portage                   | Rural minor arterial                         | 1.93        | 24'   | 2-lane rural section, no parking on Airport. 4 lane divided highway corridor on US 6 | No sidewalks            | 6459         | F                   | Prairie Duneland Trail, soccer complex, Portage HS campus                         |  | Sidepath  |
| <b>Robbins Rd, Airport Rd to Calumet Ave</b>                                       | Portage, Porter County    | Rural collector                              | 6.46        | 22'   | 2-lane rural   | No sidewalks            | 1200-1800    | G                   | Future Dunes Kankakee Trail, Chesterton services                                  |  | Enhanced bike route   |
| <b>Calumet Ave, Robbins Rd to Edgewater Beach</b>                                  | Porter County, Valparaiso | Rural collector – local route to SR 49       | 3.38        | 24'   | 2-lane rural   |                         |              | NR                  | Northwest Health, Moraine Nature Preserve, connection to in-city trail on Calumet |  | Bike route (experienced).   |

Table 2-19: Lake Station to Portage Beach/Valparaiso: Branches

# Indianapolis Boulevard

| Street Segment   | City or County | Street or Road Type                    | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration | Adjacent ROW Conditions                                       | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment   | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|--|----------------|--|-------------|---------------|--------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>Indianapolis Blvd, 129th to Columbus Ave</b>                | East Chicago   | Major arterial/ US 20                  | 1.56        | 65'           | 4-lane,            | Sidewalls on one side, in some cases with a patterned setback | 12500        | NR-A                | Wolf and George Lake, E. Chicago Central High School, main connecting route | Existing street section, surrounding heavy industrial environment with truck traffic | Reconfiguration of street, using width more effectively. Continuous sidepath, in some cases requiring move of curb; or reallocation to 3 lanes or four 11-foot lanes and protected cycle track |
| <b>Columbus Ave, Indianapolis to Baring</b>                    | East Chicago   | Minor arterial, Indianapolis to Baring | 0.14        | 45'           | 2-lane, parking    | Sidewalks, sidepath on north side                             | 7891         | NR-A                | Central High School   | Signal at Indy Blvd may make a protected crossing at Baring difficult                | Improved ped crossing at Baring, or crossing to south side of Columbus, using local street access to Baring  |
| <b>Baring Ave/ Magoun Ave pair, Columbus to Kosciusko Park</b> | East Chicago   | Neighborhood local streets,            | 1.25        | 30'           | 1-lane one-way     | Sidewalks   | NA           | NR-L                | Harrison ES, Kosciusko Park, SSL East Chicago station                       |  | Bicycle boulevard  |

Figure 3.19. Indianapolis Boulevard

# Columbia Avenue: Hammond to St. John

| Street Segment   | City or County | Street or Road Type | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration                                     | Adjacent ROW Conditions                         | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment                  | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|--|----------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|--|---|--------------|---------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Columbia Ave, 167th to 175th</b>                        | Hammond        | Neighborhood avenue | 1.00        | 45'-48'       | 2-lane striped, parking                                | Sidewalks                                       | NA           | NR-A                | Erie-Lackawanna Trail (bridge)  |   | Bicycle boulevard. Bike lane in one direction  |
| <b>Columbia Ave, 175th to Little Calumet River</b>         | Hammond        | Neighborhood avenue | 0.81        | 30-36'        | 2-lane striped, no parking, I-94 bridge and approached | 1 side sidewalk                                 | 7620         | NR-A                | Little Calumet Trail, Riverside Park, Optimist Park   | I-94 bridge and narrow approaches       | Bike lanes where width permits, 10.5' travel lanes   |
| <b>Columbia Ave, Little Cal to Fisher St</b>               | Munster        | Neighborhood avenue | 1.28        | 36'           | 3-lane with TWTL, no parking                           | Sidewalks                                       | NA           | NR-A                | Wilbur Wright MS, Munster HS, Columbia sidepath, Fisher Street Trail, Pennsy Greenway/Centennial Park |   | Reconfiguration to 2 lanes and bike lanes. Connects to path south of Fisher St                     |
| <b>Columbia, Sheffield, Centennial Park to Matteson St</b> | Munster/ Dyer  | Collector           | 2.79        | 36'           | 3-lane with TWTL, no parking                           | No sidewalk from Centennial Park to Old Farm Rd | 4700-7800    | NR-A                | Centennial Park, SSL Dyer Station, Dyer Amtrak station, Old Plank Trail (fut)                         |   | Sidepath south of Main St. Alternatively, reconfiguration to 2 lanes with bike lanes south of Main |
| <b>Hart St, Matteson to 77th Ave</b>                       | Dyer, St John  | Minor arterial      | 1.38        | 42' typical   | 3-lane with TWTL, no parking                           | Sidewalk continuity on one side                 | 12100        | NR-A                | Dyer business district, Franciscan-Dyer, Pheasant Hills Park  | US 30 intersection, multiple turn lanes | Reconfiguration with narrower travel lanes and bike lanes  |
| <b>Sheffield, 77th Ave to 93rd Ave</b>                     | St John        | Minor arterial      | 2.00        | 24-36'        | 2 and 3-lane rural section, no parking                 | Sidewalks between 77th and 81st                 | 8225         | NR-A                | Mallard Grove Park, George Bibich ES, Eberly Park   |   | Sidepath   |
| <b>93rd Ave, Sheffield to US 41</b>                        | St John        | Collector           | 2.45        | 24'           | 2-lane rural section, no parking                       | No sidewalks                                    | 6167         | NR-A                | Continuity with Joliet St-Crown Point route   | US 41 crossing                          | Sidepath   |

Table 2-20: Columbia Avenue: Hammond to St. John

## Northcote Connector

| Street Segment   | City or County | Street or Road Type    | Length (mi) | Channel Width                                   | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions                   | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment  | Recommended Infrastructure |
|--|----------------|------------------------|-------------|---|---|---|--------------|---------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Northcote, 167th to 175th</b>                         | Hammond        | Neighborhood collector | 1.1         | 30', 42' section between 173rd and Southeastern | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalks                                 | NA           | NR-L                | Hammond Sportsplex/Community Center, Jefferson ES, Hammond YMCA, Erie-Lackawanna Trail      | Requires two short links to use existing HAWK signal at E-L trail crossing of 175th; 173rd intersection require high visibility crosswalk | Bicycle boulevard          |
| <b>Northcote, 175th to South River Dr</b>                | Hammond        | Neighborhood local     | 0.8         | 25'   | 2-lane, parking. Alley access between 171st and Orchard   | Sidewalks except along greenways          | NA           | NR-L                | Little Calumet Trail access and bridge  | Existing I-94 underpass   | Bicycle boulevard          |
| <b>S. River and Hawthorne Dr, Little Cal to Ridge Rd</b> | Munster        | Neighborhood lane      | 0.8         | 20'   | 2-lane north of 173rd, 4-lane with parking south of 173rd | Sidewalk on east side, levee wall to west | NA           | E                   | Wicker Park   | Ridge Road crossing for connectivity. Requires sidepath to Parkway Dr and protected crosswalk at Ridge and Parkway                        | Bicycle boulevard          |
| <b>Parkway Dr, Ridge Rd to Lincoln</b>                   | Highland       | Neighborhood local     | 0.34        | 29'   | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalk back of curb on west side only   | NA           | NR-L                | Brantwood Park, Fisher Street Trail with closing of gap connecting Fisher Trail and Lincoln | Creek and power line crossings between Fisher and Lincoln   | Bicycle boulevard          |

Table 2-21: Northcote Connector

## 5th Street Connector: Highland

| Street Segment  | City or County | Street or Road Type    | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration | Adjacent ROW Conditions | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served  | Barriers and Treatment | Recommended Infrastructure |
|---|----------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>5th Street, Little Calumet Trail to Lincoln St</b> | Highland       | Neighborhood collector | 1.22        | 30'           | 2-lane, parking    | Sidewalks               | 1325         | NR-L                | Little Cal Trail, Homestead Park, Johnston ES, Porter St Trail, Main Square Park, Downtown Highland, Highland Christian School |                        | Bicycle boulevard          |

