



WEST LAKE CORRIDOR PROJECT

NICTD/South Shore Line Railroad – West Lake Corridor Commuter Rail Project

PROJECT UPDATE – May 30, 2018

As part of its extensive planning for the West Lake Corridor Project, the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) has determined that it may be necessary to acquire certain properties to implement the project.

As the project moves forward, NICTD will conduct additional engineering, which will allow property needs to be further refined. NICTD will work to identify ways to minimize impacts to properties and conclude which properties would need to be acquired for the West Lake Corridor Project. If your property is needed for the project, it could be redeveloped and used for tracks, stations, parking or related railroad operation facilities.

When NICTD determines the final list of properties needed to construct the project, NICTD will be required to follow the guidelines of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, along with state regulations. What this means is that NICTD will seek fair and cooperative agreements for property acquisitions. To view the current potential property acquisitions maps, go to: <http://www.nictdwestlake.com/docs/real-estate>.

The purpose of this notice is to provide an update to potentially impacted property owners on the status of the project, including process, schedule and funding.

NICTD has secured the required local funding (50% matching funds) for the project in partnership with the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority, the State of Indiana, Lake County, and a number of local communities in Lake County. NICTD will seek the remaining 50% of project costs from the FTA's Capital Investment Grant program, and is working with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for a formal project rating, which is expected in 2018.

The earliest NICTD would begin real estate acquisition is in the fall of 2018. This timeline could continue to shift depending on project progress. We will keep you updated.

The project team understands that you want to be kept up to speed with the latest information on the project. Please check for updates anytime on the real estate section of the project website at www.nictdwestlake.com/realestate/.

The NICTD real estate team can be reached by leaving a voicemail on the West Lake real estate hotline at 219-250-2637 or emailing realestate@nictd.com. For more information (para más información): www.nictdwestlake.com.

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