

APPENDIX E

Public Scoping Comments

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS



Meeting Purpose: Public Scoping Meeting
 Location: The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, 1040 Ridge Rd, Munster, IN 46321
 Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

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Michael Scalli	West Lakes	630.248.7019	mscallic@hotmail.com	224 Coranby Pl, Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other:
CHRISTINA LOSINIECKI	MANOR AVENUE	219-836-1820 (773)	christinalosiniecki@yahoo.com	8822 Manor Ave, Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input checked="" type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other:
Em Escamilla	West Lake	410-8121	Escamillhera@hotmail.com	156 Goggin St	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other:
Richard Ludlow	Town of Schneider IN	219 712-6930		23710 Euclid ST. Schneider	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other:
MARC GLICK	HIGHLAND, IN	219 923-5204	mglick123@comcast.net	8803 WOODWARD AVE HIGHLAND, IN 46322	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: SOUTH SHORE P.R.
Ron Vorberg	MUNSTER	219 836 6203		2409 MORANE AV 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other:
Bill Baker	MUNSTER	219 465 1448			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: WEB
BELINDA ZETROKEY	NIRPE	219/763-6060			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other:
DAVID ZAPATA	DYER, IN	219-865-0485	DZAPATA@HOTMAIL.COM	528 SHEFFIELD AVE DYER, IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="radio"/> Website <input checked="" type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other:
Jonathan Hall	Lansing Il.	630-667-9312	minihall@hotmail.com	18321 Maple ST Lansing Il 60438	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other:
George J. Vander Weide	Highland IN	219 924-4404	georgew@the-global.net	2325 - 4th Street	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="radio"/> Newspaper <input type="radio"/> Website <input type="radio"/> Postcard <input type="radio"/> E-Mail <input type="radio"/> Flyer <input type="radio"/> Other:

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CHRISTINA LOSMIECKI	MANOR AVENUE	219-836-1820 (773)	christina.losmiecki@yahoo.com	8822 Manor Ave, Munster	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Eric Escamilla	West Lake	410-8121	EscamillaEric@hotmail.com	156 Gyglin St	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Richard Ludlow	Town of Schneider IN	219 712-6930		23710 Euclid ST, Schneider	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
MARC GLICK	HIGHLAND, IN	219 923-5204	mglick123@comcast.net	8803 WOODWARD AVE HIGHLAND, IN 46322	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: SOUTH SHORE P.R.
Ron Verberg	MUNSTER	219 836 6203		8109 MORAWE AV 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Bill Daxel	MUNSTER	219 465 1448			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: WJOB
BELINDA ZETROREY	NIRPE	219/763-6060			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
DAVID ZAPATA	DYER, IN	219-865-0485	DZAPATAMUNDOHOTMAIL.COM	528 SHEFFIELD AVE DYER, IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Jonathan Hall	Lansing IL	630-667-9312	mjhahall@hotmail.com	18321 Maple ST Lansing IL 60438	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Georg T. Vande Weyer	Highland IN	219 924 -4404	georgew@globalnet	2935 - 44th Street	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

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MIKE DUMOVIC			sumodumov@ATT.NET		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: ASD 10
Jessica Garay	Hammond		jgaray525@gmail.com		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Tom Coary	Dyer	219-865-8892	coary67@comcast.net	1045 Sheffield Ave Dyer, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
John Willens	St John	219-665-9502	je.willens@gmail.com	8521 86th Ct Saint John, IN 46373	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
JULIE LATTA	Munster	319 325 0808	jewels_pnt@yahoo.com		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Linda Spolarich	Dyer	219-515-2030	lindak1@comcast.net	850 Blue Jay Way Dyer, IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
RALPH CORRIERE	HAMMOND	219 682 5600			Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
JOHN EVANS	Dyer	219-718-8593		850 Blue Jay Way Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Jeremy Wink	St-John	219-776-0424	jugghead80@yahoo.com	8255 Osage Dr. St John 46373	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Chuck Pollen	Munster	(219) 318-1484	virtualechuck@yahoo.com		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:

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BETHA LESAND			blsanda@depulsed.com	12 MIDWAY CT. HAMMOND, IN 46324	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
VIRGINIA TOM SCHREUDER				224 MILFORD HAVEN WAY MUNSTER IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Robert Sheehan		219-765-9946	ROB.SHEEHAN@AOL.COM	1929 Wren Dr. Munster IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: My neighbor
DON RUDESKI	DYER ANIMAL CLINIC	219-865-3737	dannyrudski@yahoo.com		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
TRUDY WASIK	Southwood HAMMOND	219 414-6056	trudywasik@yahoo.com	208 Southwood Rd HAMMOND 46324	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Bob Marlovich	HAMMOND CITY COUNCIL	219-659-5376		1821 Davis Ave. W.H. IN. 46394	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Bill Emerson Sr	4th District Hammond City Council	219-937-1032		6643 Jackson Av. Hammond IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
MARK WISOTSKY	MUNSTER,	219-922-1106	-	808 Boxwood Dr. Munster IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
CLAYTON SANDERSON	DYER	219-689-7300	-	42 Inverness Lane, Dyer	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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Chris Rietman		219 218 5019	oxymorismusic@gmail.com	930 TYLER AVE APT 418 DYER, IN	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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JASON HANVITS					Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>NICD</u>
ANNE HERBERT	Hammond	219-931-8852	adherb3@ 3bcglobal.net	727 Wallace Rd Hammond, La 70320	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Facebook</u>
DR. MOLLY FARRELL	Dyer	219-865-3737	mff6790@comcast.net	1045 Sheffield Ave Dyer, IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Don Keagobian	Munster	219-838-0649		455 Janka Dr. Munster/IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Mr. Andrew	Ham'd	932-1629		208 Brunswick	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Tom Drake	Lansing	208-445-6041			Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Wm Sheehan	Dyer	219 670-9708	wmsheeh@9mail.com	647 205th Pl, Dyer IN 46311	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Jim Morgan	Warrone	219 981 4100 x342	Smorgan@qotwork.com Warrone	3522 Grant St. Gary IN 46408	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Tom Ryan		773.330.6817	TURKON 45@GLOBE.NET		Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Deakala Campbell	City of Gary	219/981-3000	deakamp@cityofgary.in.us	839 Hawthorne Gary 46402	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
ROBERT CASH	Hammond	312 731-7072	robertcash@group.net	43 Highland St. Hammond, IN 46320	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
R NARIZ	Hammond				Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Eric Pitas	Hammond	219-932-6395			Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

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JOHN WIDOWFIELD	CSX TRANSPORTATION	708-832-7180	John.Widowfield@csx.com	CAUMONT CITY, ILLINOIS	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer Other: _____
Scott Weber	Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission	219-763-6060 x122	sweber@nirpc.org	317 Leshm St Apt #15 LA PRAYO, IL 46385	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer Other: _____
Jonathan Hoff Jr.	Lansing, IL		Acrofcrost18@gmail.com	18321 Maple ST, Lansing, IL 60438	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer Other: _____
Brian Doyle	CN RAIL		brian.doyle@ironrail.ca	20 Bay St. Toronto ON M4W 1J1	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer Other: _____
Julie Bensingen	Live on Garfield Ave.	219-776-7369	cannerj@yahoo.com	3552 Garfield Ave. Munster, IN 46321	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer Other: _____
Celina Weathers				1542 Fox Point Drive (Kokerton, IN)	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer Other: _____
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Michael Arco	River Drive	836-5852	mpalco@comcast.net	501 River Drive	Check (✓) which apply: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Steven Shareef	West Lakes		shareef@mail@aol.com	124 Salisbury Drive	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
John Sawinski	Griffith	#765 072-1	jsawin@bglbal.net	1146 N Lafayette Griffith	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Ken Stevenson	Classic TAXI Candidate Statewide	219-545-4623	USRAJUBET@AOL.COM	526 Siebert Dr. Schroererville, IN 46375	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Robin Mantel	Wight Co.	312-261-5730	rmantel@wightco.com	211 N. Clinton Street Suite 300 N Chicago, IL 60601	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Participating Agency
Bill Simms	HPCDA	933-7177	Bill.Simms@att.net	6326 Van Buren, Hammond 46324	Check (✓) which apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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**Public Online Comments Received****1. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/15/2014 2:01 PM**

questions_comments: **The proposed Dyer stop is a must! I live in St. John, and the 30-35 min route up 41, to East Chicago, just isn't efficient.**

St. John/Schererville/Dyer need a closer stop.

Thank you

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 5 Months

realname: Jim

address1: Rapp

address2:

city: Saint John

state: State

zip_code: 46373

phone:

email: jimrapp12@yahoo.com**2. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/15/2014 4:17 PM**

questions_comments: **Will the Monon Corridor portion be a quiet zone?**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 7 months

realname: David Terdich

address1: 524 173RD STREET

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46324

phone:

email: d_j_terdich@yahoo.com**3. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/16/2014 8:05 PM**

questions_comments: **I currently board at Hegewisch but our plans are to move into NWI in the next few years. I work downtown and this expansion is long overdue!**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

length_of_time: 30+ years

realname: Mary Beth Swibes

address1: 1166 Memorial Dr

address2:

city: Calumet City

state: IL

zip_code: 60409

phone: 708 860-8144

email: mbswibes@gmail.com

4. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/20/2014 1:25 PM

questions_comments: **Where would the station be if there is one build in Dyer? Would it be next to the Amtrak station? Is there a map showing the location of the proposed stations? Thank you.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 14 years

realname: David Zapata

address1: 528 Sheffield Ave.

address2:

city: Dyer

state: IN

zip_code: 46311

phone: 219-865-0485

email: dzapatamen@hotmail.com

5. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/20/2014 7:35 PM

questions_comments: **I'd just like to say that I think it is very important to extend the proposed expansion toward St. John/Crown Point area. As a Crown Point resident I know how extremely congested the traffic is around Dyer. I can only imagine that getting worse with more people trying to use a new commuter train. I frankly don't think it would be any quicker to get to the proposed Dyer station than it would be to go to East Chicago. More choice needs to be available for the Crown Point area...Dyer/Munster already have a reasonable commute to Hammond or one of the Metra stations, whereas Crown Point residents are very limited with their options.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 1

realname: Stephanie Solverud

address1: 902 Kendall Ct.

address2:

city: Crown Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone:

email: *not provided*

6. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/22/2014 3:48 PM

questions_comments: **I am a resident in north Hammond and I live right alongside the south shore tracks. I have been renting an apartment for 4 years now and heard about some sort of expansion with the roads and tracks. What does this mean for myself and my family? Does this mean we are going to have to move? I don't mind relocating but with the cost of moving and extra deposits for a new home/apt plus nipsco, I have a bit of concern.**

Renter: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Jennifer Barajas

address1: 126 Gostlin st. apt 1R

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46327

phone:

email: mexicanbabe06@yahoo.com

7. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 8:44 AM**questions_comments: *None provided*

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 24 years

realname: Marilyn Stahr

address1: 11728 Leonardo Dr

address2:

city: St. John

state: IN

zip_code: 46373

phone:

email: mfs6508@att.net**8. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictedwestlake.com****Date Received: Wed 10/27/2014 10:07 AM**questions_comments: **I live along the Munster bike trail. I do not want a train in my backyard.****Please respond with information regarding the location of the tracks.****Thank you****Julie Bensinger**cannerj@yahoo.com**9. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 10:02 AM**questions_comments: **Where is the project corridor? All of the maps I have viewed do not show what path you will be using. I live along the Munster bike trail. I do not want the South Shore in my back yard.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 1 year

realname: Julie Bensinger

address1: 8552 Garfield Ave

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 219-776-7369

email: cannerj@yahoo.com**10. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 10:01 AM**questions_comments: **I currently live in Highland but have a rental unit in Dyer. I believe this project will make both of my homes more accessible to Chicago and open them up to a new market for rental or sale. I currently have numerous friends that live in Chicago and visiting them will be much more convenient for me, if there is a station in Munster or North Hammond.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 8 Years

realname: Thomas Kubon

address1: 2919 Churchill Lane

address2:

city: Highland

state: IN

zip_code: 46322

phone: 773-350-6058

email: tpkubon@gmail.com

11. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 11:58 AM**questions_comments: *None provided*

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 30 years

realname: Robert Ochi

address1: 43 Highland Street

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46320

phone: 312-731-7072

email: robert@raigroup.net**12. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 1:03 PM****questions_comments: As a life long resident of Lake County, I fully support the expansion of the South Shore Rail System. If we want to expand our economy, help the environment and secure a better future for tomorrow, this expansion is a must!**

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 39 years

realname: Jeremy Miller

address1: 10403 Nicklaus Street

address2:

city: Crown Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone:

email: jemiller1975@gmail.com**13. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 5:03 PM****questions_comments: Extending the line to the Munster/Dyer area would be huge- more people would look to come out of our area and more people would look at these areas as viable places to live and work bc of easy accessibility to a major metro area-this would be huge for us! I very much support this initiative.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 24 years

realname: Paru Venkat

address1: 1132 Royal Dublin Lane

address2:

city: Dyer

state: IN

zip_code: 46311

phone:

email: paru8@comcast.net

14. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 5:26 PM**questions_comments: *None provided*

Renter: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time: 58 years

realname: Bruce L Woods

address1: 112 W 71st Avenue

address2: Apt 7B

city: Merrillville

state: IN

zip_code: 46410

phone: 2197941259

email: bwoods_mhs@yahoo.com**15. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 5:28 PM**

questions_comments: **Any expansion of South Shore services is a positive to the communities of NW Indiana. I live in Valparaiso and work in Chicago. I know of many professionals that would entertain moving from the suburbs of Chicago to NW Indiana, bringing along with them great salaries to spend on local goods and great income to be taxed if only there were expanded train service. We need express lines and branches that go further South. Please support expanded South Shore services.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 9 years

realname: Michael Telesky

address1: 2602 Pennington Pl

address2:

city: Valparaiso

state: IN

zip_code: 46383

phone: 2196705298

email: mtelesky@comcast.net**16. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 5:28 PM**

questions_comments: **I am in favor of the extension and believe it will bring many benefits to NWI! I believe it is one project that can better our area for years to come.**

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 32 years

realname: Katie Hurey

address1: 13147 James drive

address2: St john

city: IN

state: State

zip_code: 46373

phone:

email: Katiepellar@yahoo.com

17. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 5:36 PM**questions_comments: *None provided*