Table 2-22: 5th Street Connector: Highland

# Gary-Griffith-Schererville-St John

| Street Segment  | City or County        | Street or Road Type                  | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions       | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment   | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
| Colfax, 9th Ave to 19th Ave                           | Gary                  | Collector                            | 1.08        | 50'           | 2-lane striped, unrestricted parking but little demand  | No sidewalks                  | 3500         | NR                  | West Side Academy   |  | Bike lanes   |
| Colfax, 19th Ave to Little Calumet Trail              | Gary                  | Collector                            | 1.5         | 26'           | 2-lane striped, no parking  | No sidewalks                  | 3584         | F                   | Casino  | Route includes overpass over I-94  | Sidepath   |
| Arbogast, Little Cal Trail to Ridge Rd                | Gary, Griffith        | Collector                            | 0.67        | 32-34'        | 2-lane, rural section, no parking   | East side sidewalks           | NA           | NR-L                | Large multifamily developments, Ridge Rd commercial                           | Includes signalized crossing at Ridge  | Bike lanes   |
| Arbogast, Ridge to Elm                                | Griffith              | Neighborhood local                   | 1.06        | 32'           | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalks                     | NA           | NR-L                |   | 45th Ave crossing requires high visibility crosswalks. Jay Ave to the west has a 4-way stop, but poorer connectivity | Bicycle boulevard  |
| Elm, Arbogast to Broad                                | Griffith              | Neighborhood collector               | 0.5         | 32'           | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalks                     | 2189         | E                   | Elsie Wadsworth ES, Sant Mary's Soccer Fields, Central Park                   | Includes railroad grade crossing and signalized crossing at Broad  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| Elm, Broad to Erie-Lackawanna Trail                   | Griffith              | Neighborhood collector               | 0.5         | 38'           | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalks                     | NA           | E                   | Griffith Junior High, E-L Trail, Beiriger ES                                  |  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| Broad, Elm to Main                                    | Griffith              | Downtown main street                 | 0.5         | 60'-63'       | 3-lane with parallel parking north of Lake; 2-lane with westside diagonal parking, Lake to Main | Business district sidewalks   | 8195         | E                   | Downtown Griffith   | Issue of parking demand versus bicycle accommodation.  | Options: Shared use of roadway with reorientation to back-in diagonal parking; elimination of center turn lane and conversion of diagonal to parallel parking to accommodate bike lanes; modification of a sidewalk to a joint use facility with bicycle and pedestrian separation; or redirection of bicycle traffic to adjacent Lafayette St |
| Broad, Main to E Ave East                             | Griffith              | Downtown main street, minor arterial | 0.67        | 42'           | 2-lane with west side parking to Griffith Diamond   | Sidewalks                     | NA           | E                   | Downtown Griffith, Train Museum, Erie-Lackawanna Trail, Old Plank Trail (fut) | Griffith Diamond, crossing of two active railroads diagonal to the street  | Bike lanes continued to Main Street, existing bike lanes south, which include protected lanes through the railroad corridors   |
| Broad, E Avenue East to W Avenue H (61st Ave)         | Griffith              | Collector                            | 0.40        | 27'           | 2-lane rural section, striped, no parking   | No sidewalks                  | NA           | E                   | Continuity  |  | Initially bike route, ultimate upgrade to sidepath   |
| Cline Ave, Ave H to Joliet St                         | Schererville/Lake Co  | Minor arterial (SR 912)              | 1.05        | 22'           | 2-lane rural section, striped, no parking   | No sidewalks                  | NA           | F                   | Continuity  |  | Initially bike route, ultimate upgrade to sidepath   |
| Joliet St, Cline to Junction Ave                      | Schererville          | Minor arterial (SR 330)              | 0.95        | 27-36'        | 2-lane striped, no parking  | Sidewalks                     | NA           | G                   | Homan ES, Schererville town center, city hall, Pennsy Greenway                |  | Bicycle boulevard. Sidepath is desirable but incompatible with street character  |
| Joliet Street, Junction to Lincolnwood Rd             | Schererville          | Minor arterial (SR 330)              | 0.88        | 36-46'        | 2-lane striped, parking   | Sidewalks east of Kennedy Ave | NA           | G                   | Hammond Baptist School  | US 30 intersection lacks crosswalks or pedestrian path connections   | Bike lanes where possible, bicycle boulevard otherwise. Redesign of US 30 intersection for safe ped and bike access  |
| Lincolnwood Rd, Alexander St, from Joliet to 85th Ave | Schererville/St. John | Collector                            | 1.73        | 25'           | 2-lane striped, rural section, no parking   | No sidewalks                  | 4948         | G                   | Stephen Park, US 41 services  |  | Shared use path on west side of road, using power line and street corridor. Parallel to railroad   |

Table 2-23: Gary-Griffith-Schererville-St John

# Gary-Griffith-Schererville-St John

| Street Segment   | City or County        | Street or Road Type     | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration                        | Adjacent ROW Conditions       | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served                                      | Barriers and Treatment   | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Joliet St, Cline to Junction Ave</b>                      | Schererville          | Minor arterial (SR 330) | 0.95        | 27-36'        | 2-lane striped, no parking                | Sidewalks                     | NA           | G                   | Homan ES, Schererville town center, city hall, Pennsy Greenway |  | Bicycle boulevard. Sidepath is desirable but incompatible with street character                                     |
| <b>Joliet Street, Junction to Lincolnwood Rd</b>             | Schererville          | Minor arterial (SR 330) | 0.88        | 36-46'        | 2-lane striped, parking                   | Sidewalks east of Kennedy Ave | NA           | G                   | Hammond Baptist School   | US 30 intersection lacks crosswalks or pedestrian path connections | Bike lanes where possible, bicycle boulevard otherwise. Redesign of US 30 intersection for safe ped and bike access |
| <b>Lincolnwood Rd, Alexander St, from Joliet to 85th Ave</b> | Schererville/St. John | Collector               | 1.73        | 25'           | 2-lane striped, rural section, no parking | No sidewalks                  | 4948         | G                   | Stephen Park, US 41 services                                   |  | Shared use path on west side of road, using power line and street corridor. Parallel to railroad                    |

Table 2-24: Gary-Griffith-Schererville-St John



## Chase Street: Gary to Merrillville/Erie-Lackawanna Trail

| Street Segment   | City or County   | Street or Road Type | Length (mi) | Channel Width                 | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions     | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment   | Recommended Infrastructure                                    |
|--|------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---|--|---|
| Chase St, 5th Ave to Little Calumet Trail                      | Gary             | Minor arterial      | 2.46        | 50'                           | 2-lane striped, parking with limited demand   | Sidewalks north of 25th Ave | NA           | G                   | Gary Elevated (fut), NILCO, Boys and Girls Club, Tolleston Park, Little Calumet Trail | I-94 negotiated with overpass.   | Bike lanes, protected where possible                          |
| Chase St, Little Cal Trail to 41st Ave                         | Gary/Lake County | Collector           | 1.02        | 40-54'                        | 2-lane striped, no parking demand between trail and Ridge; 2 lane divided south of Ridge, parking | No sidewalks                | 1018         | G                   | Spring Park, city facilities  |  | Bike lanes where possible                                     |
| Whitcomb, 51st Ave, Johnson Rd, 41st Ave to Oak Savannah Trail | Lake County      | Collector           | 1.71        | 22'                           | 2-lane striped, rural section, no parking   | No sidewalks                | 1190-3240    | G                   | Connection to Oak Savannah Trail  |  | Bike route with traffic calmers                               |
| Chase/Nicholson Rd/Hendricks Rd, Oak Savannah Tr to 73rd Ave   | Lake County/     | Neighborhood local  | 1.06        | 32'                           | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalks                   | NA           | NR-L                |   | 45th Ave crossing requires high visibility crosswalks. Jay Ave to the west has a 4-way stop, but poorer connectivity | Bicycle boulevard   |
| Merrillville   | Rural collector  | 2.78                | 24'         | 2 lane striped, rural section | No sidewalks  | NA                          | G            |                     |   | Bike route   | Bicycle boulevard   |
| Noble, 73rd Ave to Whitcomb                                    | Merrillville     | Neighborhood local  | 0.34        | 30'                           | 2-lane, parking   | Sidewalks                   | NA           | E                   |   |  | Bike route  |
| Whitcomb, 73rd Ave to US 30                                    | Merrillville     | Collector           | 1.0         | 42'                           | 4-lanes, no parking   | Sidewalks                   |              | G                   |   |  | Lane reduction to 3-11' lanes with bike lanes                 |
| Whitcomb, US 30 to Erie-Lackawanna Trail                       | Merrillville     | Collector           | 0.67        | 22'                           | 2-lanes, rural section  | No sidewalks                | NA           | E                   | Erie-Lackawanna Trail and trailhead   |  | Bike route. Infrastructure could change with area development |

Table 2-25: Chase Street: Gary to Merrillville/Erie-Lackawanna Trail

## Taft Street Connector: Marquette Greenway to 25th Ave

| Street Segment                              | City or County | Street or Road Type    | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration      | Adjacent ROW Conditions | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served           | Barriers and Treatment | Recommended Infrastructure |
|---|----------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Taft Street, Marquette Greenway to 25th Ave | Gary           | Neighborhood collector | 2.38        | 36-48'        | 2-lane striped, parking | Sidewalks               | NA           | E                   | Marquette Greenway, Westbrook Apts, |                        | Bicycle boulevard          |

