



January 21, 2026
**Town of Munster
Coffee with the Council**

NICTD / West Lake Corridor Project
Hammond, Munster, & Dyer, IN

Munster/Dyer Station



Main Street Extension
(Looking West)



BR101A (Ped Bridge)

Munster/Dyer Station



CSX BR101



West Parking Lot
Entrance

Munster/Dyer Station



West Access Building
(Looking East from West Parking Lot)



BR102 (Ped Tunnel)

Munster/Dyer Station



West Access Building
(Looking West from Platform)

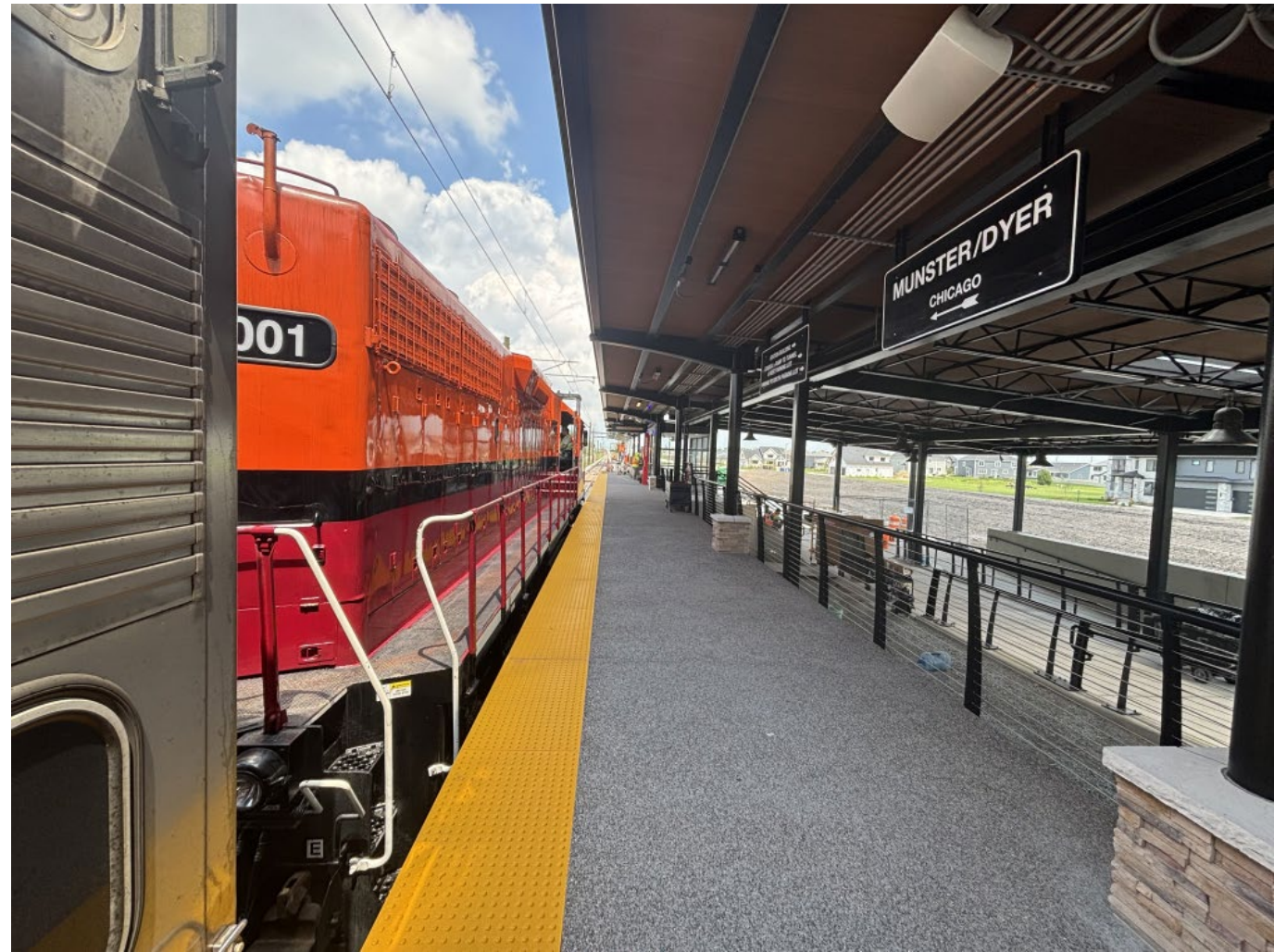


Platform (Enclosed
Station/Waiting Area)

Munster/Dyer Station



Platform (Looking North)



Platform w/ Test Train

Munster Ridge Station



Parking Lot
(West side of Manor Ave)



Platform (Looking North)
East side of Manor Ave

Munster Ridge Station



The left photograph shows the exterior of the Munster Ridge Station platform. It features a concrete base, a black metal frame, and a glass-enclosed warming shelter. A black bench is positioned on the platform. A sign above the shelter reads "MUNSTER RIDGE" and "CHICAGO" with an arrow. The right photograph shows the platform with a red test train, numbered 1000, stopped at the platform. A yellow tactile paving strip runs along the edge of the platform. A digital display above the platform shows the text "1:25 PM 12/11 1000 1000 STAND BY FOR THE VALLEY".