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 13 years

realname: Michael McIntyre

address1: 1666 Cardinal Drive

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 219-682-7148

email: madmacsent@aol.com**18. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 6:28 PM**

questions_comments: **I'm against the boondoggle train and am sadden that Pete just wants this as his pet project and uses the portion of our 1.5% tax as an excuse to blow it and not look for better projects that won't tie my grandchildren's wallets forever. Just the fact that he won't truthfully answer the freight on the line question is a lie and what is corrupt about the County leaders and this proposal. Time for a change!!! Commuter rail never makes money, it only loses it, mostly from those that don't benefit from it. I work in Chicago and this train will do nothing for my commute. I'd rather see Pete work on the tax reciprocation between IL and IN so my income tax stays in IN and not IL.**

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 53 yrs

realname: Mike ORourke

address1: 8564 Wheeler Pl

address2:

city: Crown Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone: 2192424212

email: naylormail@juno.com**19. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 7:05 PM**

questions_comments: **This is a project that, alot of people feel, would run OVER budget, and costs too much to begin with. Bad, BAD, BAD IDEA!!**

Renter: yes

length_of_time: 37 years

realname: Jason Hawkins

address1: 6221 Kennedy Ave

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46323

phone:

email: jdigz@outlook.com

20. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 7:11 PM**

questions_comments: **PLEASE keep this project moving forward. Our communities absolutely need the additional opportunities, income and positive growth the extension of this rail line will bring.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 35 years

realname: Jennifer Doffin

address1: 12467 Washington St

address2:

city: Criwn Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone:

email: Jenim101@hotmail.com**21. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/27/2014 7:55 PM**

questions_comments: **yes!!!!!!! This connection is essential to the growth of northwestern indiana!**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 26 years

realname: Stephanie Keller

address1: 920 Doe Path Lane

address2:

city: Crown Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone:

email: Stephkeller13@gmail.com**22. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 6:20 AM**

questions_comments: **Bringing the train will allow for lake county to flourish more than it already is. I speak with local business owners daily who beleive that if the train comes to Munster/dyer cooridor that the employment outlook will strengthen and new opportunities for all residents will come.**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Matthew Glaros

address1: 447 Surrey Hill Lane

address2:

city: Valparaiso

state: IN

zip_code: 46385

phone:

email: matt.glaros@meyersglaros.com

23. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 7:50 AM**

questions_comments: **Will provide public transportation for a needed workforce as the Northwest Indiana region continues to grow.**

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Anthony Ferracane

address1: 907 Ridge Road

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone: 836-6705

email: tferracane@comhs.org**24. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 8:23 AM**

questions_comments: **I would like to know the detailed costs and what are the alternate routes that are being considered.**

Business_Owner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Kenneth Stevenson

address1: 526 Siebert Drive

address2:

city: Schererville

state: IN

zip_code: 46375

phone: 2195454623

email: usmajune77@aol.com**25. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 8:34 AM**

questions_comments: **As someone interested in regional economic development, I believe the extension is a positive step for NWI.**

Homeowner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time: Success By 6

realname: Pat Carlisle

address1: 714 S. 18th St.

address2:

city: Chesterton

state: IN

zip_code: 46304

phone: 2193951994

email: pacarlisle@msn.com

26. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 8:37 AM**

questions_comments: **The residents of Northwest Indiana NEED to fully embrace what the Southshore brings to them. We will never be all we can be, without utilizing ALL opportunities available to us. Growth is necessary and the West Lake Corridor Project can expedite this process. I would like to return to the area, from a bit South. I would be enticed to do so by this project.**

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Miriam Williams

address1: 10315 Serenity Drive

address2:

city: Demotte

state: IN

zip_code: 46310

phone:

email: mkw@iun.edu**27. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 9:10 AM**

questions_comments: **I feel this project is needed for lake county. This will alleviate traffic through the region, promote growth for our economy, and bring jobs to the region.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 16 YEARS

realname: Beverly Barbush

address1: 9241 Franklin Dr

address2:

city: St John

state: IN

zip_code: 46373

phone:

email: bbarbush@nbcoatings.com**28. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 9:36 AM**

questions_comments: **Make this happen faster than 2023.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 28 years

realname: Joel Cooper

address1: 9213 Beech Ave

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: j.cooper@mcamhonpc.com

29. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 10:59 AM**

questions_comments: **This will relieve a lot of traffic congestion off the north-south street corridors. I commute to Dyer every day for work.**

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Fran Merrion

address1: 5877 Warnke

address2:

city: michigan city

state: IN

zip_code: 46360

phone:

email: merrion7@gmail.com**30. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 10:59 AM**

questions_comments: **I am unable to attend the October meeting but am a resident of Lansing, commuting daily to Chicago. I would love to see a station servicing NW Indiana (in addition to those currently in service). I just don't know that this project would be realized in my commuter lifetime. In addition to my selfish desires for a train line, I believe it would greatly advantage the communities it would service.**

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 61 yrs

realname: Maris Beswick

address1: 3514 - 186th St

address2:

city: Lansing

state: IL

zip_code: 60438

phone: 708-895-4021

email: mbeswick@wwmlawyers.com**31. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 11:13 AM**

questions_comments: **how will this benefit our town**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 38 years

realname: david tretter

address1: 2501 vermillion st

address2:

city: lake station

state: IN

zip_code: 46405

phone:

email: d582002@yahoo.com

32. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 12:35 PM**

questions_comments: **I strongly support the South Shore extension. It will add to the quality of life and promote economic development in Northwest Indiana.**

Homeowner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Walter Skiba

address1: 1612 LaPorte Ave.

address2:

city: Whiting

state: IN

zip_code: 46394

phone:

email: wskiba@ccsj.edu**33. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 1:53 PM**questions_comments: *None provided*

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Ronald Harlow

address1: 7523 Alexander ave

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46323

phone: 2198050942

email: meetcha33@att.net**34. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 2:00 PM**

questions_comments: **I am against a train expansion. Its an age too old form of transportation. Too much is needed in other areas to get behind this. Its a huge expense with no guarantee it will help long term.**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Ronald Harlow

address1: 7523 Alexander ave

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46323

phone: 2198050942

email: meetcha33@att.net

35. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 4:41 PM

questions_comments: **The extension to the south is long needed. I would use it, as would others I have spoken to, in not only going to Chicago but also to St. John. I do not often use the current Hammond station due to the distance from my home. This would also provide residents who work in Chicago a much quicker route. Currently either driving in or driving to thye East Chicago station for residents of south Higland involves a long morning and evening drive.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 24 years

realname: Zora Ludwig

address1: 921 174th Street

address2:

city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46324

phone: 219-852-6208

email: zoravl@yahoo.com

36. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 10/28/2014 4:42 PM

questions_comments:

- a. **Per your 20 year Strategic Business Plan Summary, can you provide some additional details to the estimated 1,984 jobs the West Lake Extension project and South Shore capital improvement projects are projected to be added to the NWI economy? What percentage are construction/project related? What percentage of the 1,984 jobs will be permanent jobs? And of the permeant Jobs, what type of jobs are they projected to be? Service oriented, Professional/white collar, Technology based, Communications?**
- b. **Per your 20-year Strategic Business Plan Summary, Can you further define or expand on the statement, "Efficiencies are projected to generate \$2.5 billion in Economic output and \$1.3 billion in gross regional product." What variables were used as a baseline for this assumed Market Study?**
- c. **What agreements or Memorandums of Understanding are in place with METRA in regards to infrastructure upgrades, track expansion and platform modifications at Millennium Station? Are they part of the current Draft Environmental Impact Study. At what phase in the process will this be confirmed?**
- d. **With respect to the TOD, Where does NICTD see the best location of the proposed new Stations to fully meet the expectations of a economically supporting TOD(Transit Oriented Development). Does NICTD foresee the stations in Hammond, East Chicago or Gary as a viable (TOD)**
- e. **Has the previous studies demonstrated the need for express trains from Dyer to Millennium Station? Is it Feasible or even realistic with the restriction of the METRA rail line?**
- f. **Regarding the NICTD West Lake Corridor Study March 2011 report, of the estimated 5,600 people riding the West Lake trains, how many of those are new riders and how many are existing rider that are currently driving to the existing stations? How did you study derive at this 5,600 number.**
- g. **What type of contingencies are in place in the current estimated cost for market changes, environmental issues, escalation and site conditions**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 14 years

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37. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 1:31 AM**

questions_comments: **I have been a resident of NorthWest Indiana for over 50 years. I cannot believe we are going to be forced to fund this train that will do nothing for our area. This is some of the poorest neighborhoods in the state since the mills all but closed . We did have hope with the casinos. between imposing such a high tax on the Casinos and not rebuilding our bridges and streets no one wants to come to this area to gamble. I think its a shame we couldn't afford the upkeep on our infrastructure after the casinos brought so much money to this area but now we are supposed to pay millions for a train that pretty much bi-passes us. I think it should go to a vote in November. we should at least all pay equal amounts. the way its broke down the people who gain the most by this train project are paying the least. Gary shouldn't have had to put in anything in my opinion. I think until you bring more jobs to Hammond, Gary, East chicago, Merrillville we should not have to pay to increase revenue in the nicer areas. Before demanding we pay millions a year for A train for the rich, help Gary get on its feet, work out a plan to tear down all those empty buildings to make this entire area safer.consolidate Gary houses to one area and demolish the rest. ...as for monies from the federal government if we come up with this money, ..I read the report that stated we would have to do a lot of improvements before they would agree to give us that money, one was build up our infrastructure. (lets send them a picture of Cline ave. bridge.) it also stated their reported showed we did not have the people that would ride the train, to pay for the train so we would be losing money. there was a list of 10 or so things and it doesn't seem to us up here those have been addressed.So my suggestion would be PUT IT ON THE BALLOT. see how many people want their money to go to a train. see if we want to pay twice as much, or more, than the people who will benefit from this PLEASE. I personally believe this will kill our area up here. We stand with Our Mayor Thomas McDermottThank You.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 50 years

realname: Victoria Davidson

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city: hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46323

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38. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 1:31 AM**

questions_comments:I have lived in Munster, IN since I was 5 years old as our family moved from the south suburbs (as many families did in the 90s). We moved because my parents wanted to build a new home in an area with good schools, safety, low taxes, and more house for the money compared to comparable south/southwest suburbs with the same distance from Chicago. The South Shore line was not a factor. It was not very convenient to get to (as it could take anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes to get to the train station) and not as reliable as Metra was. However, towards the end of my fathers career, he began to use the south shore as he was transferred to a downtown office and the main thing he wished was for the South Shore line to be extended south. My parents believe that moving forward with the extension is a "no-brainer".

I hear people's complaints: "It will bring down property values", "it will bring in riff-raff", "it will bankrupt us", "traffic would get worse"...however, I challenge people...Look at Naperville, Hinsdale, Orland Park, Arlington Heights, Winnetka, Flossmoor, and countless other suburbs with commuter rail access...these are all suburban locations that have benefitted from having train access to downtown by their property values increasing, attracting highly educated and high-wage residents who demand top schools, top amenities, and attracting and maintaining successful transit-oriented development.

Another comment people say is that "we don't want to become like the places we moved from"...most people who moved from Illinois to Indiana moved from places like South Holland, Dolton, Calumet City, Lansing, Crete, Sauk Village, Chicago Heights...all places that did not have train access to the city, did not have very good amenities or schools to begin with...and to be honest, for most people, their move was due to racial change...we need to take an honest look to see where we are headed. I see Munster as a place where people move to stay and enjoy a safe locale while being close to Chicago for more action, as well as enjoying top-rated schools, and an increasing amount of amenities that one would have to go into the West or Northwest Suburbs or downtown Chicago to access. I am now at the stage of my life where I am looking to become a homeowner and in addition to safety, strong school district, and higher-end amenities, one of the items on my wish-list in closer access to the south shore. This is good for west Lake County...this project will benefit all of Lake County...Ultimately, a line to St. John would be nice...Even a line through Highland, Griffith, and Merrillville all the way to Valparaiso would be great...but we have to start somewhere...and the West Lake Corridor Project is a great place to start.

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes
length_of_time: 19 years
realname: Michael Wey
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city: Munster
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39. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 7:45 AM**

questions_comments: **As a community, we must understand that Chicago represents an incredible opportunity for Northwest Indiana. We have all the ingredients for success: environmental access, low taxes, friendly business environment, good schools...and the list goes on. Yet, despite all its problems, Illinois continues to outpace Indiana in the Chicago MSA. Their secret weapon? Transit.**

Transit connects people and goods, and are the veins of commerce. Until Northwest Indiana truly invests in a robust transit system, it will continue to be the forgotten stepchild of the Chicago MSA.

The time is now, and the opportunity is ours to seize.

I urge all to support expansion of the South Shore!

Business_Owner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time: 100 years

realname: Benjamin Bochnowski

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40. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 8:49 AM**

questions_comments: **Where will the tracks be that run though Munster?**

Do they use the current tracks next to the Bike Trail?

Where would the possible Ridge Road station be?

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 44 years

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city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

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email: mamamoake@sbcglobal.net

41. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 12:27 PM**

questions_comments: **It is time for NWI to recognize its vital connection to Chicago and extend the SS.**

I grew up in Highland and my mother took the SS everyday to Chicago for a better job. The SS has had a direct and positive influence on my life, my family, friends, and NWI businesses. The western suburbs of Chicago are realizing the competitive advantage commuter rail brings. We have a long way to go to catch up.....the time to start is NOW!!!!

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Don Babcock

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city: Merrillville

state: IN

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email: dlbabcock@nisource.com**42. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 1:43 PM**

questions_comments: **I attended the public session in Munster on Tuesday Oct 28th. While it was somewhat informative I also found it to be presented in a manner that assumes the project is going to be fast tracked forward. My choice is the no build option. My main reason is that by building the line along the state line my tax money is subsidizing Illinois communities. One of the points for building it touts the economic development that the new rail line will bring. I don't disagree with that but how much development will occur on the Illinois side without any financial input from them. If this extension was planned out to run from the northwest corner of the county to the southeast I would be supportive as it would make the line accessible to more lake county residents. Once again I choose the no build option since I find the project to be poorly thought out and not a good use of my tax money.**

John Sowinski**Griffith Indiana**

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 30+ years

realname: John

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city: Griffith

state: IN

zip_code: 46319

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43. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 2:00 PM**

questions_comments: **Investing in our communities and future generations is good for everyone. I support the West Lake Corridor Project because I believe that reliable transportation solutions, job creation and new business opportunities are necessary to propel the region forward.**

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

length_of_time: 8 years

realname: Melissa Bohacek

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city: Michana Shores

state: IN

zip_code: 46360

phone:

email: mbohacek@nwi-ca.org**44. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 2:01 PM**

questions_comments: **Next time you hold a public forum, please bring an explanation of funding for this project and the taxation impact on average homeowners. This explanation should be simple and understandable to all, not something that you would need a CPA to grasp.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 8 years

realname: Jason Williams

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address2:

city: St John

state: IN

zip_code: 46373

phone: 2196699502

email: jcwillia1@gmail.com**45. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 2:59 PM**

questions_comments: **I am 29 years old, live in Lowell, IN. Having this expansion would solidify my staying in NWI. Without, I will most likely move. Plain and simple.**

Renter: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 29

realname: Luke Reed

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city: Lowell

state: IN

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46. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 5:38 PM**

questions_comments: **I urge your organization to drop this project. It's initial cost is too expensive, and maintenance funding has net even been addressed. Logistically, this plan does not address regional transportation woes for our poor. Additionally, pending Metra extension to the south suburbs will also become an option for us residents of south county.**

Why should the fine residents of Gary, Hammond, and East Chicago have to pay for an extension to south county which will pull consumers away from their cities to purchase fuel, cigarettes, breakfast, etc when catching a train to Chicago.

