



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

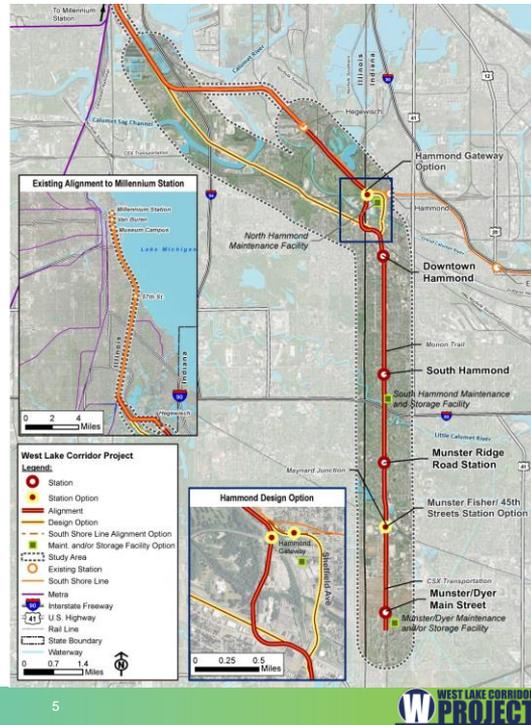
West Lake Project Overview

- 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



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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

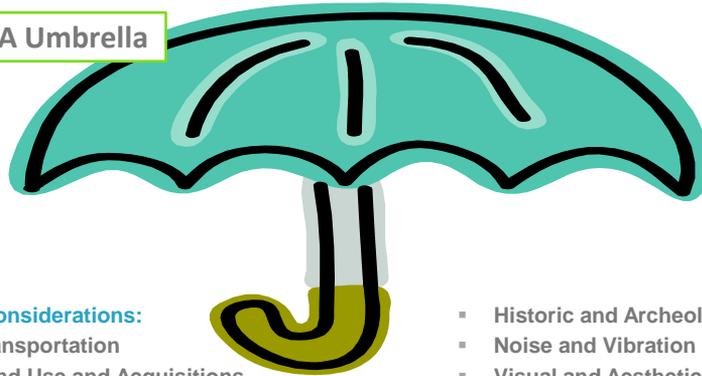
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National Environmental Policy Act

NEPA Umbrella



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





Hegewisch Station, SSL

Stations

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



Dune Park Station, SSL



East Chicago Station, SSL



Vehicle Technology

- Existing South Shore Electric Trains





Denton County A-Train Maintenance Facility

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



Metra Electric District – Richton Layover



Operations Facilities

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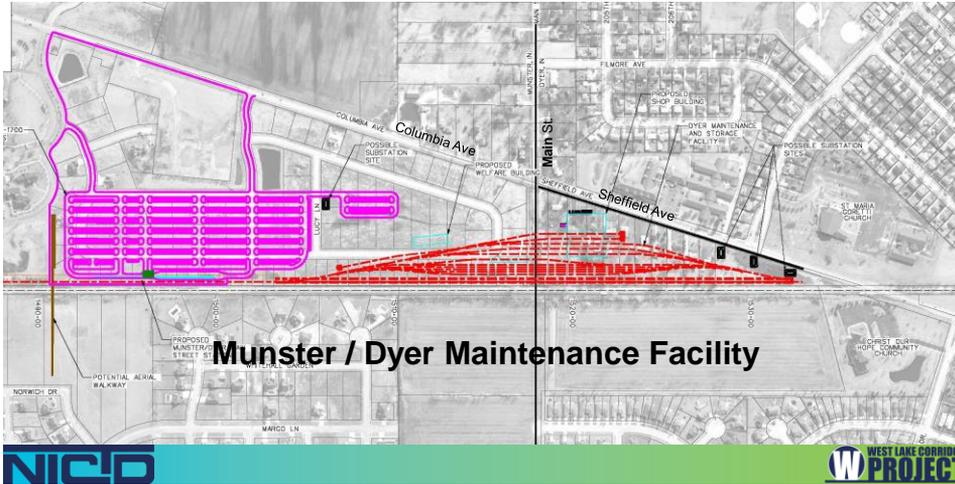
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Operations Facilities

Munster/Dyer Station and Maintenance Facility

– inspect, repair, clean, and store vehicles



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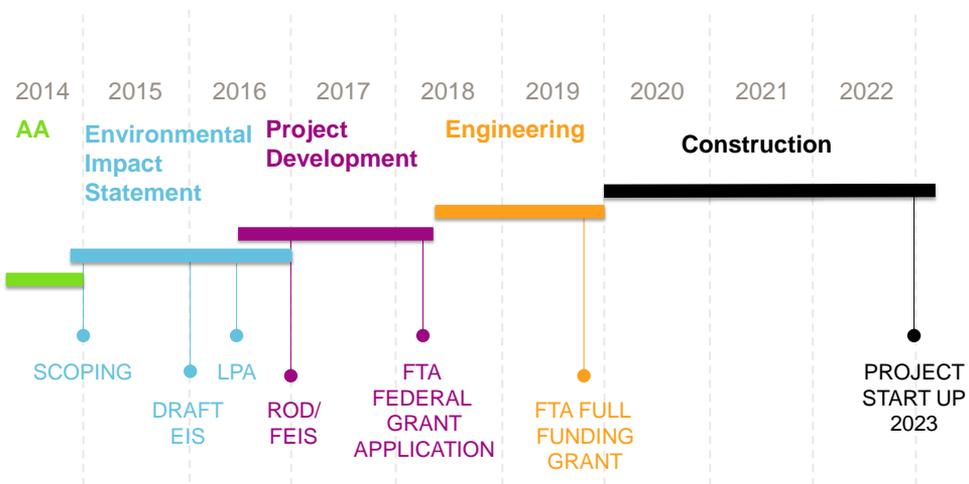
– overnight or mid-day storage, light interior cleaning and minor repairs,



Layover Facility Conceptual Layout



West Lake Overall Project Schedule



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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