



# Double Track NWI Project Overview

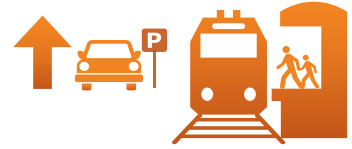
## BACKGROUND



The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) has been awarded 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.

## PROJECT ELEMENTS



- 16.9 miles of second track
- 4 new bridges
- 8 new platforms at Gary/Miller, Portage/Ogden Dunes, Dune Park, Beverly Shores, and 11th Street (Michigan City) stations
- 1,447 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

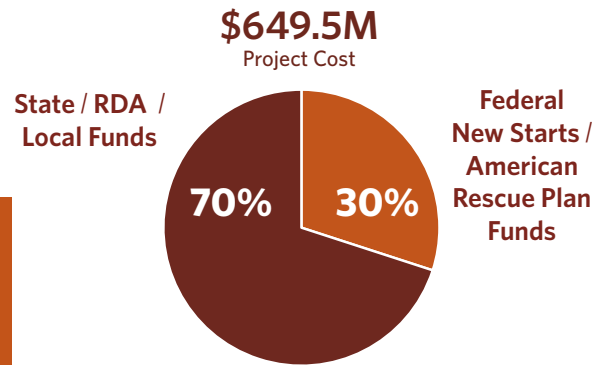
Peak Period Express Trains will offer a 33 minute reduction in travel time between Michigan City and Millennium Park.

## CURRENT STATUS: AUGUST 2022

- Full Funding Grant Agreement signed in January 2021
- Real estate acquisition nearing completion
- Demolition completed spring 2022
- Construction began fall 2021

## COST BREAKDOWN

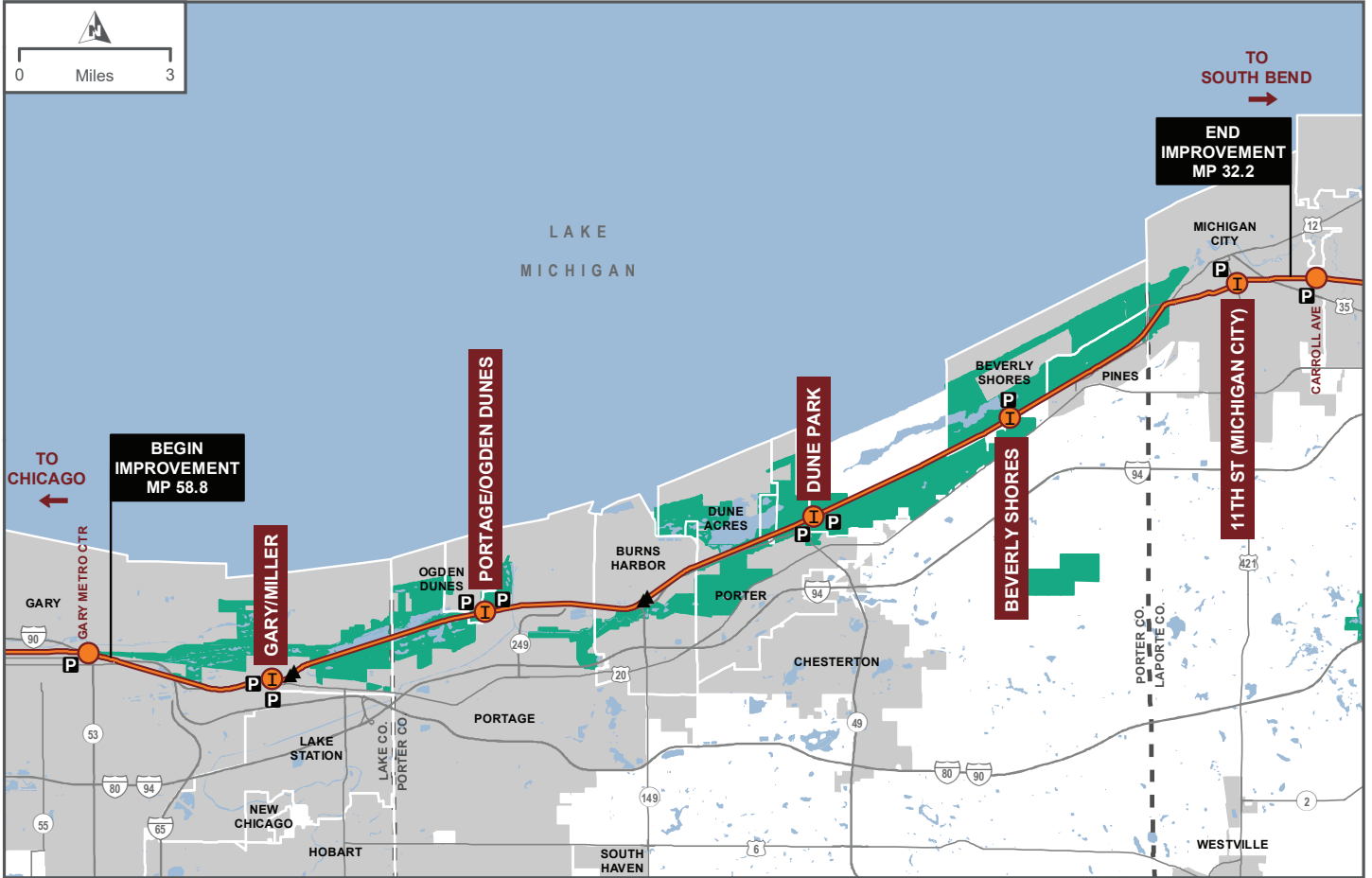
Current estimate for the project is **\$649.5M**, including financing costs.



- FTA Approval to Enter Engineering: February 2020
- FTA Approves Full Funding Grant Agreement: January 2021
- Construction: 2021 - 2024
- Project Completion, Service Begins: 2024

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 will result in:

- IMPROVED Reliability** (Target icon)
- FASTER Travel Time** (Clock icon)
- INCREASED Service** (Two train icons)
- MORE COMPETITIVE Travel Options** (Train, bus, and car icons)
- INCREASED Safety** (Thumbs up icon)
- INCREASED Economic Benefits** (Dollar bill icon)



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