In closing, I feel we should focus our regional efforts on providing a county bus service before spending over \$500 million on a train extension to Chicago. Those same buses would also provide transport for south county residents to train stations which are already in place.

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 39 Years

realname: James Morton

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city: St. John

state: IN

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questions_comments: **Lot of houses are only 50ft from the project line. I am talking about the Monon trail. There will be to much noise and this will cause stress for the fondation of the house and I am not happy about this news.**

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Danny

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state: IN

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48. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/29/2014 8:35 PM**

questions_comments: **Yes this area needs access to more jobs, but this is a huge waste of money. I would rather see this money spent to develop new business in NWI, instead of transporting our citizens to another state to work. It seems pretty ridiculous that our government thinks this is a good idea for our area. Asking all of these communities to foot the bill so a couple thousand people wont have to drive 20 mins to the train station is insane. It would probably be cheaper to pay these people to stay home. As a resident and business owner in Hammond, I am opposed to this. We are being asked to give money for a railway that will take commuters out of our city. Which will in turn mean these commuters wont be using services in our community, which is a major lose lose for us. And to require money from Porter county, which will receive no benefits what so ever from this, is extortion. Pete Visclosky thinks this is good way to create jobs....building an unnecessary railway is no solution to lack employment opportunities in the region. How about investing this money into education, so we can attract businesses with our talented work force. BP is full of workers from Texas and other states, work on changing that if you need to employ laborers. This area is a mess, a real solution needs to be implemented, not some weird railroad band aid, no one is asking for this.**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

length_of_time: 17 years

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state: IN

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49. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/30/2014 2:22 PM**

questions_comments: I ride the south shore daily, and the biggest issue we have is when someone or something takes down a line. Some days the delays take so long I'm forced to work from home than wait for train. At the meeting the other day, it was mentioned that hybrid trains were on the table as (both diesel and electric). I would like to vote that the hybrid train be selected for the project.

Also the I'd like to suggest getting on board with service now to get wifi on the trains. The south tried this a few years ago and then the project just died. I enjoy working on the train sometimes and it would be nice to be able to connect to the internet without having to plug in my wireless card and hope that a verizon tower is near enough to me to get a good signal.

Another idea, and I've seen this on the Metra, would be to add a quiet car, at least in the morning.

That's all I've got for now.

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 4 years

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50. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/30/2014 2:56 PM**

questions_comments: I am strongly opposed to spending large sums of money on the South Shore extension project. I live within walking distance from the present Hammond station and see on a daily basis what the South Shore line has brought to my neighborhood; a very large parking lot and regular traffic congestion. The only ones that benefit from the South Shore are the very small number that ride it to work in Chicago. It is time to spend money on projects that benefit the majority of residents, like improvement of streets and neighborhoods. In order to insure that the wishes of the tax-payers are being followed, a referendum should be held in Hammond, Munster and Dyer to see how the residents feel. If voted down in any of the three, money from that city or town should not be used for this wasteful project. Such a project has really shown us that the recently passed county tax was not needed at such a high rate and that there seems to be collusion among our politicians to spend our money on projects that don't reflect the needs of the community but rather satisfy their own plans.

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time:

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51. Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com**Date Received: Wed 10/31/2014 9:46 AM**

We are writing with our opinion of the rail extension. We are Munster residents and have resided at 7848 Frederick Avenue for over 30 years. When we purchased our home, we were assured by town personnel that the tracks behind our home would no longer be in use. Our in-ground pool is probably 10-15 feet from the abandoned tracks and we feel that it would no longer be safe to use if the tracks were used.

We believe that you should include the purchase cost of all the homes on our street that back up to the tracks in your planned costs. Most of these homes are valued at \$250,000 - \$300,000. If the tracks are put back into use, our home values will drop SIGNIFICANTLY!

We believe that residents in our town are satisfactorily served by the existing rail service!

Sincerely,

Jack and Monica Treasure

mtreas99@aol.com

52. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 10/30/2014 2:40 PM**

questions_comments: **I fully support this and will be the best thing to happen in the region. This will decidedly be a factor as to whether I remain in the area or move in the future. My kids will be recent college graduates in about four years and the progress made on this will also help determine if they stay or move closer to Chicago.**

Homeowner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 10 years

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53. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/01/2014 1:06 PM

questions_comments: I strongly favor the proposed South Shore Rail expansion into Chicago especially with a station stop in Munster. I strongly prefer that a Munster station be around the Fisher/45th st. area as I believe it has better easier access to for drivers and pedestrians alike, larger areas for car parking, less intrusiveness into residential areas, and more convenience for for residents whom are presently devoid of rail access to Chicago. I do not favor a stop/station in Munster on Ridge road as it will worsen the already driving conditions on Ridge road. Likewise just to the North there are Stations in Hegwisch and Hammond as an option to those north of Ridge road.

With a already popular heavily used walking/bike trail leading up to a future Fisher/45th st. station, it makes for a logically place to have a station. That trail already runs in Munster and soon will connect all the way to Crown Point Indiana. I'm loving the idea of being able to walk, ride ones bike to the train station and be off to Chicago weather for work or pleasure. It will defiantly enrich the quality of life and enlarge the social and entertainment options for Northwest Indiana with such an access to Chicago.

I can't wait for the first train to leave the station from Munster. "Ticket Please"!

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time:

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54. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/02/2014 7:47 PM

questions_comments: I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHERE THE PARKING FACILITIES WOULD BE IN MUNSTER AND DYER AND HOW WOULD THIS EXTRA TRAFFIC WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THIS ALREADY HORRIBLE MESS AT RUSH HOUR. ALSO HOW MUCH ARE MY TAXES GOING TO INCREASE WHEN THERE ARE SHORTFALLS IN REVENUE WHICH ALWAYS OCCURS.WE AS TAXPAYERS ARE ALREADY SUBSIDIZING THE EXISTING LINE AND CANNOT USE IT TO GO TO WORK, BUT STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR OUR GAS AND TOLLS, PLUS PAY FOR PEOPLE TO RIDE THE TRAIN.

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 42 YEARS

realname: GARRETT VANDERHOEK

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city: MUNSTER

state: IN

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55. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com**Date Received: Wed 11/03/2014 9:41 PM**

1. Will the Westlake Corridor be used for passenger rail only, OR will it also be utilized to carry freight?
2. Will the Hammond Station be moved to the State Line area, and will the Westlake corridor run thru downtown Hammond?
3. Are there plans to start charging for parking at the NICTD train stations? i.e. It costs \$50.00 + to park in Chicago..... \$0.00 at NICTD stations.!?!
4. Are there anticipated fare hikes coming to help pay for the planned improvements? If so, what type of rate increase can be anticipated?
5. Are there plans to make Hammond and East Chicago T.O.D.'s ?

Dave RyanExecutive Director
Lakeshore Chamberdryan@lakeshorechamber.com**56. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/04/2014 11:56 AM**

questions_comments: **Making public transportation in northwest Indiana accessible to more of our south county area is certainly a much needed and very positive direction for all. We have a responsible to think about the needs of future generations as well as our current ones.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: Lifetime

realname: Eugene and Jeanne Wease

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city: Crown Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone:

email: wpairagenes@att.net**57. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/04/2014 1:01 PM**

questions_comments: **Please expand the South Shore. I live in Saint John and drive over 30 minutes to catch the train. I have been taking the South Shore for over 28 years and believe I will be impacted for at least another 15 years.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 25

realname: Colleen M Karabetsos

address1: 8962 Crooked Bend

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city: St. John

state: IN

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58. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/04/2014 1:48 PM**

questions_comments: **This is wonderful news. This will decrease my commute time and driving time.**

Renter: yes

length_of_time: 5 1/2 years

realname: Belinda Bolden

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address2: Apt. 1

city: Lansing

state: IL

zip_code: 60438

phone:

email: msb55@sbcglobal.net**59. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com****Date Received: Wed 11/05/2014 3:05 PM**

Hi,

I am a monthly commuter and vaguely heard rumor of "West Lake Corridor Project".

If what I heard is to be true. Adding an extension in Dyer, Indiana, then being a Munster, Indiana residence, I am all for this!

Please let me know what I can do to show my support.

Thank you,

Justin MacLeanjustinericmaclean@sbcglobal.net**60. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/05/2014 3:22 PM**

questions_comments: **This is an extension in Dyer, Indiana, right? My neighbor told me there would be a station in both Dyer & Munster? I WOULD LOVE THIS! Current commuter at the Hammond Station, where I live in Munster, IN. There's a total of 6 railroads, I have to cross in order to get to the Hammond one. Which it's common to get stuck behind anyone of them either going to the Hammond Station or leaving. This can result in being late or just simply wanting to go home after a long day. Plus Hammond Station is always overcrowded. Not just the train itself, but the parking lot and I catch the 2nd train that runs in the morning. Co-workers tells me there's no parking spots available for later trains. Then East Chicago is a dangerous station from break-ins to climbing the stairs in winter seasons. Just don't get wrong. I LOVE working in Chicago and honestly wouldn't have it any other way. Simply wanted to add my support and please let me know what I can do? A train station in Dyer, (or even better Munster) is just simply the icing on the cake!**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time:

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61. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 1:18 AM**questions_comments: **Fully support extension of the South Shore Line**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

length_of_time: 7 years

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city: Lowell

state: IN

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email: deakon57@gmail.com**62. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 7:35 AM**questions_comments: **I am strongly in favor of the extension. I moved back to the area from Chicago but still work in the city. Except for income taxes, the remainder of my income is spent in NWI. I do believe that expanded public transportation will bring a younger population to NWI and create more employment opportunities.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: Six Years

realname: Marcee Northey

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address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: mrueth73@yahoo.com

63. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 8:17 AM**

questions_comments: **i am absolutely against this. if should not be subsidised by the taxpayers. the only way this should go forward, is if it is funded by the users of this service or private industry contributions. i do not use the train to make my commute to the city, why should i pay for other peoples'. i am already burdened by high gas prices, tolls, insurance, plates, maintenance for my vehicle, etc. Where is my help?**

Also, we already seen flim flammng of numbers by Visclosky over community contributions towards this. Metra and the CTA can be a lesson, it shows that this is a never ending money pit. They are always crying poor, raising fee, cutting service, and need to be bailed out by the taxpayers.

I say NWI does not need this! i moved from Illinois to get away from this madness. if you want to take the train move closer to the exsisting train stations.

And how about we fix up our area so people do not have to go to Chicago to work!!!! Gary needs to be revitalized.

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 10

realname: Jim

address1: Litke

address2:

city: griffith

state: IN

zip_code: 46319

phone:

email: jimlitke@sbcglobal.net**64. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 9:56 AM**

questions_comments: **I am in favor of the West Lake Corridor Project. I live in Dyer and have to travel between 10 and 13 miles to get to a train station. I then need to find parking. There is also a significant chance that I will be caught by a freight train and will need to drive all the way to the city. It would be great for young people. Their job opportunities will increase if Chicago can be added to their job search area. It would also be great if we could keep them living in our area. This would be a benefit to the state, the local town/city and to businesses. It is also a benefit to families and older people who like to take advantage of the city but would prefer not to drive due to the traffic and expense in parking. We spend so much on roads, lets spend a little on public transportation.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 24 years

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city: Dyer

state: IN

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65. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 10:06 AM**

questions_comments: **I fully support the West lake corridor project. I live in south Lake county & find it too inconvenient to go to Hammond to catch the train. Prior to moving to St. John I always lived within easy driving distance of the train and truly miss it. I think it would be very good for the area and environment.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 7years

realname: Judy Hojnicky

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city: St John

state: IN

zip_code: 46373

phone:

email: jhojnicky@joltmail.com**66. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 11:11 AM**

questions_comments: **I am against the extension for the following reasons:**

- Ridership is declining**- There is no economic development around any South Shore station from South Bend to Van Buren, what would make one think that new stations would spur new development?****- New stations will pull riders from existing stations of Hammond, Gary, & East Chicago; all of which are currently in economically depressed areas.****- New stations will encourage abandonment of already repressed areas.****- There are no jobs waiting for Indiana residents in Chicago. Chicago residents have trouble finding jobs in their own city, in spite of their excellent public transportation system (which is financially struggling).****- If the extension is built, where will the money come from to fund the huge additional gap between what riders pay and cost of continuing operations ?**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 40 years

realname: Jim Banach

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state: IN

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67. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 12:17 PM**

questions_comments: **This extension seems to almost be in Illinois, not really helping only Indiana people, yet Indiana will pay for it all. Funding has not been obtained. The referendum lost, Visclosky cant get the cities to chip in, and taxes will go up. The price remains the same while the extension keeps getting shorter. Nobody promised the urban sprawl from Illinois a train when they moved here. What will the Gary airport, Gary, and Michigan City request if this extension is approved and they need their fair share.**

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

length_of_time: 60 years

realname: Kirk Martinsen

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email: kirk.martinsen@gmail.com**68. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 12:41 PM**questions_comments: *None provided*

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 6 years

realname: Jamie Friedberg

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city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

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email: jamschat@hotmail.com**69. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 12:46 PM**questions_comments: *None provided*

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Jeremy

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city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: jeremy.friedberg@investnet.com

70. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 1:15 PM**

questions_comments: **I am opposed to the South Shore Extension. How much will it cost? How many miles will the extension be? Does the costs include 10% to 20% for costs over-runs? Chicago has more people on Welfare than they do working, and the city Councilmen are talking about taxing out of State workers. Does the costs of the extension justify the few people going to Chicago, when they could drive a few miles to Hammond or E. Chicago train station? We cannot have all this construction (Illiana Expressway/Tollway going on at the same time. Look at Illinois' Debt, and getting worse every day. I'm proud to be a Indiana Resident whose State has a Surplus!**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 72yrs

realname: Andrew B. Shultz

address1: 1716 west 58th Ave

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city: Merrillville

state: IN

zip_code: 46410

phone: 219-980-4159

email: andybs66@hotmail.com**71. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com****Date Received: Wed 11/05/2014 1:32 PM**

Please count us among those who are very much in favor of the expansion. This region needs to be more connected to other parts of the Chicagoland area. Let's embrace the future, not hide from it!

