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The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD), in cooperation with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, have prepared a combined Final Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision and Section 4(f) Evaluation (FEIS/ROD) to evaluate the proposed West Lake Corridor Project. The FEIS/ROD has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The West Lake Corridor Project is an approximately 9-mile southern extension of the existing NICTD South Shore Line (SSL) commuter rail service between Dyer and Hammond, Indiana. The Project would end just east of the Indiana-Illinois state line, where Project trains would connect with the SSL to travel north to Chicago. The West Lake Corridor Project includes four commuter rail stations and a maintenance facility/layover yard.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the West Lake Corridor Project was issued on December 16, 2016, with a public comment period occurring between December 16, 2016 and February 3, 2017. The DEIS evaluated the environmental, transportation, social, and economic impacts associated with the proposed transportation improvements in the West Lake Corridor, which would serve the Towns of Munster and Dyer, and the City of Hammond in Lake County, Indiana.

The primary purpose of the combined FEIS/ROD is to present updates to the Project that have occurred since the DEIS, and to respond to substantive comments received during the DEIS public comment period. Responses are in the form of clarifications and references to sections of the FEIS where issues raised are addressed, and factual corrections. The ROD states FTA's decision, identifies the alternatives considered in reaching the decision, and describes the means to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts. Mitigation plans, including enforcement and monitoring commitments, are included in the ROD. The Final Section 4(f) Evaluation is included in the combined FEIS/ROD.

### **Combined FEIS/ROD Availability:**

The FEIS/ROD is available for your review in the following formats:

#### **Electronic**

- West Lake Corridor Project website at: <http://www.nictdwestlake.com/resources/>

#### **Hard Copy**

Hard Copies of the FEIS/ROD are available for review at:

- NICTD's Administrative Office, 33 East U.S. Highway 12, Chesterton, IN 46304
- Munster Branch of the Lake County Public Library, 8701 Calumet Ave, Munster, IN 46321
- Hammond Public Library, 564 State St, Hammond, IN 46320
- Dyer-Schererville Branch of the Lake County Public Library, 1001 W Lincoln Hwy, Schererville, IN 46375

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