



# Double Track NWI Project Overview

## BACKGROUND



The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) is applying for New Starts federal funds administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to construct 16.9 miles of second track next to the existing South Shore Line track from Gary to Michigan City, Indiana.

The South Shore Line is an important component of NWI's transportation system and double tracking will provide a more competitive transportation option between NWI and Chicago. The proposed improvements will better connect the region by providing faster, more frequent, and more reliable train service.



Peak Period Express Trains will offer a 33 minute reduction in travel time between Michigan City and Millennium Park.

## CURRENT STATUS: JANUARY 2020

- Environmental approval issued November 2018.
- Awaiting FTA approval to enter into engineering phase of the project.
- Ongoing coordination with:
  - INDOT - US 12/US 20 realignment in Gary/Miller
  - Michigan City Station Block - Downtown Revitalization
  - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Section 404 Permit



- FTA Project Rating and Approval to Enter Engineering: Early 2020
- FTA Approves Full Funding Grant Agreement: Mid-2021
- Construction: 2021 - 2024
- Project Completion, Service Begins: 2024

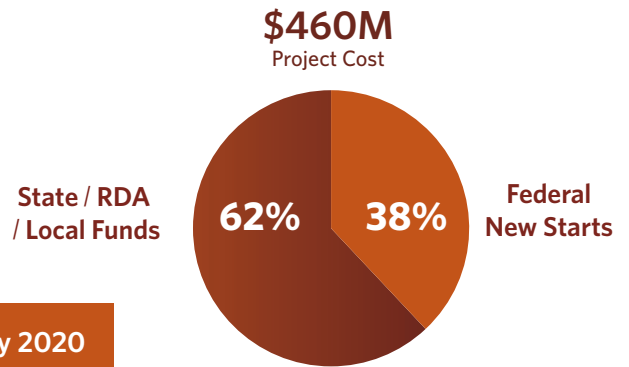
## PROJECT ELEMENTS



- 16.9 miles of second track
- 4 new bridges
- 9 new platforms at Gary/Miller, Portage/Ogden Dunes, Dune Park, Beverly Shores, and 11th Street (Michigan City) stations
- 1,359 additional parking spaces at 4 stations
- Replace single street-running track in Michigan City with 2 new, separate ballasted tracks
- Closure of 21 at-grade roadway rail crossings in Michigan City with conversion of 11th Street to one-way eastbound traffic between Chicago Ave and E Michigan Blvd

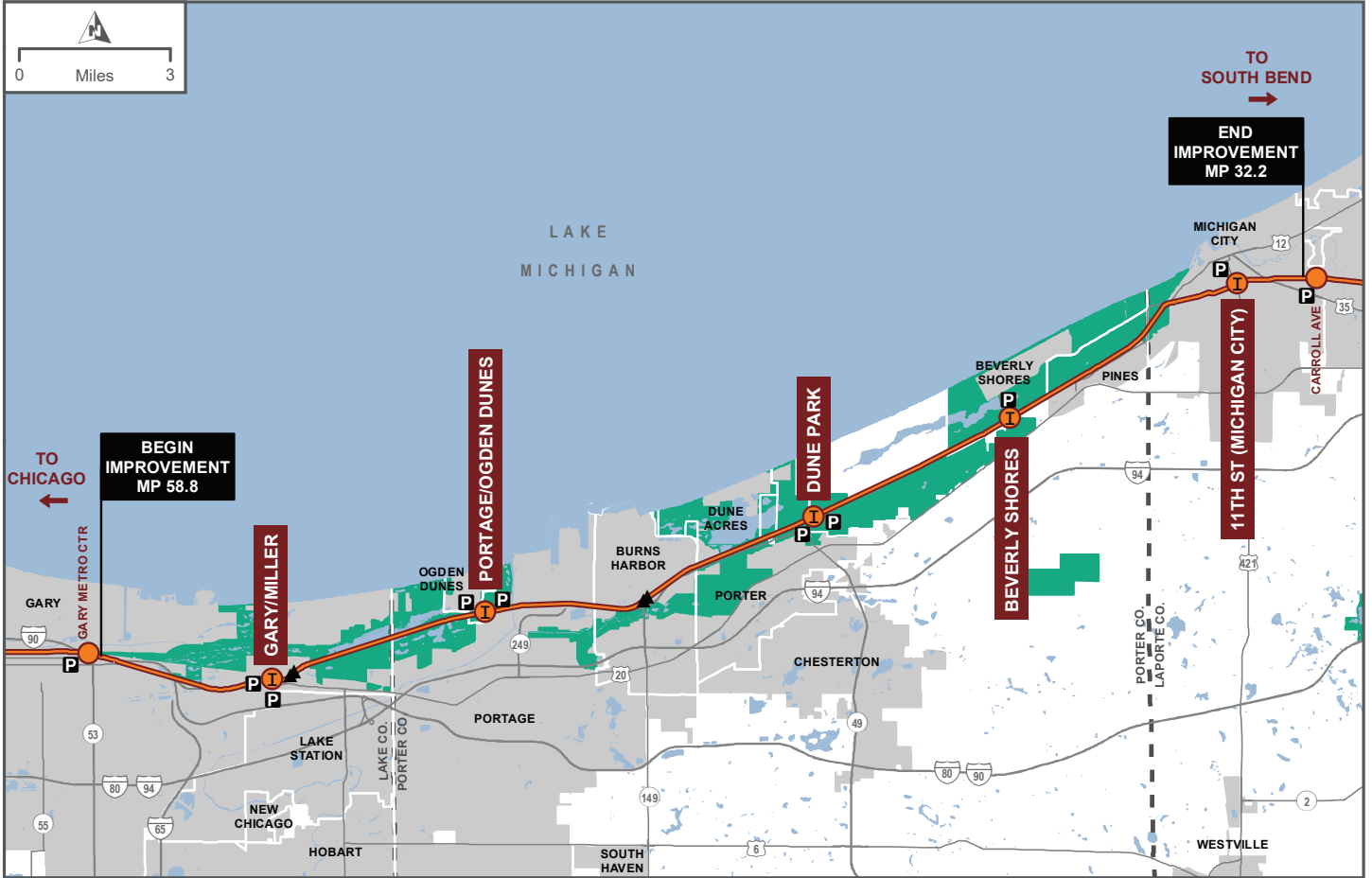
## COST BREAKDOWN

Current estimate for the project is **\$460M**, including financing costs. Project costs will be updated as the project and design are further refined.



NICTD's current planning efforts, coupled with local community initiatives, are the building blocks to develop a long term, sustainable solution for competitive, reliable commuter rail service in northwestern Indiana. Construction of the Project would result in:

- IMPROVED Reliability
- FASTER Travel Time
- INCREASED Service
- MORE COMPETITIVE Travel Options
- INCREASED Safety
- INCREASED Economic Benefits



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|----------------------|--|-------------------|-------------|
| South Shore Line     | Park and Ride Facility                 | Municipality      | County Line |
| Existing Station     | Proposed Grade Separation Improvements | Major Roadway     | Milepost    |
| Station Improvements | Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore       | Regional Railroad |             |