Table 2-26: Taft Street Connector: Marquette Greenway to 25th Ave

# Gary-Merrillville-Crown Point via Harrison and Merrillville Rd

| Street Segment                            | City or County           | Street or Road Type    | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration   | Adjacent ROW Conditions                             | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served  | Barriers and Treatment   | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|---|--------------|---------------------|--|--|---|
| Harrison, 4th Ave to 11th Ave             | Gary                     | Neighborhood local     | 0.83        | 27-32'        | 2-lane, parking  | Sidewalks, with some missing segments               | NA           | NR-L                | Marquette Greenway, Police Dept  |  | Bicycle boulevard   |
| Harrison, 11th to 19th Ave                | Gary                     | Neighborhood collector | 0.69        | 27-32'        | 2-lane, parking  | Sidewalks, with some missing segments               | NA           | NR-L                | Froebel Park   |  | Bicycle boulevard   |
| Harrison, 19th to Gleason Park            | Gary                     | Collector              | 1.45        | 50'-60'       | 2-lane, parking, expanding to 4-lanes approaching and on the I-94 overpass | Sidewalks with condition deteriorating to the south | -NA          | NR-L                | Roosevelt Park, Theodore Roosevelt College, Little Calumet Trail, IU-Gary Campus | I-94 crossed on a 4-lane overpass. Lane reduction can provide protected bike lanes | Bike lanes; route continues with a path around the edge of Gleason Park         |
| Harrison, 35th Ave to 49th Ave            | Gary                     | Neighborhood collector | 1.76        | 30-42'        | 2-lane, striped, parking   | Sidewalks with significant gaps                     | 3808         | G                   | Continuity   | Ridge Rd intersection is signalized  | Bicycle boulevard   |
| Harrison, 49th Ave to Oak Savannah Trail  | Gary                     | Collector              | 0.4         | 25'           | 2-lane striped, rural section, no parking                                  | No sidewalks  | NA           | G                   | Oak Savannah Trail   |  | Sidepath link from neighborhoods to trail                                       |
| Harrison, Oak Savannah to 57th Ave        | Merrillville             | Collector              | 0.67        | 42'           | 2-lane striped, parking  | Sidewalks with some gaps                            | NA           | G                   | Oak Savannah Trail,  |  | Striped dual use parking lanes  |
| Harrison, 57th to 61st Ave                | Merrillville             | Collector              | 0.5         | 25'           | 2-lane striped, rural section, no parking                                  | No sidewalks  | NA           | G                   | 61st Ave services, Fieler ES   | Signalized crossing at 61st Ave  | Sidepath  |
| Harrison and Madison, 61st Ave to 66th Pl | Merrillville             | Collector              | 0.76        | 27'           | 2-lane striped, rural section, no parking                                  | No sidewalks  | c. 6000      | G                   | Dean & Barbara White Community Center with path link                             | Railroad crossing at acute angle   | Sidepath  |
| Madison, 66th Pl to US 30                 | Merrillville             | Collector              | 1.84        | 40'           | 3-lane with TWTL   | Limited sidewalks                                   | 6018         | G                   | C&O Trail, Merrillville HS via link, major commercial at US 30                   | US 30 intersection   | Sidepath. Major redesign of US 30 intersection with intermediate refuge medians |
| Merrillville Rd, US 30 to 97th Place      | Merrillville/Crown Point | Collector              | 2.2         | 36'           | 3-lane with TWTL, no parking   | Sidewalks south of 93rd Ave                         | 5370         | G                   | Collins Park, Eagle Park School, Russ Keller Park                                |  | Sidepath. Connects to Merrillville Rd Path in Crown Point                       |

Table 2-27: Gary-Merrillville-Crown Point via Harrison and Merrillville Rd



## Broadway Complete Street: Metro Center to Crown Point

| Street Segment                             | City or County | Street or Road Type | Length (mi) | Channel Width                          | Lane Configuration                           | Adjacent ROW Conditions                  | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/ Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|--|----------------|---------------------|-------------|--|--|--|--------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| <b>Broadway, Metro Center to I-94</b>      | Gary           | Major arterial      | 2.66        | 65'- 85' at interchange                | 4-lane, parking                              | Business center sidewalks                | 4687-12971   | F                   | Marquette Greenway Metro Center SSL and transit station, Downtown Gary, 21st C Middle School, Gary Elevated (fut), | I-94 interchange       | Complete street with three travel lanes, combination bus/bike lane, and parking. Directional cycle tracks on I-94 overpass, possibly in median with crossings at bridge approaches   |
| <b>Broadway, I-94 to 53rd Ave</b>          | Gary           | Major arterial      | 5.10        | 65'                                    | 4-lane, parking                              | Business center sidewalks                | 18700        | NR-A                | Little Calumet Trail, IU-Gary campus, Oak Savannah Trail   |                        | Complete street with three travel lanes, combination bus/bike lane, and parking. Directional cycle tracks on I-94 overpass, possibly in median with crossings at bridge approaches. Alternative use of parallel Massachusetts Ave as a bicycle boulevard from 33rd to 53rd Ave |
| <b>Broadway, 53rd to 61st Ave</b>          | Merrillville   | Major arterial      | 1.00        | 85-90'                                 | 5-lane with TWTL, no parking                 | No sidewalks for most of the segment     | NA           | NR-A                | Commercial services  |                        | Maintaining 5-lane section with complete street redesign with sidepath and sidewalk, access management, and streetscape, BRT stations  |
| <b>Broadway, 61st Ave to 73rd Ave</b>      | Merrillville   | Major arterial      | 1.50        | 60-65'. Turn lanes at some locations   | 5-lane with TWTL, no parking                 | Back of curb sidewalks typical condition | NA           | NR-A                | Dean & Barbara White Community Center, Merrillville HS, Pierce MS, C&O Trail                                       |                        | Maintaining 5-lane section with complete street redesign with sidepath and sidewalk, access management, and streetscape  |
| <b>Broadway, 73rd Ave to Century Plaza</b> | Merrillville   | Major arterial      | 1.42        | 70' typical                            | 5-lane with TWTL, no parking                 | No sidewalks                             | NA           | NR-A                | Town Hall, US 30 commercial, Century Plaza with potential redevelopment  | US 30 intersection     | Maintaining 5-lane section with complete street redesign with sidepath and sidewalk, access management, and streetscape. Redesign of US 30 intersection to accommodate active transportation modes   |
| <b>Broadway, Century Plaza to US 231</b>   | Merrillville   | Major arterial      | 1.27        | 65' mainline width with frontage roads | 5-lane with TWTL, no parking, frontage roads | No sidewalks                             | NA           | NR-A                | Methodist Hospital, Ivy Tech, County Center via 93rd Ave   |                        | Sidepath/sidewalks along frontage road or in green area separating frontage and main roads. Sidepath south of 93rd Ave   |

Table 2-28: Broadway Complete Street: Metro Center to Crown Point



# Virginia/Georgia Route: Gary to Dean & Barbara White Community Center

| Street Segment  | City or County | Street or Road Type    | Length (mi) | Channel Width   | Lane Configuration   | Adjacent ROW Conditions                | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/ Trails Served  | Barriers and Treatment   | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|---|----------------|------------------------|-------------|---|--|--|--------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
| Virginia Ave, Marquette Greenway (fut) to Ellis   | Gary           | Neighborhood collector | 2.15        | 42-46'  | 2-lane, parking  | Sidewalks, with some missing segments  | 2700         | G                   | Marquette Greenway, St John Homes,  | Bicycle boulevard  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| Ellis Ave, Virginia to Georgia  | Gary           | Neighborhood collector | 0.25        | 27'   | 2-lane, no parking demand                                      | One side sidewalk with missing segment | 2740         | E                   | Continuity  |  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| Georgia St, Ellis to E 32nd Ave   | Gary           | Neighborhood collector | 1.45        | 27' to I-94 overpass approach, 54' at overpass, 38' south to 38th Ave | 2-lane north, 4-lane on overpass, 2-lane with shoulders, south | No sidewalks                           | 2490         | E                   | Little Calumet Trail  | I-94 crossed on a 4-lane overpass. Lane reduction can provide protected bike lanes | Bicycle boulevard; lane reduction with protected bike lanes on overpass and approaches; adaptation of shoulders as protected bike lanes south of overpass.   |
| Georgia St, 32nd to 53rd Ave  | Gary           | Neighborhood collector | 2.6         | 27'-36' south to 45th Ave; 48-54' to 53rd Ave                         | 2-lane, parking  | Sidewalks with significant gaps        | NA           | E                   | Gary School Admin, Bailey Prep Academy, Oak Savannah Trail                | Ridge Rd intersection is signalized  | Bicycle boulevard, with bike lanes south of 45th Ave   |
| Georgia St, 53rd to 56th Ave  | Merrillville   | Neighborhood local     | 0.37        | 28'   | 2-lane, parking  | Sidewalk one side                      | NA           | NR-L                | Possible future trail connection to Hidden Lake Park and Community Center |  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| Shared use path, 56th Ave to Dean and Barbara White Community Center and Madison Street | Merrillville   | Proposed path          | 2.0         | NA  | NA   | NA                                     | NA           | NA                  | Hidden Lake Park, Andrean High School, White Community Center             | Pedestrian crossing at Broadway  | Shared use path continuing alignment of Georgia St to Carolyn Dr and through Hidden Lake Park to Broadway. HAWK protected ped crossing of Broadway, with path continuing along Broadway and through community center to Madison Street |

Table 2-29: Virginia/Georgia Route: Gary to Dean & Barbara White Community Center



