Meeting Agenda

- West Lake Project Overview
- Environmental Process
- Overview of Support Facilities
- Munster/Dyer Main St. Station
- Munster/Dyer Facility Site Locations
- Schedule and Next Steps
Project Overview

- FTA and NICTD are Conducting an Environmental Review of the West Lake Corridor
- The Study includes Rail Based Service between the Munster/Dyer area and Metra’s Millennium Station in Downtown Chicago
- The Study evaluates Alignments, Stations and Operating Facility Locations in the Corridor

West Lake Project Overview

- 9-Mile Extension of Existing South Shore Line (SSL)
- 12 Trains per Weekday
- 4 Stations in Hammond, Munster, and Dyer
- Maintenance Facility
- Options for Alignment, Stations, Maintenance and Layover Facilities
Alternative Options

- Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) Alignment
- Hammond Design Option Alignment
- Station Options
  - Hammond
  - Munster
- Maintenance Facility
  - Hammond – 2 sites
  - Munster/Dyer
- Layover Facility
  - Munster/Dyer

Why So Many Alternatives?

- Required to evaluate all feasible alternatives meeting the purpose and need of the project
- To consider and evaluate each alternative in a comparable level of detail
- To avoid any indication of a bias towards a particular alternative(s)
- Field work is included for all alternatives minimizing the need for additional investigation
National Environmental Policy Act

Key Considerations:
- Transportation
- Land Use and Acquisitions
- Economic Development
- Neighborhoods and Community Facilities
- Environmental Justice
- Parks and Recreational
- Historic and Archeological
- Noise and Vibration
- Visual and Aesthetics
- Water and Ecological
- Farmlands
- Hazardous Materials
- Safety and Security
- Short-Term Construction

Environmental Impact Statement Process

Scoping and Screening
- Identify Issues
- Develop and screen alternatives

Draft EIS
- Prepare Technical Reports
- Prepare Draft EIS on remaining alternatives
- Circulate Draft EIS
- Hold Public Hearings
- Prepare request to enter Project Development

Final EIS
- Record of Decision
- Respond to comments
- Prepare Final EIS
- Prepare Record of Decision
Stations

- Boarding Platforms
- Shelters
- Parking
- Multi-Modal Access

Vehicle Technology

- Existing South Shore Electric Trains
Maintenance Facility
- Shop Building for Maintenance of Vehicles
- Storage Tracks
- Parking and Support Facilities

Layover Facility
- Welfare Building for Crew
- Storage Tracks for Overnight Layover
- Parking

Operations Facilities
If maintenance facility is here...
...layover facility is needed here
Operations Facilities

Munster/Dyer Station and Maintenance Facility
– inspect, repair, clean, and store vehicles

Operations Facilities

Munster/Dyer Station and Layover Facility
– overnight or mid-day storage, light interior cleaning and minor repairs,
Layover Facility Conceptual Layout

West Lake Overall Project Schedule


Environmental Impact Statement

Project Development

Engineering

Construction

SCOPING

DRAFT EIS

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FTA FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION

FTA FULL FUNDING GRANT

PROJECT START UP 2023
Next Steps

- Public Workshops – November 2015
- DEIS Public Hearings – Spring 2016
- DEIS Public Review – Spring 2016
- Begin Project Development – Summer 2016

Key to Success: Partnerships
How Can You Participate and Stay Informed

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