Mary Baniak**Michael Baniak**maryfdaly55@sbcglobal.net

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Munster, IN 46321

72. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com**Date Received: Wed 11/05/2014 2:01 PM**

This is an unnecessary waste of taxpayers money! Visclosky would do much more good by spending the money to replace the Cline Avenue bridge as a toll-free road as it was originally intended. The money would also benefit more people if spent to build the Illiana Expressway without tolls. Spend the money so it benefits the majority, not the few that will ride a subsidized train to Chicago.

Deacon Rob Litavecrlitavec@yahoo.com**73. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 2:13 PM**

questions_comments: **This is a great idea and I hope that it is the beginning of service further south and or east. I further hope that the areas served may soon match those served in the 20's and 30's, and that cars spend much more time in their garages.**

Renter: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Owen Todd

address1: 1806 Country Club Rd

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city: Valparaiso

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74. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 3:42 PM**

questions_comments: **I strongly support the extension of the South Shore. It would be a vital lifeline from growing NWI population in the area to downtown Chicago. Although it is not mentioned, an extension is very much needed south and eastward for residents in the Crown Point area to be able to utilize the train more conveniently, rather than driving 20-30 minutes north. I am a daily commuter to the Loop, and having to pick up the train in East Chicago is quite a commute. Although I probably would not use the West Lake Corridor, I believe that it is needed and would provide for future expansion eastward towards Crown Point.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 5 years

realname: Jason Schrader

address1: 11614 Broadway

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city: Crown Point

state: IN

zip_code: 46307

phone:

email: jayschrader@gmail.com**75. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 4:09 PM**

questions_comments: **I disagree that the rail extension will by its very existence improve the quality of life in NW Indiana. There is also commuter rail running through some very economically depressed areas. I am extremely concerned about the future tax burden of maintaining what is sure to be an unprofitable public transportation system. I moved to NW Indiana to get away from Chicago and the suburbs, not to emulate them.**

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 17 years

realname: Gregg T Adams

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city: Dyer

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email: gt.adams@earthlink.net**76. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 4:26 PM**

questions_comments: **I am in favor of this project. Providing better transportation to Chicago would improve my standard of living. I am looking to find an easier way to commute to Chicago to work and also to go to the museums, etc.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 6 years

realname: Mary Morantz

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city: Crown Point/IN

state: State

zip_code: 46307

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email: marmar9981@gmail.com

77. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 5:20 PM**

questions_comments: **Please do not build his extension. We all know this means higher taxes. Nothing ever costs the projected amount it's always more. Someone will have to pay which is us the taxpayers.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 2 years

realname: Mark Rudy

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city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

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email: Mrudy76@sbcglobal.net**78. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 5:29 PM**

questions_comments: **I fear that a train extension at this time will cause a deterioration to areas of the already existing train stations in Hammond, East Chicago, and Gary. Plus the Hegewisch station itself. This project can be nothing more than a opportunity for Peter Visclosky and his backers to make money on property they procured years ago in Munster. I am a person who does not have transportation and would benefit from a station in my backyard area but I know it would kill the neighborhoods with train stations already there. The nerve of the rich trying to avoid poor neighborhoods is appalling. This is a shakedown of money from federal coffers and a ploy by Peter Visclosky to put money in his and friends pockets.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 39 years

realname: Michael D Stewart

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city: Munster

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79. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/06/2014 9:04 PM

questions_comments: **I have been a South Shore commuter from central Lake County for the past seven years. Without access to a high-paying, knowledge-based job downtown Chicago, I would not live in Northwest Indiana, where I spend nearly all of my income on housing, food, goods, services and taxes.**

I support the extension of service through western Lake County. It's an important long-term economic-development opportunity.

In the past decade, the highest-paying jobs have disproportionately accrued to urban cores such as downtown Chicago (the same is true in San Francisco, New York and other MSAs).

Overall, the long-term population trend in the MSA is likely to be flat to declining, which means growth will come to submarkets with access to high-paying jobs.

Despite the current respite from rising gas prices, long-term fuel prices are likely to continue to rise, making mass transit a more and more important amenity to an increasingly mobile workforce.

Increased rail access in western Lake County will drive home values and migration, which will stabilize and increase retail development along the US 41/30 corridor that is crucial to the tax base of Lake County and communities such as Dyer, Schererville and Highland.

I would encourage NICTD planners to examine the home values and household incomes of census tracts in close, direct proximity to Metra lines vs. those just beyond.

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 7 years

realname: John Pletz

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80. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/07/2014 9:24 PM

questions_comments: **I am a 66 year old homeowner in St John IN and I would like the rail extension built so that my wife and I could travel back and forth from Dyer to Chicago. The current station in Hammond is so far away that we just end up driving downtown. When the rail extension is built I think that there are many that will benefit from an easier, more efficient way to travel.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Jim Merkle

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city: St John

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zip_code: 46373

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81. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/07/2014 11:29 PM**questions_comments: *None provided*

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Jeremy

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city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: jberg74@hotmail.com**82. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/07/2014 4:13 PM**

questions_comments: **The following comments are related to the extension of the South Shore Line. On 1/1/1998, the reciprocal agreement between Illinois and Indiana was discontinued. Since that date, income tax is paid to the STATE WHERE YOU WORK AND NOT THE STATE WHERE YOU LIVE. I have only seen two comments on this point. I worked in Chicago for 25 years. I would have preferred to find a "good" job in Indiana and paid income tax where I lived. Plus much of my shopping was done in Chicago where I also paid Illinois sales tax. I, therefore, would prefer seeing this money spent on a manufacturing plant in Indiana where the jobs and the tax dollars would remain here.**

Renter: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time:

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state: IN

zip_code: 46304

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email: teddi@adsnet.com**83. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/07/2014 6:12 PM**

questions_comments: **this is the BIGGEST boondoggle I think the Democrats have ever come up with and shame on your for even considering this project. 12 trains equal 30 jobs. do the math it is not difficult. NO TRAIN.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 7

realname: Christine Pszonka

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city: Lake Station

state: IN

zip_code: 46405

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84. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com**Date Received: Wed 11/08/2014 11:27 AM**

To All For Whom This May Concern:

Even though I recently attended a meeting and filled out an index card with my comments, I wanted to reach a broader audience and give my "input" regarding this **South Shore extension** issue before the deadline of Veteran's Day on November 11th, a day on which no mail will be delivered (hmm . . . how convenient!).

As a long time South Shore rider (28 years) I am not in favor of the extension through west Lake County for the following reasons:

- (1) the existing rail line truly has a difficult time operating "as is" and adding an extension will not only prejudicially boost left to the already wealthy west Lake County residents and its established businesses, but, of concern to me, the South Shore north Lake County train would operate detrimentally to its present loyal ridership through probably a reduction in service via number of trains run, further on-time performance issues due to train management's divided interest with another line, etcetera;
 - (2) if any kind of extension is planned and if any tax dollars are used for said extension, then we need a line that runs diagonally through the County to serve fairly and equally ALL of our residents (yes, let's be honest here, even us "poor folk");
 - (3) Chicago has a wonderful transportation system with buses and our County has no extensive bus service set up to alleviate already congested roads and to provide service to the overall population;
 - (4) ideally, we should have high-speed rail because the commute to Chicago is too long, way too long (that rail can also link us to Lafayette/Indianapolis);
 - (5) people should quit saying the west extension will provide jobs and businesses. How so? Businesses and jobs already exist there . . . how about developing the rest of the County? By the way, contrary to what those in Lake County who have never worked a day in Chicago are saying, the jobs there and the lifestyle given up to commute there are NOT the nirvana they make it out to be. (And, believe me, I am saying this and speaking of this from years of experience!)
 - (6) to garner support for a new rail extension, we're also constantly told that the rail extension will entice business; well, if that's the case, then why haven't we seen any marked jobs or business "development" along the present line?
- I wholeheartedly agree with Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott II in calling for a referendum on this very (much too) important issue.

Bottom line for all decision-makers within Lake County: Think this through thoroughly before committing hard earned and hard-to-come-by tax dollars. Don't just automatically jump on the bandwagon and buy into the in-our-face hype and unsubstantiated claims spewed forth by the extension proponents. (I have never liked Visclosky's "tax and spend" attitude and cautioned him one time about this when he was campaigning at the East Chicago train station. If citizens even think federal dollars come free and that we have to grab our share just because that's what everyone else does and seems to think, then we need to think again. Seriously. Our country is largely in the shape it's in because of our unfortunate "build a bridge to nowhere" stance. Hello! Tax dollars are not free. We taxpayers always foot the bill.)

Lake County needs its dollars for better roads; a second-to-none bus service that takes residents everywhere with no problem and that the County can boast about [don't put the rail (cart) before the horse (bus service)]; diagonally-run rail (preferably high speed); the gentrification of Gary (see below under "P.S."); and to attract outside businesses and residents – a program that keeps crime down (all police departments in the County should have a zero tolerance policy and mean business – take a page from the Highland Police Department's playbook. Just going by traffic alone, people always drive slowly through Highland because everyone always gets ticketed. But, hey, it works! Though I especially mean this policing should be employed when it comes to hard-core crime in our area. And less crime means less dollars have to be allocated to fund police departments.). Last, we need our dollars to maintain and keep Lake County clean along with employing some aesthetics (that is, in the form of planting a plethora of beautiful trees and flowers throughout the County so people will actually want to live and visit here).

Yes, let's make a pact to be DIFFERENT than the rest of the U.S. Let's be, and be known as, the most beautiful County in the country to attract tourists who want to visit here, residents who want to live (and stay) here, and architecturally attractive businesses that will exude a fresh, positive, rooted downhome American ambiance and that will WANT to operate here, in this County, and, thus, attract jobs! We can do it. We just have to not be stupid, but have the wherewithal to stick together and use our limited taxes wisely!

Thank you for listening.

Marybeth Yokovich
(formerly from Hammond; now in Merrillville)
myokovich@gmail.com

P.S.: We have to address the elephant in the room. We MUST not neglect, but we must do something about Gary. Like it or not, Mayor Karen (and God be with you and bless your heart for taking on this enormous task), we must face facts: The City is a thorn in the County's side but was not at one time, should not be now, and so doesn't HAVE to be. It is large, it is poor, it is crime-ridden, people don't want to go near it, the steel mills do not appear to be coming back to their glory days, and I have racked my brain out wondering what can be done about the situation. I wish I could come up with some solutions to offer you, but, to be honest, "I got nothin'." (Sigh.) No ideas whatsoever. I'm drawing a blank! The best I could come up with would be to study what other cities in other parts of the U.S., or even what cities in other countries might have done, to turn things around. What I WILL not hesitate to say, though, is that I believe a course should be taught in schools on how to appropriately raise children in the home, no matter the economic circumstances, as that seems to be where many problems start. Because harsh discipline through violence models and unwittingly only begets more violence, and that, in large part, contributes to crime.

cc: To everyone I can find addresses for including NICTD, local legislators, police departments, *The Times*, etcetera

85. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/08/2014 5:43 PM

questions_comments: **STOP this project. The cost per mile is outrageous. The impact on traffic will be horrendous. The number of customers served will be minimal. The majority of the ridership will come from the existing ridership. The funding scheme will disproportionately impact the poorer communities.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 74 years

realname: Patricia Hauer

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86. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/08/2014 7:37 PM****questions_comments: What is the potential for damage to nearby houses relating to the ground shaking due to passing trains?**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 14 years

realname: Susan A Yakes

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city: Munster

state: IN

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email: ocd320@gmail.com**87. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/08/2014 9:20 PM****questions_comments: Why should I, a homeowner in Hammond, pay for this extension of the South Shore???? My taxes are high enough.**

Homeowner: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 64 years

realname: Gayle Colleen Vuletic

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city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46324-3146

phone: 2198455061

email: gvuletic5095@wowway.com**88. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/08/2014 10:21 PM****questions_comments: I'm 100% against the project and the long term funding. I live in the north Lake county area and don't understand giving people one more reason to not come into my city.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 40 years

realname: EverettyearsE Logan

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city: Hammond

state: IN

zip_code: 46323

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89. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/08/2014 11:15 PM**

questions_comments: **Over 30 thousand people did not Vote for Peter Visclosky on Tuesday. I think it is safe to say that those votes were also against the train.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: all of my life.

realname: Cynthia Robbins

address1: 2942 Wells Street

address2:

city: Lake Station

state: IN

zip_code: 46405

phone: 2199633591

email: justdoit_90@yahoo.com**90. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/09/2014 5:47 AM**

questions_comments: **There is enough traffic on 41 in Highland & Schererville from people visiting all the new stores near Main St. and 41. If people want to work in Chicago & earn the big money, then let them pay their way to work or move closer. We don't need more traffic here. I feel that the people pushing this extension so passionately are getting some kind of reward that we don't know about. I don't want my tax money used to help other people get better jobs, how does this benefit me? And why do I need to provide my name & address if I don't wish to receive updates?**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 50 years

realname: Carol Wyatt

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address2:

city: Schererville

state: IN

zip_code: 46375

phone:

email: tolo1957@hotmail.com

91. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/09/2014 5:05 PM**

questions_comments: **Firstly I think running a train linking the South Shore to Dyer is a horrible idea for the following reasons:**

- There will be loud train noises running the entire stretch of the track, this will cause noise pollution to current residents. No one wants to hear a train whistle or the rush of the train at any hour of the day.
- A diesel train will cause air pollution around the train. This will affect families, businesses causing possible health problems.
- A known side affect of train traffic through farm ground is field fires. The field fires are caused by hot debris being released from the trains exhaust system.
- The tracks are not a not a pleasant landscape for residents, businesses and travelers.
- The property value for all residential and commercial will plummet. How will those affected be compensated for their loss?
- I have never seen neighborhoods with trains running through that are well-kept or desirable property for families. Usually train tracks indicate less desirable properties and are plagued with vandalism, graffiti and often transient individuals.
- The communities will change in dynamic. The quite historic area of Munster would be ruined. With the changed dynamic many current residents will find it undesirable to live near or in the town. There is a reason many folks chose to live in the quite communities, noise and air pollution will not outweigh any perceived benefit.
- With increased traffic, crime rates would increase at stations and potential vandalism
- The Monan Bike Trail will be destroyed. No one wants to walk next to a train whizzing by. The trail connects multiple communities and parks across Northwest Indiana. The trail provides an excellent source of activity for everyone in the communities.