## Miller-New Chicago-Hobart via Clay/DeKalb/Wisconsin

| Street Segment  | City or County           | Street or Road Type      | Length (mi) | Channel Width     | Lane Configuration                                | Adjacent ROW Conditions   | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment                  | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------|---|---|--------------|---------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>7th Ave, Lake to Clay</b>                            | Gary                     | Local                    | 0.65        | 36'               | 2-lane, no parking                                | Northside sidewalk  | NA           | E                   | Miller SSL station, Miller main street district   |   | Bike lanes, possible TOD integration   |
| <b>Clay St, 7th to 15th Ave</b>                         | Gary                     | Collector                | 0.65        | 48-58'            | 2-lane, parking sometimes off pavement            | Sidewalks with some missing segments south to Toll Road underpass | 3906         | G                   | Continuity  | Toll Road underpass                     | Bike lanes   |
| <b>Clay, 15th Ave to Marquette Rd</b>                   | Gary/Lake Station        | Collector                | 1.14        | 24' rural section | 2-lane, painted, no parking                       | No sidewalks  | 3906         | G                   |   | I-94 underpass                          | Sidepath   |
| <b>Marquette, Clay to DeKalb</b>                        | Lake Station             | Local                    | 0.20        | 22'               | 2-lane, parking                                   | No sidewalks  | NA           | NR-L                | Continuity  |   | Bike route connector   |
| <b>DeKalb (Michigan) from Marquette to Jefferson St</b> | Lake Station/New Chicago | Business district street | 0.30        | 58'               | 2-lane striped, parking                           | Sidewalks   | 2445         | NR                  | Business district   |   | Bike lanes   |
| <b>De Kalb, from Jefferson to McKinley</b>              | New Chicago              | Neighborhood collector   | 0.69        | 24-30'            | 2-lane, striped, no parking in the street channel | Intermittent sidewalks  | 3937         | G                   | Columbus Park, River Forest HS,   | De Kalb, Jefferson/Michigan to McKinley | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>McKinley, Michigan to Wisconsin</b>                  | New Chicago              | Neighborhood local       | 0.25        | 22'               | 2-lane, no parking                                | Northside sidewalk  | NA           | E                   | Continuity  |   | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>Wisconsin, McKinley to Ridge</b>                     | New Chicago              | Neighborhood collector   | 0.31        | 22-24'            | 2-lane, no parking                                | Westside sidewalk   | NA           | E                   |   | Ridge Road intersection                 | Bicycle boulevard. Redesign of Ridge Road intersection to improve bike/ped accommodation       |
| <b>Wisconsin, Ridge to Old Ridge Rd</b>                 | Hobart                   | Minor arterial           | 0.77        | 40'               | 2-lane, striped, no parking                       | Sidewalks   | 8501         | E                   | Cressmoor Prairie Nature Preserve, services at Old Ridge, Old Ridge bikeway to central Hobart |   | Bike lanes   |
| <b>Wisconsin, Old Ridge to S. 10th</b>                  | Hobart                   | Minor arterial           | 1.23        | 34-42'            | 2-lane, striped, parking south of 8th Street      | Sidewalks   | 8174         | NR-A                | Veterans ES, Lakeview Park, Oak Savannah Trail, Hobart Community Pool, 10th Street bikeway    |   | Bike lanes where parking conditions permit. High visibility crosswalk to sidepath link to pool |

Table 2-30: Miller-New Chicago-Hobart via Clay/DeKalb/Wisconsin

## South Hobart Connector

| Street Segment   | City or County | Street or Road Type      | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration      | Adjacent ROW Conditions   | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment     | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| South 10th St, Wisconsin to County Line Rd             | Hobart         | Collector                | 2.5         | 40'-42'       | 2-lanes with bike lanes | Sidewalk continuity on north side between lake Park Ave and County Line, and south side from Wisconsin to Lake Park | NA           | G                   | Hobart Community Pool, Joan Martin ES, Trinity Lutheran School, Hobart HS | Lake Park Ave intersection | Existing bike lanes. Take bike lanes off-street and reroute through intersection to provide defined, high visibility crossing points |
| CR 600 N (S. 10th continuation), County Line to SR 130 | Porter County  | County section line road | 0.56        | 22'           | 2-lane rural section    | Drainage ditches  | NA           | NR                  | Wheeler Trail (fut)   |                            | Bike route   |

Table 2-31: South Hobart Connector

## Hobart to Lake of the Four Seasons

| Street Segment   | City or County            | Street or Road Type      | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration             | Adjacent ROW Conditions                           | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating               | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment           | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|
| S. Hobart Rd, Miller Ln, Ainsworth Rd, S. 10th to Randolph | Lake County               | County collector         | 2.53        | 22'           | 2-lane rural section, striped  | Drainage ditches                                  | NA           | G                                 | Deep River County Park  |                                  | Bike route for short term. Monitor area development for possible sidepath or road improvements. Incorporate path in any road widening projects               |
| Randolph St, Ainsworth to US 30                            | Lake County, Merrillville | County collector         | 1.38        | 22'           | 2-lane rural section, striped  | Drainage ditches                                  | NA           | NR north of 73rd, F south of 73rd | Continuity  | US 30 intersection is signalized | Bike route (experienced) for short term. Monitor area development for possible sidepath or road improvements. Incorporate path in any road widening projects |
| Randolph, US 30 to 101st Ave                               | Merrillville              | County minor arterial    | 2.5         | 22'           | 2-lane rural section, striped  | Drainage ditches                                  | 5709         | NR-A                              | Deep River Water Park, C&O Trail (fut)  |                                  | Sidepath or roadway shoulders  |
| Randolph, 101st Ave to 123rd Ave                           | Lake of the Four Seasons  | Minor arterial           | 2.75        | 22'-32'       | 2-lane with turn lanes         | Existing sidepath from 112th Ave to Jerry Ross ES | 7117         | F                                 | Winfield Trail (fut), Randolph St Park, Jerry Ross ES                         |                                  | Extend existing sidepath. Future extension south of 123rd to Winfield Trail  |
| 123rd Ave, Randolph to County Line Rd                      | Lake of the Four Seasons  | Collector                | 1.0         | 23'           | 2-lane, striped, rural section | Drainage ditches                                  | NA           | NR-L                              |   |                                  | Continuity   |
| County Line Road, 123rd Ave to US 231                      | Lake & Porter Counties    | County section line road | 4.23        | 22'           | 2-lane, striped, rural section | Drainage ditches                                  | NA           | G                                 | Stoney Run County Park via 142nd Ave link; Winfield and Veterans Trails (fut) |                                  | Bike route. Connection to Pratt St Trail and Hebron  |

Table 2-32: Hobart to Lake of the Four Seasons

## Miller to Lake Station with I-94 underpass

| Street Segment   | City or County    | Street or Road Type    | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration          | Adjacent ROW Conditions         | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment  | Recommended Infrastructure                                 |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---|---|--|
| Miller Ave, Lake to Old Hobart Rd  | Gary              | Collector              | 0.28        | 26-31'        | 2-lane, no parking          | Sidewalk on south side          | NA           | E                   | Continuity  |   | Bicycle boulevard  |
| Old Hobart Rd, Miller Ave to Melton Rd (US 20)                               | Gary/Lake Station | Industrial collector   | 0.64        | 22'           | 2-lane, no parking          | No sidewalks                    | 3448         | NR                  | Charter School of the Dunes   | Underpasses of South Shore Line and US 12. Triple track grade crossing  | Bike route. Possible street widening with narrow shoulders |
| Old Hobart Rd, Melton to Ripley St   | Lake Station      | Industrial collector   | 0.74        | 22'           | 2-lane, no parking          | No sidewalks                    | NA           | NR                  | Wetlands environment  | Underpass of I-90   | Bike route.  |
| Ripley St, Old Hobart to Levee Road  | Lake Station      | Major arterial         | 0.14        | 85'           | 6-lane major highway        | No sidewalks                    | 16601        | NR-A                | Extensive travel services   | Lack of space to adapt current bridge over Little Calumet River   | New trail segment and bicycle/pedestrian bridge            |
| Levee Road, west of US 6   | Lake Station      | Service road           | 0.5         | 15'           | Paved lane                  |                                 | NA           | NR-L                |   | I-94 and US 6 interchange. No north-south pedestrian and bicycle access for 3.5 miles between Clay and Melton | Use of levee road  |
| New I-94 underpass and trail connection, levee road to E. 21st Ave and Parke | Lake Station      | NA                     | 0.13        | NA            | NA                          | NA                              | NA           | NR                  | Linkage of north and south parts of region, addressing freeway barrier, Edison JHS/HS | I-94 barrier  | New trail link and tunnel or underpass under I-94          |
| Parke/Pike, E 21st Ave to Fairview St  | Lake Station      | Neighborhood collector | 0.50        | 28-42'        | 2-lane, parking in cut-outs | Sidewalk continuity on one side | NA           | NR-L                | Lake Station services   | Central Avenue intersection is signalized   | Bike lanes where possible; otherwise, bike route           |

