

WEST LAKE CORRIDOR PROJECT NICTD

Project Fact Sheet

Project Overview: Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District's (NICTD) existing South Shore Line (SSL) provides a vital transportation link that connects Northwest Indiana to Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. The West Lake Corridor Project (Project) would involve a southern branch extension of NICTD's existing SSL to reach high-growth areas in Lake County, Indiana. The Project would expand NICTD's service coverage, improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County. The Project would include:

- 9-mile southern extension of SSL between Dyer and Hammond, Indiana;
- 12 trains per weekday between Dyer and Downtown Chicago;
- 4 stations in Hammond, Munster, and Dyer;
- Maintenance facility to store and maintain vehicles; and
- Improvements to Metra to accommodate Project.

Design options for the Project route alignment, station locations, and maintenance facility sites are also being considered, which will be further refined working in close consultation with the public, agencies, and key stakeholders.

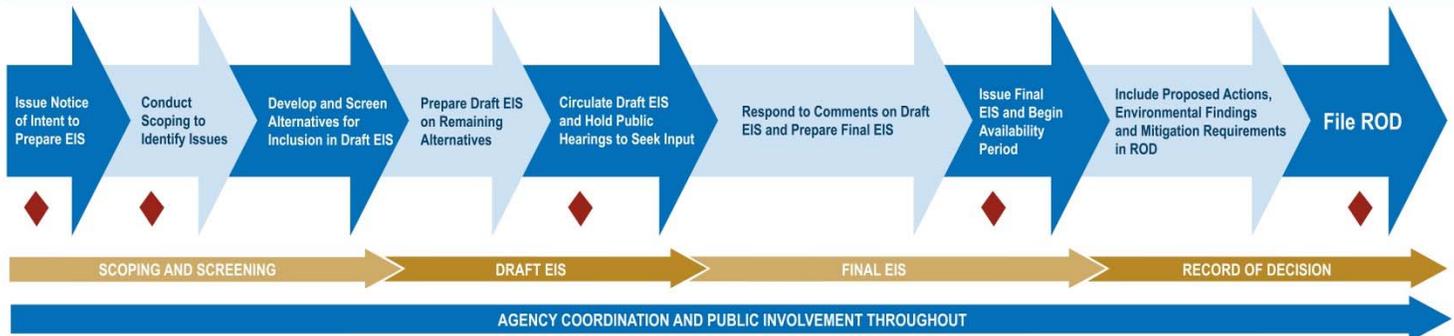


Environmental Review Process: To move this Project forward, NICTD and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have initiated the environmental review process in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other regulatory requirements. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared as part of this process to assess the potential impacts of the Project on the man-made and natural environments. This is a required step that NICTD must take to receive potential federal funding for the Project.

Key Milestones:

- EIS Process: 2014 to 2016
- Engineering, Vehicle Acquisition, and Construction: 2016 to 2023
- Project Completion: 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS



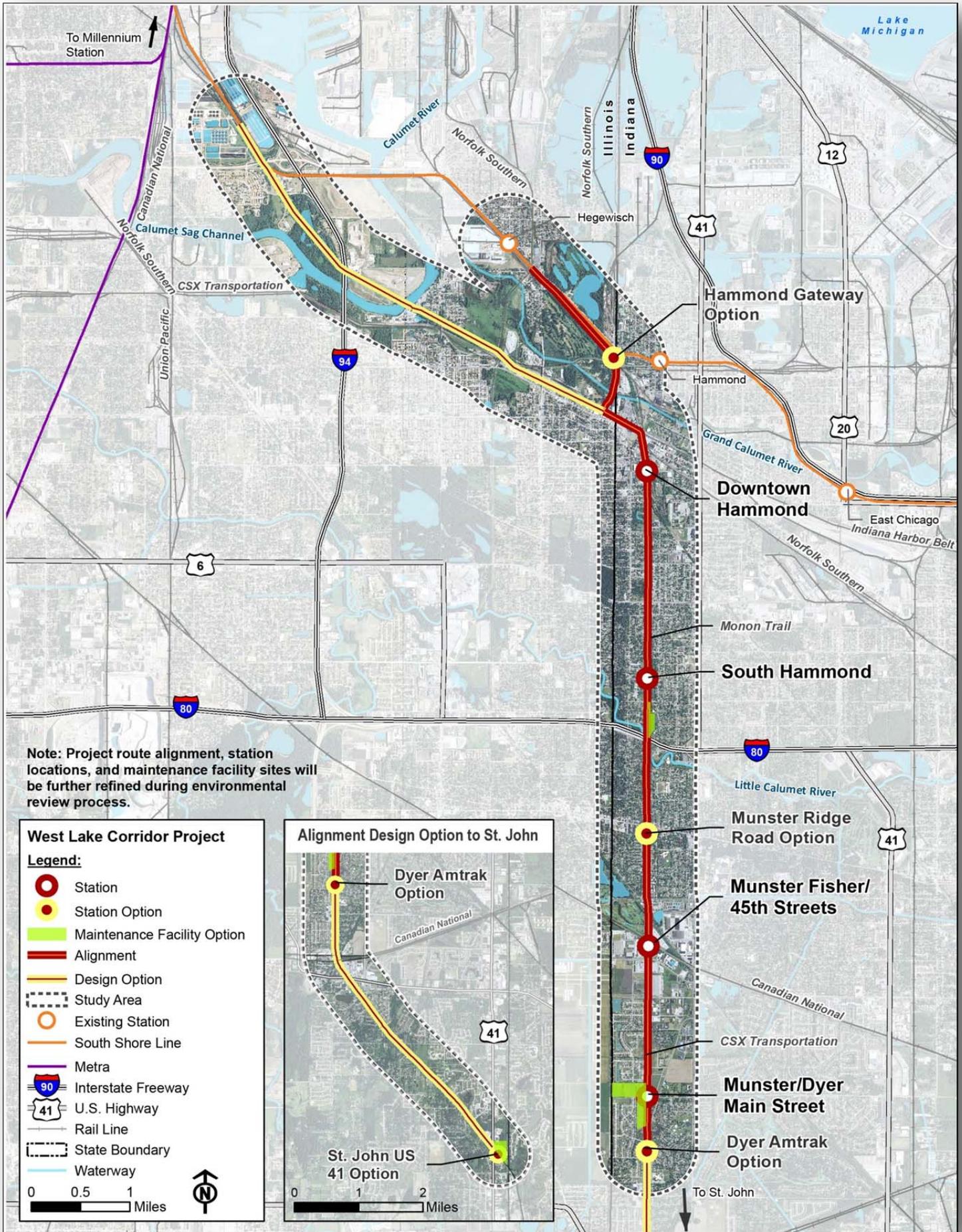
◆ Official Public Opportunity for Comment during EIS Process

NOTE: A single Final EIS and Record of Decision (ROD) can be issued under MAP-21, unless FTA determines a combined document is not possible.

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West Lake Corridor Project Study Area