

Email Blast***NICTD West Lake Corridor Project***

The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD), as project sponsor to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Section 4(f) Evaluation pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, to evaluate the West Lake Corridor Project – an extension of the South Shore Line between the Munster/Dyer area and Metra’s Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago. The Project would construct an approximately 8-mile proposed southern branch extension of NICTD’s existing South Shore Line (SSL) between Dyer and Hammond, Indiana.

The DEIS documents the benefits and impacts of the Project alternatives considered, including impacts to Section 4 (f) resources. It evaluates the environmental, transportation, social and economic impacts associated with the transportation improvements the West Lake Corridor Project will provide. The DEIS is available on the project website www.nictdwestlake.com for public review and comment, from December 16, 2016 to February 3, 2017.

You have six methods of submitting your comment.

1. On Line at: www.nictdwestlake.com
2. Via Email at: project.email@nictdwestlake.com
3. Via the automated comment line at: 219-250-2920
4. In writing at the public hearings
5. Transcribed by a court reporter at the public hearings
6. Via mail to: NICTD, DEIS West Lake Corridor Project, 33 East U.S. Highway 12, Chesterton, IN 46304

All methods of commenting will receive equal weight. All comments will be reviewed and considered as part of the development of the combined Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)/Record of Decision (ROD) which is expected in the summer of 2017.

A copy of the DEIS is also available for public review at local libraries: Hammond Public Library, Lake County Public Library (Munster and Dyer-Schererville branches), and at the NICTD administrative offices, in Chesterton, Indiana. To present the results of the DEIS and to solicit public comment, NICTD will hold three public hearings. These hearings will be conducted in an open house format, and will provide attendees with an update on the Project status and the results of the evaluation process conducted to date. Comments on the DEIS may be made verbally to a court reporter at the public hearing or in writing during the 45-day public comment period.

For additional information on this project visit the project website www.nictdwestlake.com. The public hearings will be held as follows:

1. Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Protsman Elementary School
1121 Harrison Avenue, Dyer, Indiana 46311
2. Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Washington Irving Elementary School
4727 Pine Avenue, Hammond, Indiana 46327
3. Thursday, January 19, 2017, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Centennial Park
1005 South Centennial Drive, Munster, Indiana 46321

[View the NICTD West Lake Corridor Project DEIS Overview online now.](#)

Be sure to add project.email@nictdwestlake.com to your address book to ensure project e-mails land in your inbox. All hearing sites are accessible to people with disabilities. For any person requiring an interpreter, including sign language services or other special accommodations, please call our West Lake automated comment line, 219-250-2920, and make this request a minimum of 5 days, in advance of the hearing date.

Para más información en español, visite al website del Proyecto www.nictdwestlake.com.

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