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 2 years

realname: Julie Latta

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city: Munster

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92. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/09/2014 8:04 PM**questions_comments: **Is there some way I can blame:****President Obama****Mayor McDermott****Mayor Freeman-Wilson****Ken Davidson****MX****Chuck Pullen****Mad Mac****Idi Amin****Hitler****Pol Pot?**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 67 years

realname: Thomas Drake

address1: 8326 Columbia

address2:

city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

phone:

email: angryGOP@gmail.com**93. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/10/2014 9:04 AM**questions_comments: **This is a complete waste of tax payer money. The companies working on this project are all from Illinois and the people who would take this train are going to illinois to make money. Lake county indiana will not benefit at all from this.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Terrence Gass

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city: Highland

state: IN

zip_code: 46322

phone:

email: gearhead350@yahoo.com**94. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/10/2014 11:07 AM**questions_comments: *None provided*

length_of_time:

realname: Waste Management - CID RDF

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city: Calumet City

state: IL

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95. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/10/2014 4:46 PM**

questions_comments: **We taxpayers do not need yet another disaster waiting to happen. I live in Munster and as I sit at my kitchen table , I can easily see where this proposed line will go...Right in my backyard. I already listen to the expressway 24/7, and not at all happy about the possibility of a rail/commuter train running 24/7. It is ridiculous that the same people who are rallying for this "train wreck" can drive a short distance and get on a train in Hammond/East Chicago and do the same thing. My property values are already reduced due to the 08 flood and if this goes through, we will have to pay someone to buy it.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 7 years

realname: Mark mamich

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city: Munster

state: IN

zip_code: 46321

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email: mmamich@gmail.com**96. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/10/2014 5:59 PM**

questions_comments: **I would really like to see this expand to dyer. I am a young business professional that commutes downtown work day. I currently drive to the Hegwisch stop from 81st and Hart. I would like to see my hard earned commuting dollars go back to indiana and not Illinois.**

Homeowner: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time:

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city: Dyer

state: IN

zip_code: 46311

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97. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/10/2014 9:35 PM**questions_comments: **Sir,**

I have several questions about the South Shore expansion.

Will the new passenger line reduce roadway congestion and if so by how much?

Lake County already suffers from a great deal of rail road crossings. What plans been made to reduce or eliminate new crossings?

Money for the expansion was taken from the new Lake County income tax. Why wasn't the South Shore able to pay for the expansion itself?

The Lake County income tax was passed in order for the Lake County towns and cities to continue to provide essential services. Won't using this tax money to build the new rail line cause the municipalities to stop or reduce these essential services?

Historically, the automobile has been shown to be the preferred method of travel. Can it be shown that the new passenger rail will not only be used but sustainable? Or, would not the new funds be better used to improve the main roadways of Lake County?

The project is slated to be completed in 2023. That's 9 years from now to build about a ten mile route. It took about 6 years to build the transcontinental railroad. Why the long duration?

Thank you for taking the time to answer my questions.

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time:

realname: Anthony Popiela

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state: IN

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Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 2 and a half years

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99. Online Comment Form Submission

Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 7:05 AM

questions_comments: **At one time the Pony Express was the premiere means to communicate with someone across the country. Along came the US Post Office, radio, telephone, and now you can in the convenience of your home, send video and instant voice communication, along with written text/photo's in the flash of a key stroke. The Pony Express and possibly the US Post Office maybe history lessons.**

The NICTD expansion is inherently faced with physical problems. Kensington Station creates a bottle neck for the increased train traffic, which severely limits the existing number of train cars, who may use the electrical feed, at one time.

Added to this is the limitations of physical space of where to house additional commuter trains at the Randolph Street Station.

Metra is required to spend billions to accommodate this expansion first. Some of this required expansion may never be able to happen due to space limitations at Randolph Street Station.

In an era where, each day, more of the US work force are using cloud, remote, at home based offices, to spend the amount of money on this project for the limited number of commuters, along with the decreasing ridership trends with the current commuter line, expanding the South Shore/NICTD would be a waste of limited economic resources.

Homeowner: yes

Business_Owner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 21

realname: Chuck Rocek

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state: IN

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phone: 3126079970

email: ChuckRocek@yahoo.com

100. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 8:19 AM**

questions_comments: **As a 25+ year commuter, more transportation to the east side of Chicago is NOT needed. However, what is needed, is transportation via Amtrak is needed into Union Station, on the west side of the Chicago loop is and has been needed for years now. If there was transportation to that part of the city, South Shore would have plenty of space for their riders. Too many west side workers are forced into taking the South Shore to only have to walk in all the elements of Chicago weather, many city blocks, to get to their jobs on the west side. Or, pay an additional fee to take a bus or cab to get there. No more South Shore!! And God forbid a power outage as I experienced a few times riding the South Shore, only to have to remain on the train for three plus hours until the power was restored, in the middle of winter, I might add.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 53yrs

realname: Diane Hensley

address1: 3128 Eder Street

address2:

city: Highland

state: IN

zip_code: 46322

phone:

email: dianemc7140@yahoo.com**101. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com****Date Received: Wed 11/11/2014 10:15 AM**

Not in favor of the extension. The people that travel from the cities where they want to put the rail extension are already utilizing the current stations. Adding more stops will decrease ridership from the current stations, only leaving empty train cars and that does not generate more revenue. And if they want new lines in their cities then let them pay for it at 100%. Hammond, East Chicago, Gary, etc have already funded the initial south shore tracks and stations so why is Hammond especially being asked for more money. Dyer, Lowell and other cities that want it pay for it all. It will not generate more money for hammond and seems useless. They want them, then they pay at 100%. Hammond has done their share already.

How about putting this absurd amount of money into the education system somehow to provide better education opportunities for the next generation. Mayor McDermott implemented the college bound program and other cities should follow suit, not build more unnecessary train routes.

Sincerely,

Cherie cerezaxoxo@gmail.com

Current Daily Hammond commuter and Hammond resident.

102. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com**Date Received: Wed 11/11/2014 10:55 AM**

No

Jordyn Beasley

jordyndabeast@gmail.com

103. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 12:09 PM**

questions_comments: **I support this project and would use the munster station. This will have an improve on acessibility for me to chicago events.**

Renter: yes

length_of_time:

realname: tim armstrong

address1: 3720 w 58th ave

address2:

city: merrillville

state: IN

zip_code: 46410

phone:

email: tfarmstrong@hotmail.com**104. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 1:05 PM**

questions_comments: **I don't believe our community can afford it and feel it is unnecessary for us. It's not too far to travel to either Miller or Gary from our city and catch the train there.**

Homeowner: yes

length_of_time: 35 years

realname: Kimberly S Robison

address1: 2942 Allen St.

address2:

city: Lake Station

state: IN

zip_code: 46405

phone: 2199456173

email: kimk46405@yahoo.com**105. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 2:35 PM**

questions_comments: **This is a big debacle mess on every level! horrendous traffic snarls, not everyone will benefit. Communities pledging money they DON'T have and for 30 years to come? NO NO NO, escape the madness this could bring.**

length_of_time:

realname: O

address1: 3929 schneider st.

address2:

city: lake station

state: IN

zip_code: 46405

phone:

email: omega_lazur@yahoo.com

106. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 4:21 PM**

questions_comments:

1. **Per your 20 year Strategic Business Plan Summary, can you provide some additional details to the estimated 1,984 jobs the West Lake Extension project and South Shore capital improvement projects are projected to be added to the NWI economy? What percentage are construction/project related? What percentage of the 1,984 jobs will be permanent jobs? And of the permanent Jobs, what type of jobs are they projected to be? Service oriented, Professional/white collar, Technology based, Communications?**
2. **Per your 20-year Strategic Business Plan Summary, Can you further define or expand on the statement, "Efficiencies are projected to generate \$2.5 billion in Economic output and \$1.3 billion in gross regional product." What variables were used as a baseline for this assumed Market Study?**
3. **What agreements or Memorandums of Understanding are in place with METRA in regards to infrastructure upgrades, track expansion and platform modifications at Millennium Station? Are they part of the current Draft Environmental Impact Study. At what phase in the process will this be confirmed?**
4. **With respect to the TOD, Where does NICTD see the best location of the proposed new Stations to fully meet the expectations of a economically supporting TOD(Transit Oriented Development). Does NICTD foresee the stations in Hammond, East Chicago or Gary as a viable (TOD)**
5. **Has the previous studies demonstrated the need for express trains from Dyer to Millennium Station? Is it Feasible or even realistic with the restriction of the METRA rail line?**
6. **Regarding the NICTD West Lake Corridor Study March 2011 report, of the estimated 5,600 people riding the West Lake trains, how many of those are new riders and how many are existing rider that are currently driving to the existing stations? How did you study derive at this 5,600 number.**
7. **What type of contingencies are in place in the current estimated cost for market changes, environmental issues, escalation and site conditions?**

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

length_of_time: 15 Years

realname: Robert Ochi

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city: Hammond

state: IN

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phone: 219-931-6337

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107. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 5:24 PM**

questions_comments: **I am resident of Altgeld Gardens and the Executive Director of People for Community Recovery (PCR) is very supportive and interested in the transit development and we would like to be engaged in this project because our community will be positively impacted by this development.**

Business_Owner: yes

Renter: yes

Interested_Stakeholder: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 50 yrs as resident and 35 yrs as a Business Owner

realname: Cheryl Johnson

address1: 13330 South Corliss Avenue

address2:

city: Chicago

state: IL

zip_code: 60827

phone: 7739715028

email: cheryljohnsonpcr@gmail.com**108. Direct Email Submission to project.email@nictdwestlake.com****Date Received: Wed 11/11/2014 5:38 PM**

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Cheryl Johnson and I am the Executive Director of People for Community Recovery (PCR), an environmental justice community-based organization located in Altgeld Gardens. We at PCR is very supportive of this project. This project would improve our transit in more ways that we can imagine and this will be great opportunity for our community to be engaged in this development too.

Please keep us inform of any future meetings, correspondence and other materials related to this project so that we can continue to be supportive.

If further discussions are needed between us, please call us at 773.840.4618

Sincerely,

Cheryl Johnson cheryl.johnson@peopleforcommunityrecovery.org

People for Community Recovery

13330 South Corliss Avenue

Chicago, IL 60827

773.840.4618 office

773.971.5028 cell

109. Online Comment Form Submission**Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 6:17 PM**

questions_comments: **The extension of the South Shore line is very important to the region, not only because it will improve access to Chicago, but also because it will make NW Indiana accessible to Chicago. Chicago, too, needs this. It is busy trying to promote itself as a destination region rather than just a destination city, but right now it isn't a destination region because people can't move out of the city. One thing that is vital with this rail extension is that bicycles be allowed on at least some of the trains. We have such a wonderful trail system and many amenities, including Three Floyds brewery, which brews the top-ranking beer in the US, that tourists and Chicagoans would be likely to come out and visit by bicycle, if they knew that at the end of the day they could catch a train that would take them and their bicycles back into Chicago.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 1 year

realname: Kelly Jones

address1: 1509 N Cline Ave

address2:

city: Griffith

state: IN

zip_code: 46319

phone:

email: kel.k.jones@gmail.com**110. Online Comment Form Submission****Date Received: Mon 11/11/2014 11:42 PM**

questions_comments: **The West Lake Corridor Project is a vital and necessary component of the future of Northwest Indiana. Younger residents and graduates of Northwest Indiana's many colleges and universities need access to the career opportunities located within the city of Chicago. Unfortunately, many of these residents find that they must move away from Northwest Indiana to access these opportunities, not because of the geographical distance, but because of the lack of connectivity between these two frustratingly close areas. This creates an uncertain future for the communities along the West Lake Corridor as young, well-educated residents leave. While I personally wish to remain in Northwest Indiana, I fear that it might not be practical for me to do so without the expansion of commuter rail. In analyzing this project, please consider giving me and the thousands of residents in the same situation the opportunity to remain here, as well as making Northwest Indiana a place where new residents would strongly desire to live.**

Homeowner: yes

Resident_Project_Corridor: yes

Email_Notifications: yes

length_of_time: 23 years

realname: Michael Gallenberger

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address2:

city: Dyer

state: IN

zip_code: 46311

phone:

email: mwgallenbe@sbcglobal.net

Mailed Comments



November 8, 2014

To All For Whom This May Concern:

Even though I recently attended a meeting and filled out an index card with my comments, I wanted to reach a broader audience and give my "input" regarding this **South Shore extension** issue before the deadline of Veteran's Day on November 11th, a day on which no mail will be delivered (hmm . . . how convenient!).

As a long time South Shore rider (28 years) I am not in favor of the extension through west Lake County for the following reasons:

- (1) the existing rail line truly has a difficult time operating "as is" and adding an extension will not only prejudicially boost heft to the already wealthy west Lake County residents and its established businesses, but, of concern to me, the South Shore north Lake County train would operate detrimentally to its present loyal ridership through probably a reduction in service via number of trains run, further on-time performance issues due to train management's divided interest with another line, etcetera;
- (2) if any kind of extension is planned and if any tax dollars are used for said extension, then we need a line that runs diagonally through the County to serve fairly and equally ALL of our residents (yes, let's be honest here, even us "poor folk");
- (3) Chicago has a wonderful transportation system with buses and our County has no extensive bus service set up to alleviate already congested roads and to provide service to the overall population;
- (4) ideally, we should have high-speed rail because the commute to Chicago is too long, way too long (that rail can also link us to Lafayette/Indianapolis);
- (5) people should quit saying the west extension will provide jobs and businesses. How so? Businesses and jobs already exist there . . . how about developing the rest of the County? By the way, contrary to what those in Lake County who have never worked a day in Chicago are saying, the jobs there and the lifestyle given up to commute there are NOT the nirvana they make it out to be. (And, believe me, I am saying this and speaking of this from years of experience!)
- (6) to garner support for a new rail extension, we're also constantly told that the rail extension will entice business; well, if that's the case, then why haven't we seen any marked jobs or business "development" along the present line?

I wholeheartedly agree with Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott II in calling for a referendum on this very (much too) important issue.

Bottom line for all decision-makers within Lake County: Think this through thoroughly before committing hard earned and hard-to-come-by tax dollars. Don't just automatically jump on the bandwagon and buy into the in-our-face hype and unsubstantiated claims spewed forth by the extension proponents. (I have never liked Visclosky's "tax and spend" attitude and cautioned him one time about this when he was campaigning at the East Chicago train station. If citizens even think federal dollars come free and that we have to grab our share just because that's what everyone else does and seems to think, then we need to think again. Seriously. Our country is largely in the shape it's in because of our unfortunate "build a bridge to nowhere" stance. Hello! Tax dollars are not free. We taxpayers always foot the bill.)