Platform (Warming Shelter and Bench Seating)

Platform w/ Test Train

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WEST LAKE
CORRIDOR

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Munster Ridge Station



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BR107 (over Little Calumet River)



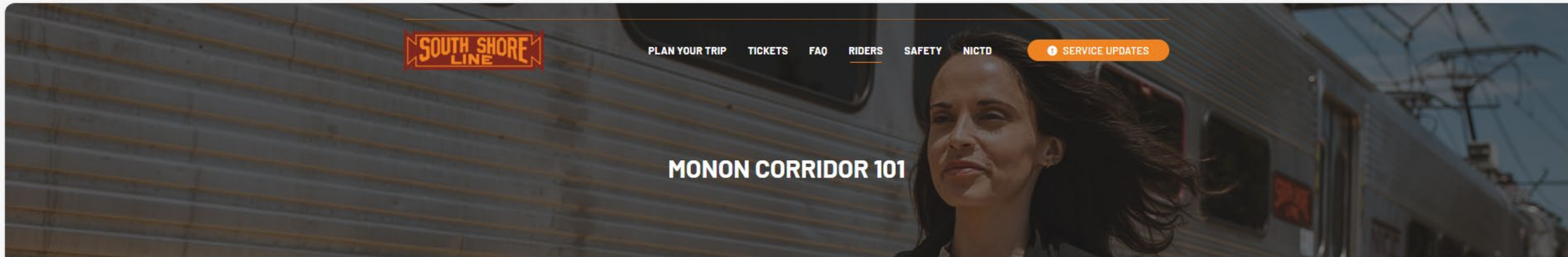
Aerial Photo w/Test Train (Looking North towards Expressway)



South Hammond Station – Looking north from 173rd Street



Hammond Gateway Station – Looking East



MONON CORRIDOR

(FORMERLY WEST LAKE CORRIDOR PROJECT)

The Monon Corridor is an 8-mile southern extension of the South Shore Line's main Lakeshore Corridor, which is currently under construction. This new line will connect north Hammond to its final stop at the Munster/Dyer Station. The existing main line will continue to be called the Lakeshore Corridor.

Before service officially begins, test trains will operate along the new route to ensure all systems are running safely and efficiently. These test trains will not carry passengers and will help train onboard crews and dispatchers in preparation for the start of service.

The project is anticipated to be completed in the first quarter of 2026, though this timeline may be adjusted based on construction and testing progress. The South Shore Line will continue to share updates and keep communities informed as the Monon Corridor approaches its opening day.



 Monon Corridor

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[View Schedule](#)



Near Main Street and Allison Road at the Munster/Dyer border

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WEEKDAY MORNING RUSH HOUR

During weekday morning rush hour periods, five Monon Corridor trains will serve Munster/Dyer Station, Munster Ridge Station, and South Hammond Station, and then travel into Illinois serving Hegewisch through Millennium Stations (no Monon service stop at 63rd Street).

One morning rush will return from Chicago, serving the same stations. Rush Hour trains will run to and from Chicago on the same train equipment, so no transfer will be required on Rush Hour trains.