Table 2-33: Miller to Lake Station with I-94 underpass



# Porter Beach-Chesterton-Valparaiso Road Route

| Street Segment  | City or County     | Street or Road Type                                   | Length (mi) | Channel Width                                  | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions  | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating                              | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment  | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|---|--------------------|---|-------------|--|---|--|--------------|--|---|---|---|
| Dunes Kankakee Trail, Porter Beach to State Park Road   | Porter County      | Shared use path                                       | 0.83        | 10'  | NA  | Sidepath along a park road   | NA           | Trail  | Porter Beach, State and National Parks  |   | Existing trail following N 25E  |
| State Park Rd, Waverly Rd from trail to US 12   | Porter County      | Park road   | 0.98        | 18'  | 2-lane, no parking  | No sidewalks   | NA           | G  | State and National Parks, Dune Park SSL station; Calumet Trail (Marquette Greenway)                                       | Offset intersection without signals at US 12 intersection                       | Bike route; Improved intersection at US 12, with short sidepath section to align with southbound Waverly Rd; HAWK signal or other protection, high visibility crossing  |
| Waverly Rd, US 12 to Lincoln St   | Porter (city)      | Collector   | 1.57        | 21' widening to 40' at I-94 overpass           | 2-lane, no parking  | No sidewalks. Short trail segment north of I-94, merging into pavement edge; boardwalk creek bridge and path to Hawthorne park south of I-94 | 1500         | G  | Hawthorne Park and Community Center   | I-94 overpass without defined walkway. Signals but no marked crossings of US 20 | Bike route. Extended trail segment on west side north to US 20. Extend trail segment south to I-94 overpass. Protected ped/bike domain on overpass using excess width. Ped/bike shoulder to north edge of the boardwalk bridge and Hawthorne Park path. High visibility crosswalks across US 20 |
| Lincoln St, Waverly to Wagner Rd (Porter Brickyard Trail)   | Porter (city)      | Town center main street                               | 0.47        | 25'; widens to 48' on business district blocks | 2-lane, north side parallel, south side diagonal in business district | Sidewalk on north side   | NA           | E  | Porter business district, library, Porter Brickyard Trail   |   | Bike route  |
| Wagner Rd/ Jackson Blvd to Prairie Duneland Trail   | Porter/ Chesterton | Collector; street defined as part of trail connection | 0.28        | 26'  | 2-lane, parking between street channel and sidewalk                   | Sidewalks  | 1506         | Rated as trail                                   | Prairie Duneland Trailhead; Downtown via Broadway   | Multiple track rail crossing of CP line   | Bike route. Define ped area across trackage, improve sidewalk connection  |
| Prairie Duneland Trail from trailhead to 23rd Street  | Chesterton         | Shared use path                                       | 0.43        | 10'  | NA  | Trail  | NA           | Trail, part of USBR 36                           |   |   | Existing regional trail   |
| 23rd/W 1100N from trail to N 50W  | Chesterton         | Neighborhood collector                                | 1.17        | 23'  | 2-lane, no parking  | Sidepath on east side  | 2151         | E  | Dogwood Park, soccer fields, Chesterton HS  | Defined crossing from W 1100N to southbound N 50W                               | On-street bike route with sidepath  |
| County Routes on N 50W, W 1000N, CR 100W, W 850N, N 75W, CR 750N, N 50W, 550N from W 1100N to Lakewood Link | Porter County      | Rural county roads or lanes                           | 6.92        | 21-24'   | 2-lane, no parking  | No sidewalks   | NA           | E for W 1000N and CR 100W segments; G for others | Liberty ES, Sunset Hill Farm County Park  | Overpass over Toll Road; stop signs only at US 6 intersection                   | Crossing notification and painted crossing path at US 6   |
| Lakewood Link Trail (Campbell St sidepath) from 550N to Lincolnway  | Valparaiso         | Minor arterial  | 3.25        | 32'  | 2-3 lanes, no parking   | East side sidepath north of Vale Park, crossing to west side south. Discontinuous sidewalk on opposite side                                  | 7348         | Trail  | Rogers-Lakewood Park, Community Garden, Dog Park, Campbell St Bikeway, Valparaiso HS, Northview ES, Franklin MS, Downtown |   | Existing sidepath   |
| New Campbell extension from Lincolnway to US 30   | Valparaiso         | Minor arterial (fut)                                  | 0.55        | TBD  | TBD   | TBD  | NA           | TBD  | V-Line Transit, TOD, US 30 commercial, Zao Island   | New street; US 30 crossing must be resolved                                     | Complete street   |

Table 2-34: Porter Beach-Chesterton-Valparaiso Road Route

## Valparaiso to Kouts Road Route (parallels Dunes Kankakee Trail)

| Street Segment  | City or County       | Street or Road Type                                   | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions             | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served                             | Barriers and Treatment   | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|---|----------------------|---|-------------|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
| Horse Prairie Ave, US 30 to City View                             | Valparaiso           | Minor arterial after completion of Campbell extension | 0.38        | 24'           | 2-lane, no parking  | No sidewalks                        | NA           | NR                  | Zao Island  | US 30 intersection is signalized. Traverse crosswalk only on north side of US 30 for current sidepath segment from SR2 to Hayes Leonard Rd | Sidepath to SR2 with completion of Campbell Street project   |
| City View/Sager Rd from Horse Prairie to S 150E                   | Porter County        | Rural county road                                     | 3.25        | 20''          | 2-lane, striped, no parking                                   | Rural residential and rural setting | NA           | G                   | Continuity  |  | Bike route   |
| S 150 E/ E 700S from Sager Rd to SR 49                            | Porter County        | Rural county lane                                     | 6.22        | 20'           | 2-lane, no parking  | Rural setting                       | NA           | G                   | Continuity  |  | Bike route. Interim alternative for Dunes Kankakee Trail   |
| Dunes Kankakee trail segment from E 700S to Main & Indiana, Kouts | Porter County/ Kouts | Arterial state highway                                | 1.0         | 30'           | 2-lane with narrow paved + gravel shoulders and rumble strips | No sidewalks. Drainage swales       | NA           | NR-A                | Kouts town center and school campus, Rivers Edge Farm | SR 8/Indiana Street intersection is signalized   | Future trail. This segment should be completed in an early stage of Dunes Kankakee Trail development |

Table 2-35: Valparaiso to Kouts Road Route (parallels Dunes Kankakee Trail)

## Chesterton-La Porte Route via County Roads

| Street Segment   | City or County            | Street or Road Type     | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration                   | Adjacent ROW Conditions   | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating                                 | Destination/Trails Served  | Barriers and Treatment          | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|---|--|---------------------------------|---|
| Broadway, Prairie Duneland Trailhead to Calumet Rd   | Chesterton                | Community avenue        | 1.14        | 30'           | 2-lane striped, no parking on street | Sidewalk on south side with gaps                                  | 3600         | G   | Chesterton Town Center, City Hall  |                                 | Street upgrade to complete street standards. Sidewalk continuity, streetscape, possible cycle track or sidepath linking Prairie Duneland Trail to Town Center |
| Calumet Rd, Broadway to E Porter Ave   | Chesterton                | Town center main street | 0.30        | 40'           | 2-lane striped, parallel parking     | Sidewalks   | NA           | F   | Chesterton Town Center, Coffee Creek Park  |                                 | Bike route prior to trail development   |
| Porter Ave, Calumet to N CR 250E   | Chesterton/ Porter County | Collector               | 1.71        | 22'           | 2-lane striped, no parking           | Sidewalk on north side through historic Coffee Creek neighborhood | NA           | G   | Coffee Creek Park  | SR 2 intersection is signalized | Highway crossing markings; possible sidewalk or sidepath extension to city limits as development occurs to the east   |
| County road routes on E CR 1225N, N CR 325E, Burdick Rd (E CR 1200M), N Wozniak Rd, W 125 N, N Forrester Rd, and W Small Rd, from Porter Ave to Goldring Intersection. | Porter/ La Porte Counties | Rural county roads      | 13.9        | 21' typical   | 2-lane rural                         | Drainage ditches typical condition                                | NA           | G; F for Snyder Rd between US 421 and Red Mill Park | Red Mill County Park and MTB trails, Pinhook Bog, Lincoln Memorial Trail (future), USBR 35 | US 421 intersection             | Bike route; crossing markings and advisories at US 421  |

Table 2-36: Chesterton-La Porte Route via Country Roads

## Valparaiso to La Porte via SR 2

| Street Segment                                    | City or County             | Street or Road Type                                   | Length (mi) | Channel Width        | Lane Configuration                         | Adjacent ROW Conditions            | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served                  | Barriers and Treatment    | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|---|----------------------------|---|-------------|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Morgan Blvd, Lincolnway to Calumet</b>         | Valparaiso                 | Collector   | 0.21        | 36'                  | 2-lane, parking with traffic calmers       | Sidewalks                          | NA           | NR                  | Downtown, Library                          |                           | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>Calumet Ave, Morgan to Evans</b>               | Valparaiso                 | Commercial minor arterial                             | 0.23        | 36'                  | 3-lane with TWTL, no parking               | Sidewalks                          | NA           | NR-A                | Fairgrounds Park                           | Frequent curb cuts        | Upgrade of one sidewalk to sidepath or lane reduction to 2 lanes with bike lanes |
| <b>Evans Ave, Calumet to Emma Ct</b>              | Valparaiso                 | Minor arterial  | 1.85        | 24'                  | 2-lane, no parking                         | Sidepath or sidewalk on north side | NA           | Trail               |  | SR 49 overpass over Evans | Complete gaps in sidepath  |
| <b>Evans Ave, Emma Ct to SR 2</b>                 | Valparaiso                 | Collector   | 1.13        | 22'                  | 2-lane, rural section, no parking          | No sidewalks                       | NA           | G                   |  |                           | Sidepath   |
| <b>SR 2, Evans to Old SR 2</b>                    | La Porte County            | Arterial State Highway                                | 3.08        | 30'                  | 2-lane highway with rumble strip           | NA                                 | 8493         | NR-A                | Regional access                            |                           | Sidepath   |
| <b>Old SR 2 between highway intersections</b>     | La Porte County            | Rural lane  | 2.67        | 20'                  | 2-lane former highway route, rural section | NA                                 | NA           | NR                  | Regional access                            |                           | Rural bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>SR 2, Old SR 2 to Main Street</b>              | La Porte County/ Westville | Arterial State Highway                                | 0.97        | 30'                  | 2-lane highway with rumble strip           | NA                                 | 8493         | NR-A                | Regional access                            |                           | Sidepath   |
| <b>Main St, SR 2 to Flynn Rd</b>                  | Westville                  | Collector   | 0.60        | 24'-42'              | 2-lane, parking where street widens        | Sidewalks east of Railroad St      | NA           | G                   | Library, Westville HS, Lincoln Trail (Fut) |                           |  |
| <b>Valparaiso St. Flynn to Sandstone Dr</b>       | Westville                  | Collector   | 1.30        | 24'                  | 2-lane, no parking                         | Sidepath on north side             | 1641         | F                   | Westville HS                               |                           | Existing sidepath  |
| <b>Joliet Rd, Sandstone Dr to S. Marquette St</b> | La Porte County and City   | Rural collector, USBR 35 from Long Lane into La Porte | 7.50        | 22'                  | 2-lane rural section, striped              | Drainage ditches                   | 988          | G                   |  |                           | Enhanced bike route  |
| <b>Marquette St, Joliet Rd to W 18th St</b>       | La Porte                   | Semirural local street, USBR 35                       | 0.45        | 22'                  | 2-lane rural section                       | Drainage ditches                   | NA           | G                   |  |                           | Bike route   |
| <b>18th St, Marquette to A Street</b>             | La Porte                   | Collector, USBR 35                                    | 1.27        | 25-30'               | 2-lane, limited parking                    | Sidewalk on north side             | NA           | G                   | Kesling Park and Intermediate School       |                           | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>A Street, 18th to Plummer St</b>               | La Porte                   | Neighborhood collector, USBR 35                       | 0.80        | 25-30'               | 2-lane, parking                            | Sidewalk on east side              | NA           | E                   | La Porte HS                                |                           | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>Plummer, A to Michigan</b>                     | La Porte                   | Neighborhood local, USBR 35                           | 0.23        | 31'                  | 2-lane, parking                            | Sidewalks                          | NA           | E                   | Continuity                                 |                           | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>Michigan, Plummer to Lincoln Hwy</b>           | La Porte                   | Community avenue, USBR 35                             |             | 40-42', 70' downtown | 2-lane, parking                            | Sidewalks                          |              | E                   | Historic district, YMCA, Downtown La Porte |                           | Bicycle boulevard  |