Lake County needs its dollars for better roads; a second-to-none bus service that takes residents everywhere with no problem and that the County can boast about [don't put the rail (cart) before the horse (bus service)]; diagonally-run rail (preferably high speed); the gentrification of Gary (see below under "P.S."); and to attract outside businesses and residents – a program that keeps crime down (all police departments in the County should have a zero tolerance policy and mean business – take a page from the Highland Police Department's playbook. Just going by traffic alone, people always drive slowly through Highland because everyone always gets ticketed. But, hey, it works! Though I especially mean this policing should be employed when it comes to hard-core crime in our area. And less crime means less dollars have to be allocated to fund police departments.). Last, we need our dollars to maintain and keep Lake County clean along with employing some aesthetics (that is, in the form of planting a plethora of beautiful trees and flowers throughout the County so people will actually want to live and visit here).

Yes, let's make a pact to be DIFFERENT than the rest of the U.S. Let's be, and be known as, the most beautiful County in the country to attract tourists who want to visit here, residents who want to live (and stay) here, and architecturally attractive businesses that will exude a fresh, positive, rooted downhome Americana ambiance and that will WANT to operate here, in this County, and, thus, attract jobs! We can do it. We just have to not be stupid, but have the wherewithal to stick together and use our limited taxes wisely!

Thank you for listening.

Marybeth Yokovich
(formerly from Hammond; now in Merrillville)

P.S.: We have to address the elephant in the room. We MUST not neglect, but we must do something about Gary. Like it or not, Mayor Karen (and God be with you and bless your heart for taking on this enormous task), we must face facts: The City is a thorn in the County's side but was not at one time, should not be now, and so doesn't HAVE to be. It is large, it is poor, it is crime-ridden, people don't want to go near it, the steel mills do not appear to be coming back to their glory days, and I have racked my

brain out wondering what can be done about the situation. I wish I could come up with some solutions to offer you, but, to be honest, "I got nothin'." (Sigh.) No ideas whatsoever. I'm drawing a blank! The best I could come up with would be to study what other cities in other parts of the U.S., or even what cities in other countries might have done, to turn things around. What I WILL not hesitate to say, though, is that I believe a course should be taught in schools on how to appropriately raise children in the home, no matter the economic circumstances, as that seems to be where many problems start. Because harsh discipline through violence models and unwittingly only begets more violence, and that, in large part, contributes to crime.

cc: To everyone I can find addresses for including NICTD, local legislators, police departments, *The Times*, etcetera

November 2, 2014

NICTD West Lake Corridor Project
33 East U. S. Highway 12
Chesterton, IN 46304



Dear NICTD:

I urge support for the extension of the South Shore train thru Hammond, Munster and eventually to Lowell. Population growth and economic growth in Northwest Indiana in the future will be to the south.

Extension of the South Shore is important to people who are not able to drive. I have been partially-sighted all of my life, and I am now retired. I moved to Munster last year for several reasons. Previously, I had always lived near public transportation so that I could be independent. Northwest Indiana has had difficulty maintaining a viable regional public transit system. But Northwest Indiana does have the South Shore train which can take people to Chicago. I would like to use it more easily to attend cultural events, dine, and attend educational events.

For the people of Hammond, stations should be built in downtown Hammond and/or 173rd St.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Karpinski
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Andrew C. Fox

President

November 3, 2014

Mr. John N. Parsons
NICTD
33 East US Highway 12
Chesterton, IN 46304

Re: Comments for NICTD West Lake Corridor

Dear Mr. Parsons:

The Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad (also known as "South Shore Freight" or "CSS") has the exclusive freight rail franchise over rail line owned and/or operated by NICTD from Kensington to South Bend. CSS' major freight classification yard is located in the Village of Burnham, between NICTD's Hammond and Hegewisch stations. An affiliate of CSS, Illinois-Indiana Development Company ("IIDC"), owns the joint NICTD/CSS right of way between the Illinois-Indiana state line and a junction with Metra at 115th Street, Kensington, in the city of Chicago. A diverse array of industrial customers depend on reliable CSS freight service, including NIPSCO, ArcelorMittal, and the Port of Illinois.

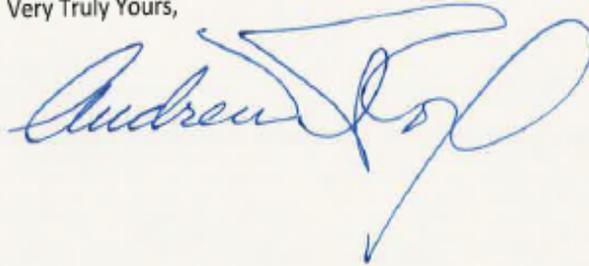
CSS has reviewed the alternative routes for the West Lake corridor being considered between downtown Hammond and a connection with Metra at Kensington. Clearly the superior route is to utilize the former Michigan Central (MC) route between Hammond and Kensington, which is shown in Yellow on the project map. That route has a number of advantages over the alternate, which connects with NICTD in the vicinity of Hegewisch station.

- 1) The MC route has superior curvature and is somewhat shorter than the Hegewisch route. This will allow for higher speeds and shorter travel times to Chicago from West Lake Stations. The Hegewisch route involves a torturous elevated triple "S" Curve between downtown Hammond and the state line.
- 2) The Hegewisch route involves merging 12 West Lake daily trains into the paths of existing NICTD trains. Delays to either NICTD or West Lake trains elsewhere on their runs will have a ripple effect on other NICTD and West Lake trains as they have to find new "slots" in which to run. By using the MC route, West lake trains will be in position to operate directly to a junction with Metra and take their slots on Metra without interference to or from other NICTD trains. Service reliability on both lines will suffer if the Hegewisch route is used.
- 3) The MC route is a dormant freight route, whereas the NICTD route hosts numerous freight trains. West Lake trains by using the MC route can avoid all freight train interference between Hammond and Kensington with a corresponding positive effect on schedule reliability.

- 4) The Hegewisch route involves a railroad crossing at grade with Norfolk Southern Railroad adjacent to Burnham Ave. This is another source of delay that current NICTD trains must contend with but which, by using the MC route, West Lake trains can avoid.
- 5) The Hegewisch route involves introducing 12 more daily trains across the extremely busy Burnham Ave road/rail crossing at the Brainard Ave intersection, which is already crossed by NICTD, CSS, Norfolk Southern and CSXT. By contrast, the MC route has three comparatively lightly used road crossings, none which is utilized by any other railroad. Overall traffic circulation, vehicular safety and rail safety would be enhanced by using the MC route, especially if existing lightly used crossings are eliminated or improved.

For these and other reasons, we strongly urge that the MC route be designated the preferred route between Hammond and the Metra connection.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Top". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large loop at the end.

Comment Cards

WEST LAKE CORRIDOR PROJECT
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Comment Card

Name (please print): TOM RYAN

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

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Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

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COMMENTS:

WILL METRA ALLOW MUNSTER TRAINS TO
USE THEIR TRACK BETWEEN KENSINGTON
WITHOUT CUTTING A SIMILAR NUMBER
OF THE MAIN LINE?

WILL RANDOLPH ST STATION BE ABLE
TO HANDLE MORE TRAINS?

**Comment Card**Name (please print): MIKE DUJMOVIC

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 1833 TULIP LN, MUNSTER, INE-mail: SUMODUME@ATT.NET

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail Flyer Other RADIO

COMMENTS:

1. WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE TRUE COST OF THIS PROJECT
WILL BE2. IF IT COMES TO BEING HOW WILL IT BE FUNDED IN THE
FUTURE ?3. WHY HASN'T THE 'PRIVATE' SECTOR BEEN APPROACHED
ABOUT FUNDING THIS PROJECT LIKE OTHERS ?4. WILL YOU BE LOOKING FOR MORE TAX MONEY IN THE
FUTURE TO FUND THIS PROJECT ?5. WHY CAN'T WE ATTRACT THE BUSINESSES TO NW IND
THAT THIS 'TRAIN' WOULD BE TAKING PEOPLE TO ?



Comment Card

Name (please print): Steven Shupert

Neighborhood or Organization: West Lakes

Address: 124 Salisbury Drive Munster IN 46321

E-mail: shupert@mail@qim.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

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COMMENTS:

Train Type: Diesel

Maintenance Yard Location: ANYWHERE but Munster Option

Investigate 394 to Cline Main Street Extension for Project Impact (Dyer Town Hall could probably give info)



Comment Card

Name (please print): Christina Losiniec

Neighborhood or Organization: MANOR AVENUE

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Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

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COMMENTS:

no matter which of the 2 options are used for a Munster Station, my home will be affected. I am concerned about traffic, noise and the efforts that will be required to maintain rails through residential neighborhoods. I feel that this is going to decimate my property values. I take the SS daily and while this would be convenient for my commute, I would rather drive to a station that is further away than have a train, and its passengers and their cars and trash, 150 feet from my front door.



Comment Card

Name (please print): Cori Crider

Neighborhood or Organization: Dyer, IN

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E-mail: Crider.Cori@gmail.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

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Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:

12 trains per weekday - seems a bit light - what about weekends?
Can the stations potentially meet up/have access to bike trails to drive healthy/environmentally friendly lifestyles and cut back on parking spaces?

2023 - Yikes!

Per. or to committing to spending + building Dyer Amtrak should be converted to a Commuter Rail Schedule this will be an easy demand indicator and it would help transportation needs in the meantime



Comment Card

Name (please print): Linda Stefanich

Neighborhood or Organization: Interested commuter

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Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other Train

COMMENTS:

I favor the expansion. However, Metra has always said no room to expand. 1) Do we have Metra's buy-in? If so, where would the expansion join in to Metra?
2) Mid-day service on the expansion is a must!
3) Why aren't mag-lev trains being considered?
Severe weather can knock out electricity. It's fragile. Mag-lev might be an option



Comment Card

Name (please print): MARGARET ~~GARRE~~ GALVIN

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 50 KENWOOD, HAMMOND IN 46324

E-mail: _____

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:

① Consider sufficiency + availability of parking for commuters

② Where do riders come from
How many from Hammond as opposed to other communities?

③ If activate rail line how does it affect bike trail? Safety issues for bike riders?

④ What measures are being considered for train safety issues + how will they affect the neighborhood, pedestrians + other traffic



Comment Card

Name (please print): Paul Rotatori

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 8118 Kraay Ave, Munster, IN 46321

E-mail: paul.rotatori@gmail.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail

Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:

- Great project! Get started now since it will take so long and population is already shifting south.
- Any bike trails that are impacted along the Major trail must be replaced or improved.
- Please consider adding a bike trail parcel to the new tracks that are being built. Especially the east west portion of the track that runs along with the Grand Calumet river. It is very difficult to bike east/west in this area and this would be very beneficial. It will also lessen the strain on your parking lots if people can bike there easier.
- No one wants to go to Hammond from Munster, IN but go east.



Comment Card

Name (please print): Donna DUNN

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

Address: 2837 171st St Hammond, IN 46323

E-mail: degobah69@hotmail.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other Railroader

COMMENTS: Put Project to a Vote - Let the people decide!!
 I work for CSXT. I am against this project. This is a money pit project. Government projects are always over budget. This project wasn't even in the works until the Lake County Tax was passed. This project is unsustainable. There is no passenger rail in this country that isn't subsidized!! Not only will we pay for this-but our children & grandchildren will pay for this FOREVER! Using your numbers you could buy the projected riders a new car every 4 years for over a 20 year span. If this 4 mile track was wanted why didn't people ask for it-instead of politicians?! If it is an economic boom-then where are all the new businesses ground the existing stations in Hammond, East Chicago & Gary. Metra is building a parallel line just a few miles west. There is no room in Chicago rail network for more trains!! Money could be better spent on infrastructure



Comment Card

Name (please print): TOM RYAN

Neighborhood or Organization: _____

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COMMENTS:
WILL ANY BIKE PATHS BE
DUG UP FOR THE NEW LINE

**Comment Card**Name (please print): Ken DavidsonNeighborhood or Organization: Hammond

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes **No**How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail Flyer Other Mark Leyva**COMMENTS:**Please stop spending money on this failed project1. The Southeast extension proposed by Metra will serve more riders in a much larger footprint for less money.2. IT is immoral to tax distressed communities for a train to affluent communities.3. The project could be completed for 25% of the cost using the elsdon line. IT would serve residents all the way to Valparaiso.4. The funding mechanism proposed is unconstitutional under F.W. Law.



Comment Card

Name (please print): William E. Moore

Neighborhood or Organization: EME Rail Solutions

Address: 1513 Independence Drive Hobart, IN 46342

E-mail: wemoore1@emetailsolutions.com

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:

I support this project due to the economic opportunities it can provide for Northwest Indiana and its residents.
It also provides a much needed transit option for residents who have to commute to the metropolitan Chicago area for jobs. It also serves as a means to help attract new residents to our area and retain current residents.



Comment Card

Name (please print): TRUDY WASIK

Neighborhood or Organization: SOUTHMOOR HAMMOND

Address: 208 Southmoor Rd

E-mail: _____

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
 Flyer Other _____

COMMENTS:

My experience with Governmental projects is that EIS do NOT actually take into consideration long term effects of VIBRATIONS & NOISE. How seriously ARE you going to take these matters into consideration AND how willing ARE you to listen to Residents in the path of the Rails and Train stops?