WEEKDAY AFTERNOON RUSH HOUR

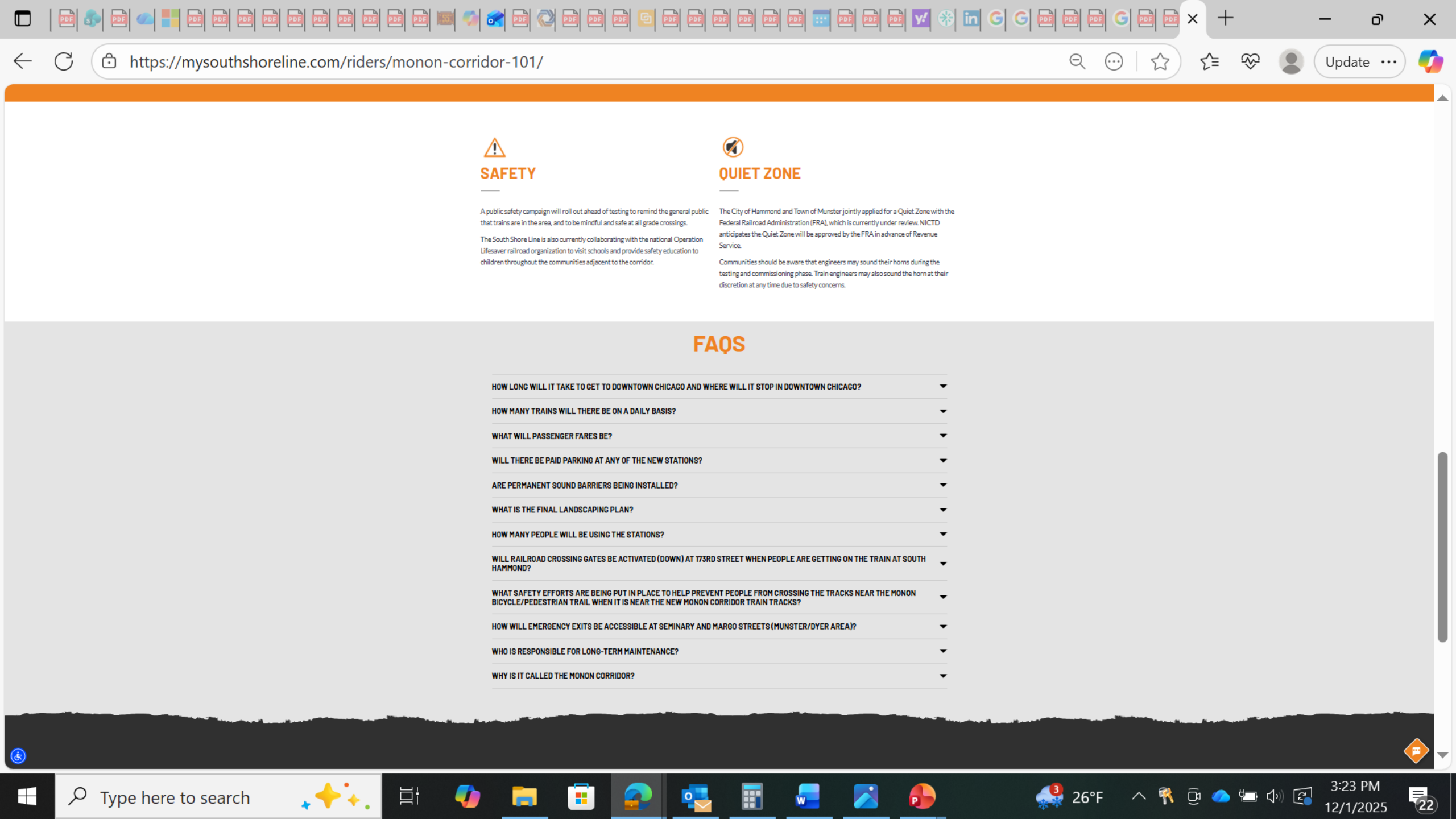
During weekday afternoon rush hour periods, five Monon Corridor trains will return from Chicago, and one will go into Chicago, serving the same stations as the morning rush.



NON-RUSH HOUR SHUTTLE TRAINS

Shuttle Trains, which will operate during off-peak (non-rush hour) periods, will operate between Hammond Gateway and the Munster/Dyer Station on weekdays during non-peak periods, as well as on weekends. These trains will not continue into Chicago or eastward to South Bend. Should passengers on the shuttle trains want to go further towards Chicago or towards South Bend, they will get off the train at Hammond Gateway on the elevated platform, then go down the stairs, elevator, or ADA-compliant ramp to the lower-level main Lakeshore Corridor platform to board a connecting train.*





SAFETY

A public safety campaign will roll out ahead of testing to remind the general public that trains are in the area, and to be mindful and safe at all grade crossings.

The South Shore Line is also currently collaborating with the national Operation Lifesaver railroad organization to visit schools and provide safety education to children throughout the communities adjacent to the corridor.



QUIET ZONE

The City of Hammond and Town of Munster jointly applied for a Quiet Zone with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), which is currently under review. NICTD anticipates the Quiet Zone will be approved by the FRA in advance of Revenue Service.

Communities should be aware that engineers may sound their horns during the testing and commissioning phase. Train engineers may also sound the horn at their discretion at any time due to safety concerns.

FAQS

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET TO DOWNTOWN CHICAGO AND WHERE WILL IT STOP IN DOWNTOWN CHICAGO?



HOW MANY TRAINS WILL THERE BE ON A DAILY BASIS?



WHAT WILL PASSENGER FARES BE?



WILL THERE BE PAID PARKING AT ANY OF THE NEW STATIONS?



ARE PERMANENT SOUND BARRIERS BEING INSTALLED?



WHAT IS THE FINAL LANDSCAPING PLAN?



HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE USING THE STATIONS?



WILL RAILROAD CROSSING GATES BE ACTIVATED (DOWN) AT 173RD STREET WHEN PEOPLE ARE GETTING ON THE TRAIN AT SOUTH HAMMOND?



WHAT SAFETY EFFORTS ARE BEING PUT IN PLACE TO HELP PREVENT PEOPLE FROM CROSSING THE TRACKS NEAR THE MONON BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN TRAIL WHEN IT IS NEAR THE NEW MONON CORRIDOR TRAIN TRACKS?



HOW WILL EMERGENCY EXITS BE ACCESSIBLE AT SEMINARY AND MARGO STREETS (MUNSTER/DYER AREA)?



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE?



WHY IS IT CALLED THE MONON CORRIDOR?





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For more information regarding riding the Monon go to:

<https://mysouthshoreline.com/riders/monon-corridor-101>

You can also continue to go to:

<https://www.nictdwestlake.com>

For construction updates