Table 2-37: Valparaiso to La Porte via SR 2

# Beverly Shores to Valparaiso

| Street Segment   | City or County | Street or Road Type    | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration    | Adjacent ROW Conditions | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served  | Barriers and Treatment          | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|--|----------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Broadway, US 12 to Lake Front Dr</b>                  | Beverly Shores | Neighborhood collector | 1.04        | 22'           | 2-lane, rural section | Roadside sidewalks      | NA           | E                   | Beverly Shores SSL station, Calumet Greenway, Dunes Parks, Lakefront and beach |                                 | Bicycle boulevard   |
| <b>Lake Front Dr, Broadway to Lake Shore County Road</b> | Beverly Shores | Lakefront lane         | 1.38        | 19'           | Narrow 2-lane         | No sidewalks            | NA           | NR-L                | Lakefront  |                                 | Bicycle boulevard   |
| <b>County Road, Lake Shore to US 12</b>                  | Beverly Shores | Rural lane             | 1.2         | 20'           | Narrow 2-lane         | No sidewalks            | NA           | NR-L                | Dunes Park   |                                 | Bicycle route   |
| <b>N 500E/E 1400N/N 450E, US 12 to Burdick Rd</b>        | Porter County  | Rural local            | 5.36        | 21'           | 2-lane, rural section | Drainage ditches        | NA           | G                   | Engquist Nature Preserve, Heron Rookery  | I-94 crossed with overpass      | Bicycle route. Connection to Chesterton via Burdick Rd route                        |
| <b>N 400E, Burdick Rd to SR 2</b>                        | Porter County  | Rural collector        | 8.52        | 21'           | 2-lane, rural section | Drainage ditches        | 1499         | G                   | Washington Township school campus  | Toll Road crossed with overpass | Bicycle route. Connections into Valparaiso via Burlington Beach and Vale Park Roads |

Table 2-38: Beverly Shores to Valparaiso





# Michigan City to La Porte via Goldring Road

| Street Segment  | City or County  | Street or Road Type                       | Length (mi) | Channel Width                     | Lane Configuration                                    | Adjacent ROW Conditions                                     | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served  | Barriers and Treatment                                     | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|---|-----------------|---|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|--------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Wabash, Michigan Blvd to W 11th St</b>                 | Michigan City   | City boulevard                            | 0.6         | 64'                               | 2-lane divided, parking and protected bike lanes      | Sidewalks   | NA           | G                   | Marquette Greenway, Library, Downtown, Lighthouse Place, SSL station, Marquette HS |  | Existing bike lanes  |
| <b>Wabash, 11th St to Coolspring Ave</b>                  | Michigan City   | Neighborhood collector, signed bike route | 1.14        | 25-31'                            | 2-lane, parking on wider section north of Harrison St | Sidewalks   | NA           | G                   | Ames Field, Ivy Tech CC  |  | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>Coolspring, Wabash to Cleveland Ave</b>                | Michigan City   | Collector                                 | 0.57        | 28'                               | 2-lane, no parking                                    | Sidewalks   | 7173         | G                   | Continuity   | Signalized intersection at Franklin                        | Bicycle boulevard; possible narrow bike lanes or striped shoulder                        |
| <b>Cleveland Ave, Coldspring to US 20</b>                 | Michigan City   | Minor arterial                            | 1.0         | 27'                               | 2-lane, no parking                                    | Single side sidewalk, gap between Coolspring and Garrettson | 4016         | G                   | Edgewood ES, Barker Woods, Barker MS   | Signalized intersection at US 20                           | Bicycle boulevard. Redesign of US 20 intersection for improved pedestrian/bicycle access |
| <b>Cleveland Ave, US 20 to W 400N</b>                     | Michigan City   | Minor arterial                            | 1.04        | 66'                               | 5-lane with TWTL, no parking                          | Back of curb sidewalk on east side                          | NA           | G                   | Access to Franklin St commercial corridor  | Signalized intersection at W 400N                          | Lane reduction to three lanes with protected bike lanes or sidepath                      |
| <b>W 400N, Franklin to Wozniak Rd</b>                     | Michigan City   | Minor arterial                            | 2.60        | 52-63', 22' east of I-94 overpass | 4-5 lane, no parking; 2-lane east of I-94             | No sidewalks  | 10700        | G east of Cleveland | Major commercial, Creek Ridge County Park  | I-94 crossed with overpass                                 | Sidepath   |
| <b>Wozniak Rd, W 400N to W 350N</b>                       | La Porte County | Rural collector                           | 0.52        | 23'                               | 2-lane, striped                                       | Drainage swales   | NA           | NR                  | Continuity   |  | Sidepath   |
| <b>W 300N/N 725 W, N Goldring Rd, Wozniak to Small Rd</b> | La Porte County | Rural lanes                               |             | 20'                               | 2-lane rural section                                  | Drainage swales   | NA           | G                   | Scenery  | Toll Road crossed with overpass. Road curvature and grades | Rural bicycle boulevard. Small Rd connection to La Porte                                 |

Table 2-39: Michigan City to La Porte via Goldring Road



## Michigan City to Hudson Lake via County Roads

| Street Segment  | City or County  | Street or Road Type   | Length (mi) | Channel Width  | Lane Configuration   | Adjacent ROW Conditions                       | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served   | Barriers and Treatment                    | Recommended Infrastructure   |
|---|-----------------|---|-------------|--|--|---|--------------|---------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>8th St, Huron to Michigan Blvd</b>   | Michigan City   | Business district street                                    | 0.95        | 60' through downtown core, 34' to the west and 42' to east | 2-lane, diagonal parking in core, parallel parking outside | Sidewalks                                     | NA           | G                   | Lincoln Mem. Trail (fut), Lighthouse Place, Downtown, Casino, Hansen Park, Marquette Greenway, Trail Creek Park | Michigan Blvd intersection is signalized. | Bicycle boulevard outside core. High visibility crossing at Michigan Blvd. Consider back-in diagonal parking between Wabash and Pine |
| <b>8th Street, Michigan Blvd to Springland</b>  | Michigan City   | Collector, edge between residential and industrial land use | 0.45        | 32'  | 2-lane, 1 side parking                                     | Parallel Trail Creek Greenway shared use path | NA           | G                   | Trail Creek Greenway, Pottawattamie Park, Friendship Botanical Garden via connecting trail                      |   | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>Springland Ave, 8th St to Karwick Rd</b>   | Michigan City   | Collector on edge of neighborhoods                          | 1.44        | 32'  | 2-lane, parking on south side                              | Back of curb sidewalk on south side           | NA           | G                   | SSL Carroll Ave station, Winding Creek Cove Park  |   | Bicycle boulevard  |
| <b>Karwick Rd, Springland to Tryon</b>  | Michigan City   | Collector with beach access                                 | 0.50        | 32'  | 2-lane, no parking, paved shoulders                        | No sidewalk                                   | NA           | G                   | Continuity  |   | Existing shoulders   |
| <b>Tryon Rd/W 800N, Karwick to N 300W</b>   | La Porte County | Rural section line road                                     | 5.0         | 21'  | 2-lane   | Drainage ditches                              | NA           | G                   | Springfield ES  |   | Bike route   |
| <b>N 300W/W 850N</b>  | La Porte County | Rural local   | 1.76        | 21'  | 2-lane   | Drainage ditches                              | NA           | G                   | Chessie Trail (fut)   |   | Bike route   |
| <b>SR 39, W 850N to W 900N</b>  | La Porte County | State Highway   | 0.50        | 36'  | 2-lane, paved shoulders                                    |   | NA           | G                   | Continuity  |   | Existing shoulders   |
| <b>W 900N, SR 39 to Fail Rd</b>   | La Porte County | Rural section line road                                     | 3.78        | 21'  | 2-lane   | Drainage ditches                              | NA           | G                   | Hesston Steam Museum via N 125E   |   | Bike route   |
| <b>Fail Rd (USBR 35), W 900N to E 800N</b>  | La Porte County | Rural collector   | 1.0         | 24'  | 2-lane, striped  | Drainage ditches                              | NA           | G                   | Heston Hills Event Center   |   | Bike route   |
| <b>E 800N, Fail Rd to Novitiate Rd (N 500E)</b>   | La Porte County | Rural section line road                                     | 3.25        | 22'  | 2-lane, striped  | Drainage ditches                              | NA           | G                   | Hog Lake  |   | Bike Route   |
| <b>E Saugana Trail/N Cherokee Trail/E Tioga Trail 600E from N 500E to South Shore Line crossing</b> | La Porte County | Rural neighborhood local                                    | 1.43        | 22'  | 2-lane, rural section, no parking                          |   | NA           | G                   | Hudson Lake facilities, SSL station   |   | Bike route   |