Comment Card

Name (please print): MARK WISOTSKY

Neighborhood or Organization: MUNSTER

Address: 808 BOXWOOD DR, MUNSTER, IN 46321

E-mail: _____

Do you want to be included in our mailing list? (circle) Yes No

How did you hear about us? (check) Newspaper Website Postcard E-mail
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COMMENTS:
GO FOR IT! THE SOONER THE BETTER

Robert Ochi

To: Robert Ochi (Robert@raigroup.net)
 Subject: West Lake Extension

Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) West Lake Corridor Expansion Project

Reference Documents:

- NICTD 20 Year Strategic Business Plan – Executive Summary **May 2014** as prepared by URS Corporation
- NICTD West Lake Corridor Study **March 2011** report prepared by STV (Information gathered in 2 phases (Phase I -2005 to 2006 and Phase II- 2007-2009)

Total Estimated Capital Cost for the West Lake Expansion is \$571.0 million to Dyer, Local/State funding will be **\$285.5 million**

Total Estimated Capital Cost for South Shore Baseline is \$421.7 million, Local/State funding is **\$357.5 million**

Total Estimated Capital Cost for Market Expansion (Gary Station Improvements) is \$38 million, Local/State funding is **\$19 million**

Total Estimated Capital Cost for 2015-2033 Programs/project is **\$662 million of Local/State funding**. Total Project Cost is \$1,162,000,000 (\$1.16 Billion)

Questions Regarding the Proposed West Lake Extension of the South Shore Electric Train

1. Per your 20 year Strategic Business Plan Summary, can you provide some additional details to the estimated 1,984 jobs the West Lake Extension project and South Shore capital improvement projects are projected to be added to the NWI economy? What percentage are construction/project related? What percentage of the 1,984 jobs will be permanent jobs? And of the permanent jobs, what type of jobs are they projected to be? Service oriented, Professional/white collar, Technology based, Communications?
2. Per your 20-year Strategic Business Plan Summary, Can you further define or expand on the statement, "Efficiencies are projected to generate \$2.5 billion in Economic output and \$1.3 billion in gross regional product." What variables were used as a baseline for this assumed Market Study?
3. What agreements or Memorandums of Understanding are in place with METRA in regards to infrastructure upgrades, track expansion and platform modifications at Millennium Station? Are they part of the current Draft Environmental Impact Study. At what phase in the process will this be confirmed?
4. With respect to the TOD, Where does NICTD see the best location of the proposed new Stations to fully meet the expectations of an economically supporting TOD(Transit Oriented Development). Does NICTD foresee the stations in Hammond, East Chicago or Gary as a viable (TOD)
5. Has the previous studies demonstrated the need for express trains from Dyer to Millennium Station? Is it Feasible or even realistic with the restriction of the METRA rail line?
6. Regarding the NICTD West Lake Corridor Study **March 2011** report, of the estimated 5,600 people riding the West Lake trains, how many of those are new riders and how many are existing rider that are currently driving to the existing stations? How did you study derive at this 5,600 number.
7. What type of contingencies are in place in the current estimated cost for market changes, environmental issues, escalation and site conditions?

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The following messages were received via voicemail during the scoping period. Callers were not required to identify themselves or provide contact information.

	DATE	CALLER	MESSAGE
1.	10/15/14	John	Will you shut down the Gary station to accommodate the expansion?
2.	10/29/14	Not Provided	I am strongly against this project. It will only benefit a small percentage of this community. The cost of the project is too large and the benefit too small. I will vote against any politician that supports this.
3.	10/29/14	Cynthia Robbins 2942 Wells St. Lake Station, IN 219-963-3591	I am vehemently opposed to this project. It will overtax and overburden an area already suffering from everything. This is poor decision making. You are being dishonest with us. This will be a cargo train not a passenger train. Nix it.
4.	10/29/14	Not Provided	I am strongly against the project. It will only benefit a small percent of this community. I live near the South Shore in Hammond. It only gives us a large parking lot and traffic. There is no development at any of the South Shore stations. Put money to projects that will benefit a larger number of people.
5.	10/31/14	Not Provided	You need to focus on the current line to South Bend. You need to close the Gary Airport Connect, put two line to Michigan City, put fences up to keep the kids out and raise all platforms. This will keep people moving and increase ridership. If you dilute your base, you will reduce your ridership. This is a stupid idea. You could collapse the entire system.
6.	11/6/14	Not Provided	I am speaking for the extension. I favor expanding the South Shore Line. I live in Munster, Indiana and that's my message.

	DATE	CALLER	MESSAGE
7.	11/6/14	Not Provided	I live in Dyer, Indiana and I think this is a waste of money. I am firmly against it.
8.	11/6/14	Not Provided	I live in Munster. I really hope that the South Shore extension goes into effect. It is vital. We need it to get to Chicago. I go back and forth to my doctor's appointments.
9.	11/6/14	Marie Wistner (219) 864-1922	I am a senior and I think we should get extended transportation, at least to Dyer.
10.	11/9/14	Stan Hendricks (219) 865-2373	Requested speaker for Schererville Rotary.

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>> MATTIE McCORMICK: Good evening, I've got to project because the mic is out. Can everybody hear me in the back of the room? All right. Welcome to the Westlake Corridor Project Public Scoping Meeting. I am Mattie McCormick. I am the Public and Agency Coordination Lead for the project. On behalf of our team, we appreciate your coming out tonight. We understand that your being here is a measure of your civic commitment and your interest in what happens in this project corridor regarding transportation, so kudos to you for the commitment to be here.

Our objective tonight is to share information with you about this project. This is the beginning of the Public Scoping period. We also want to share with you that tonight's agenda is to give you a fixed presentation via PowerPoint from the project leader, Lisa Ives, from AECOM. And that will then be followed with an informal Open House where we will have our technical team in place by the boards in the back that you have an opportunity to view. And they will be there to give you additional information, to answer questions, and to also explain this whole environmental process, the purpose, our objectives, and to give us a chance to do the best.

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So with that said, I also want to take a minute -- and I promise it's just one minute -- and to introduce some special guests that are with us this evening.

I'm going to ask them just to stand quickly. No remarks. No ceremony. But we just want to recognize them. Councilman Markovich from the City of Hammond. Would you stand and stay standing? Councilman Simonetto from the Town of Munster. Elizabeth Johnson, who is Director of Projects and Planning from Congressman Visclosky's office. Liz, raise your hand. Okay. We also have Christine Cid, Councilwoman from Lake County. Christine, would you stand? Now, if I've omitted anyone, now's your chance to stand, if I've done that correctly.

Let me also share with you that we have second day on the job -- do you remember when you had a second day on the job, what it was like? We have Mike Nolan, who is the new General Manager for NICTD. Mike?

Now, let's give everybody a round of applause.

[Applause.]

Okay. Now, we are now going to have remarks from -- excuse me for my voice, it's been a long day -- but we're all going to have remarks from Sherri Ziller, who is the

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Chief Operating Manager from the Regional Development Authority, which is key funder for the project. Sherri will, in turn, introduce John Parsons, who is the Marketing and Planning Director for NICTD. And that will take us into the presentation. After the presentation, we will immediately adjourn to an informal setting where the team will be in place, and that will allow you to have more direct interaction and ask any questions that you may have.

Okay. Now, Sherri.

>> SHERRI ZILLER: Thank you very much, Mattie. I hope everyone can hear me. I was expecting a microphone, but if you can't hear me, just yell for me to speak up and I will do that.

Good evening, everyone. Like Mattie said, Sherri Ziller, Chief Operating Officer at the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority. I'll make my remarks brief because Mattie asked me so kindly to do so. We have a lot to cover tonight. But I do want to thank you all for coming out tonight and for your continued interest in the Westlake Corridor Project.

The RDA is thrilled to be a Project Partner on the Westlake Corridor Extension Project and not just in the

financial sense but also in the economic development potential for this project. We have increased ridership, job creation, greater connectivity to Chicago, more development potential along the current line and the proposed line, and those are just a few of the big project benefits that this project will bring to Northwest Indiana and to the State of Indiana as a whole.

So I do want to thank you all for sharing a few hours with us, listening to our presentation. And we do look forward to hearing from you a little bit later on tonight.

And with that, now it's my pleasure to introduce John Parsons. He's with NICTD. He will also make a few remarks and then he will get into the presentation part of the program. So thank you and enjoy your evening.

>> JOHN PARSONS: Again, thank you for showing up this evening. Again, my name is John Parsons. Why did we ask you to come out tonight? We're actually starting the Environmental Review Process this evening. The comment process actually started on October 13th and will conclude on November 11th. Lisa will get into a little of that in her presentation. But the whole idea behind this Environmental Scoping Process is to share information and

seek input from members of the public.

We also had a meeting earlier today with the Federal agencies and State agencies that are also interested in this project as participating agencies. And we'll also be defining how you can be involved in this process.

The Westlake Corridor, as you know, living in this region, has been studied, has been examined for many years. We actually own the right of way -- the Northern Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, with the Town of Munster and the City of Hammond, we actually own the right of way that was abandoned by the CSX years ago. We purchased that property -- thank you -- that makes a big difference. We purchased the property in 1993. We own the right of way.

There have been numerous studies done on the feasibility of expanding commuter rail to Valparaiso, to Lowell. We basically resolved this with the 2011 study that recommended a first phase to Munster/Dyer along the Monon corridor that would also include, then, operating on the CSX alignment south of 45th Street in Munster.

We also just completed a major strategic business plan for the commuter district that, jointly with the RDA, that

includes the Westlake Corridor expansion as a component of our 20-year business plan.

And we began this review process, hired AECOM earlier this spring. They've been gearing up, examining alternative alignments. And we actually started the detailed work on the environmental issues beginning in September.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that we have a Federal partner in this, and it's the Federal Transit Administration. They're the Federal lead agency. We're the local lead agency. And as I mentioned before, the Regional Development Authority is a major, major sponsor and funder of this study, as well as our original strategic business plan.

And with that short introduction, I wanted to pass it on to Lisa Ives. Lisa will handle the detailed information with respect to the project and the NEPA project.

>> MATTIE McCORMICK: Before Lisa begins, if you're sitting next to an empty seat, I want you to raise your hand. Everybody that's in the back standing, if you're looking for a seat, now's the time to take it come on. Come on. It's okay. Come on.

>> LISA IVES: Thank you, John. Thank you, Mattie. I'm

glad the microphone is back, although I've never been accused of being too quiet. Again, my name is Lisa Ives, and I just want to thank you all for being here this evening.

To pick up where John left off, again, because NICTD is looking to seek Federal funding for this project, they must comply with what's called the National Environmental Policy Act, what we call NEPA. We like to think of NEPA as an umbrella, as shown here, where it requires you to look at a multitude of different environmental regulations and Acts covering a full gamut of environmental resources, as shown here.

That information and analysis then culminates in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement document that we're actually going to be preparing. And this slide shows you the key steps that are involved in the preparation of this Draft EIS document. First or foremost of why we're here today with project scoping, where we're going to be asking for your input into this process and project as we're getting started.

From there, once we've gotten your input from the public, as John mentions, we also met with the Agencies to

get their input and guidance. Then we start to assess the impact of the project. And we have to look at everything from transportation, social considerations, as well as the natural environment -- or bugs and bunnies, as we like to call it. And once we've assessed the impact of the projects, that, then, culminates and feeds into this Draft EIS document that we are preparing. And you'll have another opportunity to review and comment on the project at that time, when we've actually completed that draft document.

But, again, we're right here. We're just getting started, which is shown on this next slide where we look at the overall EIS process. And, again, we are right here getting started with this scoping process where we're seeking your input.

Once we get your input, again, we prepare the Draft EIS document. As I mentioned, you'll have another opportunity to comment on the project and the process at that time. And once we get your comments, we actually have to respond to them. And the responses to those comments then feed into a final EIS document. And then this process that we're going through is complete once the Federal Transit Administration issues what's called a Record of

Decision.

Since we do have the FTA here, I should acknowledge the fact that FTA is working very hard to streamline this process so it can go quicker. And they're actually looking at combining the steps of the Final EIS and Record of Decision into one step. But, again, once you get that Record of Decision by the Federal, your environmental process is done.

But, again, we're right here, just getting started.

So why are we here? And what is scoping? Again, it's the first step in this Environmental Review Process. It allows for the early coordination and outreach, not only with you, the public, but also with the agencies to get your input and feedback. It allows NICTD to notify you, the public, and the Agency, to say, hey, we're starting this Environmental Review Process. We're going to be preparing this EEIS document, and we want your input and involvement as we start this process.

And that input that we get from you will help us to guide the focus and content of what we put into this document. It tells us where to focus our analysis, because many of you probably in this room live here. You probably

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work here. Again, you guys know best your communities. And it's that feedback that tells us where we should be focusing our analysis as we prepare this Environmental Impact Statement. And there's three main things that we want your feedback on, as shown here. We want your feedback on the purpose and need of the project.

We want your feedback on the project itself and any of the design options that we're considering. And we also want your feedback on what are the key environmental issues or other concerns that you may have regarding this project.

In the next few slides that I get into, we'll get into each of these areas, first starting with purpose and needs of the project. What is it?

One of the primary purposes for this project is to serve high growth areas in Lake County. If you look at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, and even some of the communities along the lake shore, they've actually had population declines over the last 10 years. But in Lake County, there's actually been substantial increases in communities like Munster, like St. John where they've seen substantial increases over the last 10 years. So this project will help serve those high growth areas.

Some of you in the audience who may live here, you may already commute to Chicago. So this project would give you a more convenient connection to Chicago. And it gives you an alternative to driving your car every day. And, in turn, it can also help to lower your commute times and costs. Because, again, for those of you who actually may drive to Chicago today, even if you're going to a show in Chicago or going shopping, you have the costs for gas, you have the costs to maintain your vehicle, and the kicker is the parking in downtown Chicago; it's higher than many cities around the entire country. So this project would lower the commute costs.

It would also serve to increase NICTD system ridership because over the last few years, the ridership has been pretty stable. So with this expansion of their service coverage, it would help to increase their system ridership.

But that would not only benefit Chicago and NICTD, but would also serve to benefit here in Lake County by generating economic development potential, particularly around the station areas; and if you can get the development around the station area, it can also help to create jobs right here in Lake County.

And with the economic development potential of local job creation, the project is also intending to attract and retain younger families, because what we're finding in terms of the population demographics here, that you're actually having an aging population in Lake County where the younger families are moving out. So with the added economic development, the local jobs and a more convenient connection to downtown Chicago, this project again would retain the younger families but also provide a valued transportation asset for the entire Northwest Indiana.

So what are we studying? Just to orient you. Again, you can see Lake Michigan here. You can see NICTD's existing South Shore line that runs all the way into downtown Chicago at the Millennium Station. We also have all these lines in purple, which are Metra's commuter rail line. You can see the Indiana/Illinois state line here. And you can see, the southern branch extension of NICTD's service, that would run parallel to the Illinois/Indiana state line.

But NEPA actually requires us to look at a no build alternative or a do-nothing. And then we use that as the basis to actually compare to the project of what we're

calling a Commuter Rail Alternative.

And this next slide shows you that Commuter Rail Alternative in more detail. And, actually, if you guys picked up a FAQ sheet when you checked in, the back of it actually has the copy of this map. Just to kind of walk you through that, orient you, you can see Lake Michigan up at the top here, in orange is NICTD's existing South Shore line. Here's Metra's commuter rail line. Again, those head on up into Chicago today.

