

TDD Steering Committee Quarterly Update

November 13, 2024

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COMMITTEE & TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2024
- RDA Update on Rail Projects
- TDD Boundaries Update
- TDD Program Guide Update
- Next Steps & Questions
- 2025 Meeting Schedule
- Adjourn

Update on the Rail Investment

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

West Lake Corridor

Design is 95% complete; train signals and operating systems remain in progress. Design of the last bridge (BR101) is complete as approval from the CSX railroad was received.

With the exception of BR101 and the Main Street underpass at Munster Dyer station civil works are mostly done. Trackwork along the full length of the project is largely complete. Work is focused on installing poles for the catenary system and system (e.g. communications and power) installation. Paving is scheduled to begin for the west parking lot at Munster/Dyer stations, while work on the station and preparations for installation of the bridge over Main Street continue.

Construction is 84% complete.

An extended period of testing and commissioning is required between construction completion and Revenue Service. The NICTD team is focused on when the trains will be running. Revenue Service Date of May 1, 2025, is NICTD's current target. The FTA grant commitment is May 20, 2026. The Hammond cutover is complete, and the new Hammond Gateway station is operational for rail service as of October 18, 2024.

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Double Track

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

DT1 (Main rail project): Contract is substantially complete and very small number of punch list items remain.

DT2 (MC 11th Street Station): Completion of the garage is scheduled for February 2025. Gary Miller Station (DT3), Portage/Ogden Dunes Parking Lot (DT4), Dune Park East Parking Lot (DT5) are complete.

Positive Train Control (DT6) is complete.

Overall, construction is 95% complete, 5% is attributable to the parking garage in Michigan City Revenue Service began on May 14, 2024, earlier than the FTA grant commitment of November 6, 2024.

TDD Boundaries

Update

Remaining TDDs

- Valparaiso: TDD work is ongoing and the city has officially opened the new transit center at the Journeyman Distillery. RDA was proud to be a financial partner with the city in this effort.
- **South Bend:** conversations are underway about the airport TDD.
- Beverly Shores/Pines: a first draft of the TDD is ready to be presented to the public...





TDD Promotion

- Indianapolis: In August, Sherri and Aaron talked to the Indiana chapter of Urban Land Institute about the Transit Development Districts and the opportunities for development in Northwest Indiana.
- Washington DC: In October, Sherri and Aaron joined Gary Mayor Eddie Melton, Mayor at the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) National Conference in Washington, DC, giving a presentation called "The Region"- Uplifting Communities Through Transit Oriented Development in Northwest Indiana.





TDD Program Guide

Update

Moving Ahead

- RDA as a resource
 - MKSK
 - KPMG
 - Policy Analytics
- Updates from your community

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2025 Housekeeping Notes

- 2025 Meeting Schedule
- February 12
- May 14
- August 13
- November 12
- <u>Reappointment Letters</u>
- 2025 Chairperson