Table 2-40: Michigan City to Hudson Lake via County Roads

## Eastern Lakes Routes: Hudson Lake to Fish Lake

| Street Segment  | City or County               | Street or Road Type | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration                                       | Adjacent ROW Conditions | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served                            | Barriers and Treatment                        | Recommended Infrastructure                         |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Chicago Rd, Hudson Lake Station to N 700E</b>          | Hudson Lake, La Porte County | Rural collector     | 4.75        | 22'           | 2-lane, rural section                                    | Drainage ditches        | NA           | G                   | SSL Hudson Lake                                      | Underpass at SSL crossing. US 20 intersection | Bike route. Advisory signage at US 20 crossing     |
| <b>E 350N, N 600E from US 20 to Division Rd</b>           | La Porte County              | Rural collector     | 6.71        | 22'           | 2-lane, rural section                                    | Drainage ditches        | NA           | G                   | New Prairie HS/ JHS, Wills Township Community Center |   | Bike route. Connection to La Porte via Division Rd |
| <b>S 600E/E 100S/S Taylor Rd from Division Rd to SR 4</b> | La Porte County              | Rural collectors    | 3.15        | 24'           | 2-lane, rural section, striping on the Taylor Rd segment | Drainage ditches        | NA           | G                   |  |   | Bike route   |
| <b>SR 4, Taylor Road to S 800E</b>                        | La Porte County              | State Highway       | 1.09        | 43'           | 2-lane highway with paved shoulders                      |                         | NA           | F                   | Fish Lake Conservation Area, services                |   | Existing shoulders                                 |

Table 2-41: Eastern Lakes Routes: Hudson Lake to Fish Lake

## Westville to Fish Lake

| Street Segment                              | City or County             | Street or Road Type  | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration                           | Adjacent ROW Conditions        | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served              | Barriers and Treatment | Recommended Infrastructure |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>CH 625W/W 400S, Joliet Rd to US 35</b>   | La Porte County/ Kingsbury | Rural County Road    | 7.10        | 20-24'        | 2-lane, some striped segments, rural section | Drainage ditches               | NA           | G                   | Luhr Park Nature Center, Kingsbury ES, |                        | Bike route                 |
| <b>E 400S, US 35 to E Hupp Rd</b>           | La Porte County            | Rural County Road    | 4.63        | 22'           | 2-lane, some striped segments, rural section | Drainage ditches               | NA           | G                   |  |                        | Bike route                 |
| <b>E Hupp Rd, E 400S to SR 104</b>          | La Porte County            | Rural County Road    | 0.78        | 22'           | 2-lane, rural section, striped               |                                | NA           | NR                  |  |                        | Bike route through village |
| <b>SR 104, Hupp Rd to S 550E</b>            | La Porte County            | Principal State Road | 0.70        | 27'           | 2-lane                                       | Surface drainage, no sidewalks | NA           | NR-A                |  |                        | Sidepath                   |
| <b>S 550E/E 350S/S 700E, SR 104 to SR 4</b> | La Porte County            | Rural County Road    | 3.00        | 22-24'        | 2-lane, striped, rural section               | Drainage ditches               | NA           | G                   |  |                        | Bike route                 |

Table 2-42: Westville to Fish Lake

## Kingsford Heights-Kingsbury-La Porte Loop

| Street Segment   | City or County           | Street or Road Type                      | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration  | Adjacent ROW Conditions                | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served                                      | Barriers and Treatment                        | Recommended Infrastructure                             |
|--|--------------------------|--|-------------|---------------|---|--|--------------|---------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>W 800S/S 175W/W 850S from Long Lane (USBR 35) to Range Rd</b> | La Porte County          | Rural County Road                        | 3.00        | 22-24'        | 2-lane, striped, rural section                              | Drainage ditches                       | NA           | G                   | Kingsford Hts ES and Park, Union Mills Library, Mill Pond Park |   | Bike route   |
| <b>S Range Rd, W 850S to US 35</b>                               | Kingsford Hts            | Neighborhood local and rural county road | 1.37        | 22-24'        | 2-lane, rural section, no parking                           | Sidewalk on one side in community area | NA           | NR-L                |  | Gated grade crossing of double track railroad | Bike route   |
| <b>US 35, Range Rd to W 400S</b>                                 | Kingsbury                | Principal Interurban Road                | 3.22        | 80'           | 4-lane divided highway north of US 6 junction, 2-lane south | Surface drainage                       | 6006         | NR-A                | Kingbury services  |   | Sidepath. Connection to La Porte via W 400S and S 150W |
| <b>S 150W, W 400S to 24th St</b>                                 | La Porte City and County | Rural/Urban Transition County Road       | 2.74        | 20'           | 2-lane, rural section                                       | Drainage ditches                       | NA           | G                   | Luhr Park, La Porte Airport                                    |   | Bike route   |

Table 2-43: Kingsford Heights-Kingsbury-La Porte Loop

## Division Road Route: Aberdeen-Wanatah-Hanna

| Street Segment   | City or County           | Street or Road Type                              | Length (mi) | Channel Width                         | Lane Configuration                             | Adjacent ROW Conditions                                   | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating               | Destination/Trails Served  | Barriers and Treatment                                   | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|--|--------------------------|--|-------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>N 250W/Tower Rd, W 100N to Division Rd</b>                            | Aberdeen                 | Rural County Road, Collector within Aberdeen     | 1.26        | 23' in rural area, 30' in development | 2-lane, urban section in development           | Sidewalks in Aberdeen                                     | NA           | G in rural section, E in Aberdeen |  |  | Bicycle boulevard   |
| <b>Division Rd, Tower Rd to SR 49</b>                                    | Porter County            | Rural County Road                                | 4.65        | 21'                                   | 2-lane   | Drainage ditches  | NA           | G                                 | Access to Valparaiso via Sager Road route, Fairgrounds                         | US 30 intersection is signalized                         | Bike route. Improve crossing signage at US 30   |
| <b>Division Rd, SR 49 to County Line Rd</b>                              | Porter County            | Rural County Road with some adjacent residential | 5.04        | 33' at fairgrounds, 21' elsewhere     | 3-lane at fairgrounds, narrowing to 2 lane     | Drainage ditches, managed conduit in some developed areas | NA           | G                                 |  | Complex rail crossing at 400 E intersection.             | Bike route  |
| <b>County Line/Legion Rd from Division to Illinois St</b>                | La Porte County, Wanatah | Rural County Road                                | 0.50        | 21'                                   | 2-lane   | Drainage ditches  | NA           | E                                 | Wanatah  |  |   |
| <b>Illinois St/E 1st St from Legion Rd to US 421</b>                     | Wanatah                  | Business district commercial street              | 0.62        | 21', 50' in town center               | 2-lane, diagonal parking on one side in center |   | NA           | E                                 | Public library, Town Hall, Public School, Ivy Tech, William Hunt Memorial Park | Overpass on US 421 over 1st Street and parallel railroad | Bicycle boulevard   |
| <b>Bailey Rd/S 900W/W 1300S/Volk Rd/W 1350S from US 421 to Long Lane</b> | La Porte County, Hanna   | Rural County Road                                | 8.0         | 21'                                   | 2-lane   | Drainage ditches  | NA           | G                                 |  | US 30 intersection                                       | Bike route. Provide clear markings and caution signage at US 30. Use median as a refuge area/ |