And this would be a southern branch extension here, again paralleling the Indiana/Illinois state line. It would be about a 9-mile extension between Dyer and Hammond. We do have a flyover to the existing South Shore service. We're looking at running about 12 trains a day, so you'd have six trains heading out and six trains heading back. We're looking at four main stations. You can see one, Munster/Dyer area here on the border; one here in Munster between Fisher and 45th; one in South Hammond; and another in Downtown Hammond.

The project would also need a facility to store and maintain the vehicles. And, as well, we may have to implement improvements to the Metra line because not only

again are we implementing and integrating with the South Shore line, we're also going to eventually run on the Metra tracks that head on up into Chicago and the Millennium Station up there, so we may have to make some improvements to their system and particularly to the Millennium Station to make sure that, frankly, all the trains can fit and operate on those tracks.

We are looking at some options for the alignment. We're looking at a possible extension south of St. John that would terminate at U.S. 41. We're also looking at another route alignment option that would extend through Calumet City, Burnham, on into South Chicago and head up to Downtown Chicago that way.

We have some optional stations that we're considering. Again, if it went all the way to downtown St. John, you would have a station there at U.S. 41. There's an existing Dyer Amtrak station, so we're looking at potentially using that station. We have one just down the street here in Munster at Ridge Road and then we have another one in Hammond.

We also have some options for the maintenance facility. Again, we just need one, but we're looking at and evaluating

three potential sites. One would be in South Hammond just south of 173rd, just north of the freeway there. We have one on the border of Munster/Dyer at a future Main Street extension, or near Sheffield; and, again, if it went all the way to St. John, there's a potential maintenance facility site that we're considering down there.

These next few slides give you some examples of what this system could look like. And, again, some of you in the audience may take NICTD today. You may ride Metra or even Amtrak. So it's a commuter rail service that's very similar to that.

For the stations, you're going to have some sort of boarding platforms where passengers would get on and board the train. You'd also have some sort of building or shelters where people could wait for the train.

And then, as well, we're probably going to need some parking at these stations because the majority of passengers are going to probably drive to the station. Once they get on the train, they are in for the long haul heading all the way up to Chicago.

This slide shows you what the maintenance facility could look like. This is an example of existing facilities

with Metra as well as NICTD's maintenance facility. If you're going to need a shop building, or basically a building where you pull the trains in and then they're maintained in this building, but you also need an area where you can store the trains overnight. If you look at this photo in the top left, this is an example of an existing Metra storage yard. This picture here is about probably twice the size of what we're thinking of that we would need here in Westlake. But we just really wanted to show you what is needed in terms of storage tracks. You'd have these long linear tracks where you would bring the trains in to store them overnight.

This next slide shows you what the vehicle could look like. And, again, we're looking at various options. And, again, if you've ridden Metra or NICTD, we're looking at that sort of train where we're looking at like a diesel locomotive here shown in the top left where it then pulls the rail cars. We also are looking at a potential electric system, again similar to what NICTD operates today. You can see the overnight wire that feeds electricity into the train. And then there's actually a combined diesel-electric locomotive, this example here, Montreal, where it can run in

diesel and also can be electrifying. You can see the overhead wires that fed into the vehicle here.

So what are the key environmental issues that we're considering as part of this process? Again, NEPA requires us to look at the full gamut and full range of environmental considerations. And we've already had meetings with the Agencies earlier today. And we met even a few weeks ago. And we've gotten some initial feedback from them, done some early field work.

But this is where you guys can really come into play, too, because, again, many of you lived here in these communities or work here in these communities. And you guys know best of what's out there, what may affect you, both good and bad, in terms of this project. So this is where I think you can give us some good feedback of what your key issues and environmental considerations are.

But what we found in having some early conversations as well as doing some early field work, we found that there's a little bit of everything out there in this corridor. And we've seen things like community facilities. There's some churches along the rail line. There are some schools along the rail lines. We found some parks adjacent to it as well

as some trails. And there's existing Monan trail there. We've seen that there's a few river crossings that we're going to have to go over, associated floodplains and wetlands with that. And we even have potential maintenance facility site that is actually farmland today.

So what are the next steps in this EIS process that we're going through? Again, we are right here in this scoping period. And, again, once we get your input from the public, from the Agencies, then we go and do our work. We go and assess the impacts of the project. And this, again, culminates in the EIS document that we will be preparing over the next year. A year from now, next Fall, we'll be coming back to you with the more detailed information on the project.

So how does that fit within the overall project schedule? There's a lot shown on this slide. And I'm not going to get into it with you in detail. But we just did want to mention again because NICTD is considering potential Federal funding for this project, not only are we required to go through this Environmental Review Process, we're also considering going through what's called FTA's New Starts process. And it's a very competitive process that allocates

potential Federal funding to other projects throughout the entire country.

So the slide actually shows what the steps are to actually go through and get evaluated by the FTA through this New Starts process. But just to kind of highlight again where we are now, which is required of New Starts, is the preparation of this Environmental Impact Statement.

And, again, about a year from now, next Fall of 2015, we'll be coming back to you with this Draft Environmental Impact Statement document. And once we're done, once we're completed with the Environmental Impact Statement, the plan can then advance into more detailed design, engineering, construction, vehicle acquisition. You see all the way through to the end, NICTD is targeting project startup in the year 2023.

So how can you participate? I'm actually going to turn it back to Mattie at this point to talk about how you can give your feedback, not only here today, but also additional opportunities in the future. So, again, thank you, everyone.

>> MATTIE McCORMICK: Thank you, Lisa. And before I get into the "how you can participate" slide, I want to

acknowledge an individual who is very important to this corridor and very important in terms of the District that he represents, Bill Emerson, Sr., Councilman, Fourth District, City of Hammond. Bill is in the back, everybody. There's Bill. Thanks, Bill, for coming out tonight.

Now, let me say this. Today's scoping meeting, we have these display boards in the back. We're going to have our technical team. And, team, would you move to the boards where you need to be assigned as I'm introducing you? Thank you.

We have Christy Haven, an Environmental Task Lead. Christy is going to be talking about the environmental component of the project.

We have Gary Foyle. Gary, hold your hand up. Gary, hold your hand up. He's the deputy project manager. He is the rail expert. So he'll be there and he'll be against the map so he can talk to you about that specifically.

We also have going to have John Parsons, who is the Marketing and Planning Director for NICTD. John is going to get in the center there.

And we also have Joe Cmkovich, and Joe is the Grants Manager of the DB office for NICTD. And he is a rail

historian from, you know, way before God began.

[Laughter]

So Joe is here. He's going to give us a lot of depth, as well.

And we have Lisa, who is the Project Manager, my boss. Lisa's going to be talking about the purpose and need for the project.

The technical team is now in place. This is your opportunity to go to the boards where you have questions, where you want more feedback, more input. This is when I open it. I said we listen well. This is the chance for us to show you that we do and also to receive your questions.

Now, the project website is available for you to submit any online comments. The email is available, as well. We have an automated phone line. Also, you can mail it in.

And if you want your comment received for the scoping period -- now we're going to receive it throughout to the end of the project -- but for the scoping period, we do need to have that by November 11th to be received by.

Okay. That said, we're now going to adjourn. John is -- and the Court Reporter, Kathy Cortopassi, is here to take your verbal comments. And that will be transcribed and

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it will be placed in the project record. Thanks, John.

Okay. Let's go for it. Hit those boards! Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT OF PERRY STABLER

>> PERRY STABLER: My name is Perry Stabler, phone number 219-845-0157.

First question is: Will it be a freight line? Used as a freight line, too?

Second question is: It's supposed to be half. Pete, 300 local, municipalities 300 million. And Pete's for the Ways and Means Committee, but it seemed up to 480 million that we're going to give, and he's only going to bring back 120 million.

My last question is: If Griffith is only going to get 13,000 out of the 133, Cedar Lake opted out, and New Chicago opted out, why is he still pursuing this? Why is Pete Visclosky still pursuing this? Because he has to have all the players. And three have already opted out. And what does he think of the Mayor Tom and the referendum? Mayor Tom wants it to go for referendum. What do they think about that? This is a democratic process.

I'm against it because there's no reason for it because jobs in Chicago have dropped. And there's more better things to do with the CEDIT money. So, like, fix the

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infrastructure. Gary has three fire trucks, lost their ambulance service, school bus service, didn't have water to the schools. Why would Mayor Karen give \$700,000 of her CEDIT money when the City of Gary is that way? And plus the firefighters in Gary, 589, had a fund-raiser to fix their firehouse, and one of the fire engines, I think it's No. 5, is in a homeless shelter. So that's telling me Gary, they did -- Mayor Karen offered the CEDIT money, but that's a big question. Why would you take CEDIT money when a place like Gary is completely broke and only has 48-1/2 percent of their property tax?

When it goes past Munster and Dyer, that's the big question. Will there be a road tax? Because the first 600 million is up to Munster and Dyer; after that, the NICTD link on Page 18 says there will be a wheel tax or gas tax or some kind of tax to extend it farther because it's a billion dollars. So it would be 1.6 billion. It's 600 million up to Munster/Dyer, but after that Munster/Dyer, will there be a tax? There has to be.

[END OF PERRY STABLER'S STATEMENT.]

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT OF JASON HAWKINS

>> JASON HAWKINS: Jason Hawkins, email
jdigz@outlook.com.

My main concern -- I have several concerns. I'm concerned about the -- if it's going to be the electrical or the diesel. The electrical wire is kind of running the way the rail would go along the Monan trail in Hammond. I'm a Hammond resident. And I have two small children, ages 5 and 6. And we're looking at eventually, well, starting next summer and every summer we can, using that bike trail that it runs along. And I'm concerned about electrical lines running along -- and tracks, in general, that trains will run on -- next to that bike trail there.

Also, I'm wondering if there will be freight. I'm concerned about freight trains traffic on the tracks that they're going to use.

I also think that the project is not necessary because the start date of 2023, we're talking almost 10 years away from now. The younger families are going to already be moved out by then that they're seeking to keep here. I think the people that will really benefit are the people

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that already are entrenched south of Route 30 -- I'm sorry, 45th Avenue. And they have a secondary option, and that's the new Illiana Expressway that's going to be built. They will have secondary options if they don't want to come up to Hammond or East Chicago to catch the South Shore.

Also, I don't feel that Hammond should bear the brunt of such a cost that they are being asked to provide for the project. I feel personally that with the luxury it would afford the residents south of 45th, like Dyer, Munster, St. John, et cetera, that they should -- their communities should shoulder the lump of that money. I'm not opposed to Hammond putting some money in, but nothing near the degree of what they're asked to pledge. That's all.

[END OF JASON HAWKINS'S STATEMENT.]

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT OF TOM & MOLLY COREY

>> TOM COREY: Tom Corey, corey6790@comcast.net.

The one question: Is this going to be a single line or a double line?

And the area that's being affected is -- or what we're looking at is where our business is located in Dyer at the Dyer Amtrak station. And if it's going to be a double line, is that going to affect the businesses that sit alongside that Amtrak line? Will eminent domain be an issue?

>> MOLLY COREY: We just bought the business. And we were trying to decide to buy the building. And now I don't know what to do if we have eminent domain issues.

>> TOM COREY: I like the idea that we are having this opportunity to bring financial means into our community. It's just we're looking for more information as to the impact it's going to have on local businesses, positive and negative.

Would the parking be involved through Amtrak, or would that be a separate entity that would be in control of the parking? If we purchased the building, will we get fair market value through eminent domain?

[END OF TOM & MOLLY COREY'S STATEMENT.]

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT OF LINDA STEFANICH

>> LINDA STEFANICH: Email, toptownjs@aol.com.

Number 1, do we have Metra's buy-in for this? Metra all along has said no more room for expansion. Do we have Metra's buy-in? And if so, where are we going to put the trains when they get to downtown Chicago?

Number 2, why aren't magnetic levitation trains being considered? They're used in Switzerland. They don't break down. They don't run on electricity. It's all on the power of magnets. And electricity in the region can go in a heartbeat with a severe storm or severe winds.

But I am in definite favor of this. It is very badly needed.

[END OF LINDA STEFANICH'S STATEMENT.]

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT OF CELINA WEATHERWAX

>> CELINA WEATHERWAX: Celina Weatherwax, 1542 Fox Point Drive in Chesterton.

I'm here this evening in a volunteer capacity representing the Emerging Leaders Network. We are an ad hoc group of young professionals that are strongly in favor of extending the South Shore rail line. We see this as an economic opportunity for growth in the region, and we would like to see not only this project be successful but other transit-oriented projects so that we can continue to attract and retain young professionals in the region.

Furthermore, we see the South Shore extension as a real engine for growth in terms of giving us the ability to commute in and out of the City of Chicago, in order to bring our hard earned dollars back here and invest in the communities of Lake and Porter Counties.

Please move quickly and make this happen. Thank you.

[END OF CELINA WEATHERWAX'S STATEMENT.]

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT OF GIOVANNI SAVAGLIO

>> GIOVANNI SAVAGLIO: Giovanni Savaglio,
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First off, I want to push for the train station in Munster that's proposed to be located at 45th and Fisher as opposed to Ridge Road. Two stations is fine, but I prefer if there's only one station, that it be located in Munster at the 45th and Fisher location.

The other thing I was thinking is that I don't know if I could share my story, but I grew up on the south side of Chicago in Pullman. And I went to undergraduate college at Loyola North Side at the Rogers Park, Chicago. And I took one train -- one bus and two trains each way. It was an hour and a half commute, three hours of commuting a day. But because I did that, I was able to get a college degree and still live at home.

I want to give my son an opportunity where he can commute to good schools, good work without having to leave his family. Because I was able to commute, I'm now a nurse anesthetist making close to \$200,000 a year. I want the same opportunity for my children.

So I want the train service to Chicago, the big economic market that it is, and not have to move away from home for work, not have to move away from home for a school. That was it.

Three hours commuting is a lot, but nowadays you can be on your laptop, you can get your homework done as opposed to commuting, spending gas money. So you can actually get more work done and be a better student so when you get home, your homework is done.

But I wanted to share that idea.

I just want to share with people that I've worked on occasions in many areas in Illinois that have train stations and transportation hubs linking themselves with Chicago. And I'm making reference to Naperville, Hinsdale, Elmhurst, Kenilworth. These are all thriving communities where families are living together and having access to transportation to Chicago to good-paying jobs, coming back and enjoying the quality of life that we don't have available here in Munster, Indiana.

We think Munster is such a great place, but we're lacking the opportunities that people have in thriving communities like you've got Hinsdale, Elmhurst, Kenilworth,

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Naperville. It's increased their property values. They have access to entertainment on weekends and access to higher paying jobs instead of service industry jobs and fast food chains.

[END OF GIOVANNI SAVAGLIO'S STATEMENT.]

