



**NICTD WEST LAKE CORRIDOR NEWSLETTER  
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PROJECT UPDATE NEWSLETTER**

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The 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. NICTD, along with the contractor, F.H. Paschen Ragnar Benson JV (FHP/RB) is currently constructing the West Lake Corridor Project as a southern branch extension of the SSL route to reach high-growth areas in Lake County, Indiana. The Project will expand NICTD's service coverage, improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County.



*Hammond Gateway Station Parking Lot*



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JOINT VENTURE**

## Current and upcoming construction activities include:

### Civil Construction

- Erosion control continues to be installed at project-specific construction areas.
- Municipal utility relocations are ongoing at multiple locations in the City of Hammond and Town of Munster.
- Earthwork construction for the Hammond Gateway Station and Munster Dyer Parking Lots are underway.
- Earthwork construction for the rail subgrade for the future South Shore Line track is complete. The ponds at Hammond Gateway are complete.
- Munster-Dyer Southeast Parking lot earthwork and drainage is complete. Underground electric to be installed in July.
- Munster-Dyer West Parking lot grading is nearing completion with detention pond excavation completed.
- 165th Street is complete and is awaiting track installation in mid-July.
- Rail roadway crossing panels completed from Waltham through 173rd with the rail installation.
- Maintenance Storage Facility (MSF) yard construction is underway. Excavated earth material has been hauled away per the remediation plan with closeout material disposal to be completed later this summer as pond excavation is completed. Underground utilities continue to be installed with completion in early August. Site fill will begin and sub-ballasting for track in August.
- Hammond Gateway parking lot is nearing completion. Asphalt paving will be completed this summer.
- Rail bed construction from Little Calumet to Ridge Road will be completed by mid-summer. Track subgrade is complete from Ridge Road to Fisher Street.
- Munster Ridge station structure is in progress. Munster Ridge parking lot grading and paving to begin in late August.

### Stations Construction

- Precast structures and Structural Steel for the SSL Platform will begin early 3rd Quarter.
- South Hammond's canopy roof was completed late 2nd Quarter. Conduit/raceways are in place and handrails installation will be complete in early 3rd Quarter.

- South Hammond and Munster Dyer's warming hut concrete slabs were poured.
- Munster Dyer Station's handrails will begin early 3rd Quarter.
- Employee Administration Logistic & Maintenance Facility (EALM) Building footings and walls were and are scheduled to be poured late 2nd quarter.
- EALM Building is scheduled for delivery and erection early 3rd quarter.

### Structure Construction

- Substructure construction continues in the City of Hammond and the Town of Munster.
- Bridge erection and concrete superstructure continue in the City of Hammond.
- Precast retaining wall construction continues to be installed in the City of Hammond.
- Precast retaining wall construction started to be installed in the Town of Munster.

### Systems Construction

- Conduit raceways continue to be installed at the foundations of the elevated structures throughout the project.
- Underground work at the future rail alignment is currently progressing at Hammond and Munster.

### Rail Construction

- Rail construction is complete from Douglas Street to 165th Street with track panels and finished asphalt in Waltham, Detroit, Kenwood, Conkey, and Highland, and 173rd Street is complete.
- Turnout installation has started south of 173rd Street. Track installation is continuing from 173rd Street north to 165th Street and will be tied together in Mid-July.
- Additional rail is to be delivered south of Ridge Road for track construction from Ridge Road to Fisher Street.
- Ridge Road crossing track installation will continue from Ridge Road to Little Calumet River.

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