Table 2-44: Division Road Route: Aberdeen-Wanatah-Hanna

## US Bike Route 35

| Street Segment   | City or County  | Street or Road Type                              | Length (mi) | Channel Width                          | Lane Configuration                              | Adjacent ROW Conditions              | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/ Trails Served                   | Barriers and Treatment                                       | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|--|-----------------|--|-------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>150E/E 1000N from state line to Fail Road</b>                             | La Porte County | Country Lane (150E), Rural County Road (E 1000N) | 1.0         | 22'                                    | 2-lane, rural section                           | Drainage ditches                     | NA           | G                   |  | Hesston Steam Museum   | Bike route  |
| <b>Fail Rd, E 1000N to E 200N</b>  | La Porte County | Rural County Road                                | 8.4         | 22-24'                                 | 2-lane, striped in some segments, rural section | Drainage ditches                     | NA           | G                   | Heston Hills Event Center                    | Intersection of US 20 is signalized, Overpass over Toll Road | Bike route  |
| <b>W 200N, Fail Road to N Park Rd</b>  | La Porte        | Collector at city edge                           | 1.83        | 22'                                    | 2-lane, striped, rural section                  |                                      | NA           | G                   |  |  | Bike route  |
| <b>Park Rd/Park St, W 200N to Bach St</b>                                    | La Porte        |  | 1.03        | 22' widening to 26' south of Cherry St | 2-lane, rural section                           | One side sidewalk south of Cherry St | NA           | G                   | Lindewald Park, City Park, Fox Memorial Park |  | Bicycle boulevard   |
| <b>Park St/Tipton St, Bach to Lincoln Hwy Pt/</b>                            | La Porte        | Neighborhood local                               | 0.46        | 28-42'                                 | 2-lane, parking in wider areas                  | Sidewalks                            | NA           | G                   | Downtown La Porte                            |  | Bike route. Continuation of USBR 35 follows Westville-La Porte Route to Long Lane Road (4.1 mi) |
| <b>Follows La Porte-Westville-Valparaiso Route, Lincoln Hwy to Long Lane</b> |                 |  | 4.1         |  |   |                                      |              |                     |  |  |   |
| <b>Long Lane Rd, Joliet Rd to W 1800S</b>                                    | La Porte County | Rural County Road                                | 15.9        | 22-24'                                 | 2-lane, striped rural section                   | Drainage ditches, surface drainage   | NA           | G                   | Union Mills, Mill Pond Park, Hanna, Library  | US 30 crossing with parallel railroad, ungated crossing      | Bike route. Clear markings at highway crossing, warning signs for cross traffic                 |

Table 2-45: US Bike Route 35

## Chesterton-Westville Connection

| Street Segment                                | City or County | Street or Road Type                     | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration    | Adjacent ROW Conditions | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating                        | Destination/Trails Served | Barriers and Treatment                                   | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|---|----------------|---|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--|---------------------------|--|---|
| <b>E Tratebas Rd, N Calumet Ave to N 400E</b> | Porter County  | Country Lane, some residential clusters | 2.5         | 20'           | 2-lane, rural section | Drainage ditches        | NA           | G  |                           |  | Bike route  |
| <b>N 400 E, Tratebas to E 900N</b>            | Porter County  | Rural County Road                       | 0.5         | 21'           | 2-lane, rural section | Drainage ditches        | NA           | G  |                           |  | Bike route  |
| <b>E 900 N, N 400E to County Line Rd</b>      | Porter County  | Rural County Road                       | 3.0         | 21'           | 2-lane, rural section | Drainage ditches        | NA           | G between N 400E to N 550E, NR to the east |                           | Substantial low density residential development corridor | Bike boulevard in the short term to Westville. Upgraded road if necessary should include sidepath or shoulders  |
| <b>County Line Rd, E 900N to W 300S</b>       | County line    | Rural County Road                       | 0.37        | 21'           | 2-lane, rural section | Drainage ditches        | NA           | NR   |                           | Substantial low density residential development corridor | Bike boulevard in the short term to Westville. Upgraded road if necessary, should include sidepath or shoulders |

Table 2-46: Chesterton-Westville Connection

# Cedar Lake-Lowell-Kankakee Valley

| Street Segment   | City or County      | Street or Road Type   | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration                       | Adjacent ROW Conditions  | ADT if known     | Greenway Map Rating                | Destination/Trails Served                         | Barriers and Treatment   | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|--|--|------------------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| Lake Shore Dr, Cline Ave to W 133rd Ave                | Cedar Lake          | Minor arterial        | 0.8         | 30-31'        | 2-lane, no parking                       | Intermittent sidewalks and gravel shoulders; very limited space for infrastructure | 8210             | F                                  | Lakefront and businesses, Lemon Lake County Park  | Constrained right of way | Road improvement with a shoulder upgrade and repair to create a rideable and walkable shoulder area.  |
| Morse St, 133rd to 145th Ave.                          | Cedar Lake          | Minor arterial        | 1.0         | 28'           | 2-lane, striped, rural section           | No sidewalks, drainage swales beyond narrow shoulders                              | 5231             | G                                  | Town Grounds, Lassen's Resort, public lake access |                          | Continuation of road improvement with a shoulder upgrade and repair to create a rideable and walkable shoulder area.  |
| Morse St, 145th Ave to 171st Ave                       | Lake County, Lowell | Minor arterial        | 3.25        | 27'           | 2-lane, striped, rural section           | Drainage swales  | 3116             | G to 159th Ave, NR south to Lowell |   |                          | Sidepath. Alternative bike route is 155th Ave to Cline and through Freedom Park to the proposed trail to Main St. Continuing connection through on-street routes or proposed trail to Clark Street. |
| Morse St/Mill St, 171st Ave to Commercial St           | Lowell              | Collector             | 1.16        | 22-27'        | 2-lane, striped, no parking              | Discontinuous sidewalks except between Commercial and Main                         | 3828             | NR                                 | Lowell VFW, Christian Academy, Town Center        |                          | Sidepath south to Main  |
| Clark, Commercial to Belshaw Road                      | Lowell              | Collector             | 0.9         | 21'           | 2-lane, striped, rural section           | Drainage ditches   | 2582             | G                                  | Buckley Homestead County Park                     |                          | Sidepath  |
| Clark/Old Monon Rd/231st Ave from Belshaw to Pierce St | Lowell, Shelby      | Rural County Road     | 6.2         | 22'           | 2-lane, striped, rural section           | Drainage swales  | 282 on 231st Ave | G                                  | Shelby  |                          | Bike route  |
| Pierce St, 231st to 235th Ave                          | Shelby              | Community main street | 0.5         | 32'           | 2-lane, striped, parking off the roadway | Isolated sidewalk segments   | 847              | G                                  | Shelby Library, Community Park, and services      |                          | Bike route  |

Table 2-47: Cedar Lake-Lowell-Kankakee Valley



## Kankakee Valley Route

| Street Segment  | City or County    | Street or Road Type   | Length (mi) | Channel Width | Lane Configuration          | Adjacent ROW Conditions                             | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served                           | Barriers and Treatment | Recommended Infrastructure |
|---|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------|---------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Parrish Ave, 236th to 241st Ave   | Schneider         | Community main street | 0.55        | 22'           | 2-lane, striped, no parking | Sidewalk on west side on central two blocks of town | NA           | G                   | Local services, US 41 access                        |                        | Bike route                 |
| W 241st Ave/Cline Ave/W 245th Ave/Whitcomb St/235th Ave from Parrish Ave to Pierce St | Schneider, Shelby | Rural County Road     | 6.64        | 22' typical   | 2-lane, rural section       | Drainage ditches and swales                         | NA           | G                   | Mohawk Campground, Badal Wildlife Refuge            |                        | Bike route                 |
| Pierce St, 235th to 231st Ave   | Shelby            | Community main street | 0.5         |               | 2-lane, striped, no parking | Isolated sidewalk segments                          | 847          | G                   | Shelby Library, Community Park, and services        |                        | Bike route                 |
| 231st Ave/Harrison St (SR 55)   | Lake County       | Rural County Road     | 1.5         | 22-24'        | 2-lane, striped, no parking | Drainage swales                                     | NA           | G                   |   |                        | Bike route                 |
| 221st Ave/Mississippi/217th Ave   | Lake County       | Rural Gravel Lane     | 4.0         | 18-20'        | 2-lane                      | Drainage ditches                                    | NA           | F                   | Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park, River levee trail |                        | Gravel bike route          |

Table 2-48: Kankakee Valley Route

## Hebron-Kankakee Route

| Street Segment               | City or County | Street or Road Type   | Length (mi) | Channel Width                                     | Lane Configuration    | Adjacent ROW Conditions | ADT if known | Greenway Map Rating | Destination/Trails Served                                   | Barriers and Treatment | Recommended Infrastructure  |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| S Main, Pratt to E 173rd Ave | Hebron         | Community main street | 1.55        | 50' in town center, 38' for turn lanes, 28' basic | 2-3 lane, no parking  | Sidewalks through city  | 7096-10700   | F                   | Town center, Hebron school campus, American Discovery Trail |                        | Upgrade sidewalk on one side to sidepath standard, extending to 173rd |
| 173rd Ave, Main St to Clay   | Lake County    | Rural county road     | 4.0         | 19'   | 2-lane, rural section | Drainage swales         | NA           | NR                  | American Discovery Trail route                              |                        | Bike route. ADT signage   |
| Clay, 173rd Ave to SR 2      | Lake County    | Rural collector       | 1.0         | 24'   | 2-lane, rural section | Drainage ditches        | NA           | G                   | Lodging and freeway services at SR 2 interchange with I-65  |                        | Bike route  |
| Clay, SR 2 to County Park    | Lake County    | Rural collector       | 4.5         | 22-24'  | 2-lane, rural section | Drainage ditches        | NA           | G                   | Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park                            |                        | Bike route  |

Table 2-49 Hebron-Kankakee Route

