



Double Track NWI Project Overview

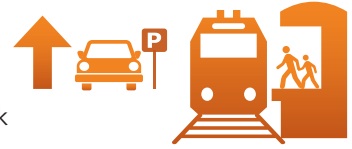
BACKGROUND



The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) is applying for New Starts federal funds administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to construct 17.99 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



- 17.99 miles of second track
- 4 new bridges
- Station and parking improvements at Gary/Miller, Portage/Ogden Dunes, Dune Park, Beverly Shores, and 11th Street (Michigan City) stations
- Removal of street-running track in Michigan City and new tracks separated from roadway
- 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.

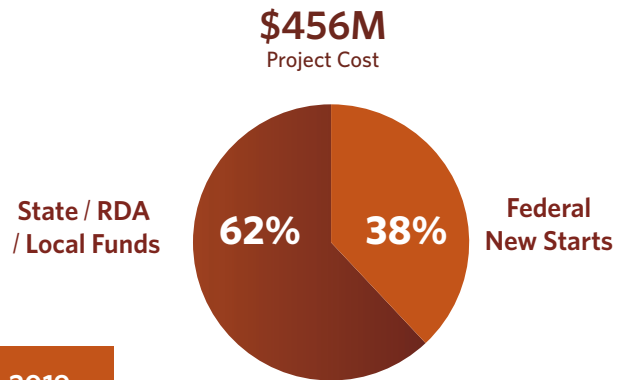


CURRENT STATUS

- Environmental approval issued November 2018.
- Technical readiness documents submitted to FTA in June 2019.
- Ongoing coordination with:
 - INDOT - US 12/US 20 realignment in Gary/Miller
 - Michigan City - Downtown Revitalization
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Section 404 Permit

COST BREAKDOWN

Current estimate for the project is **\$456M**. Project costs will be updated as the project and design are further refined.

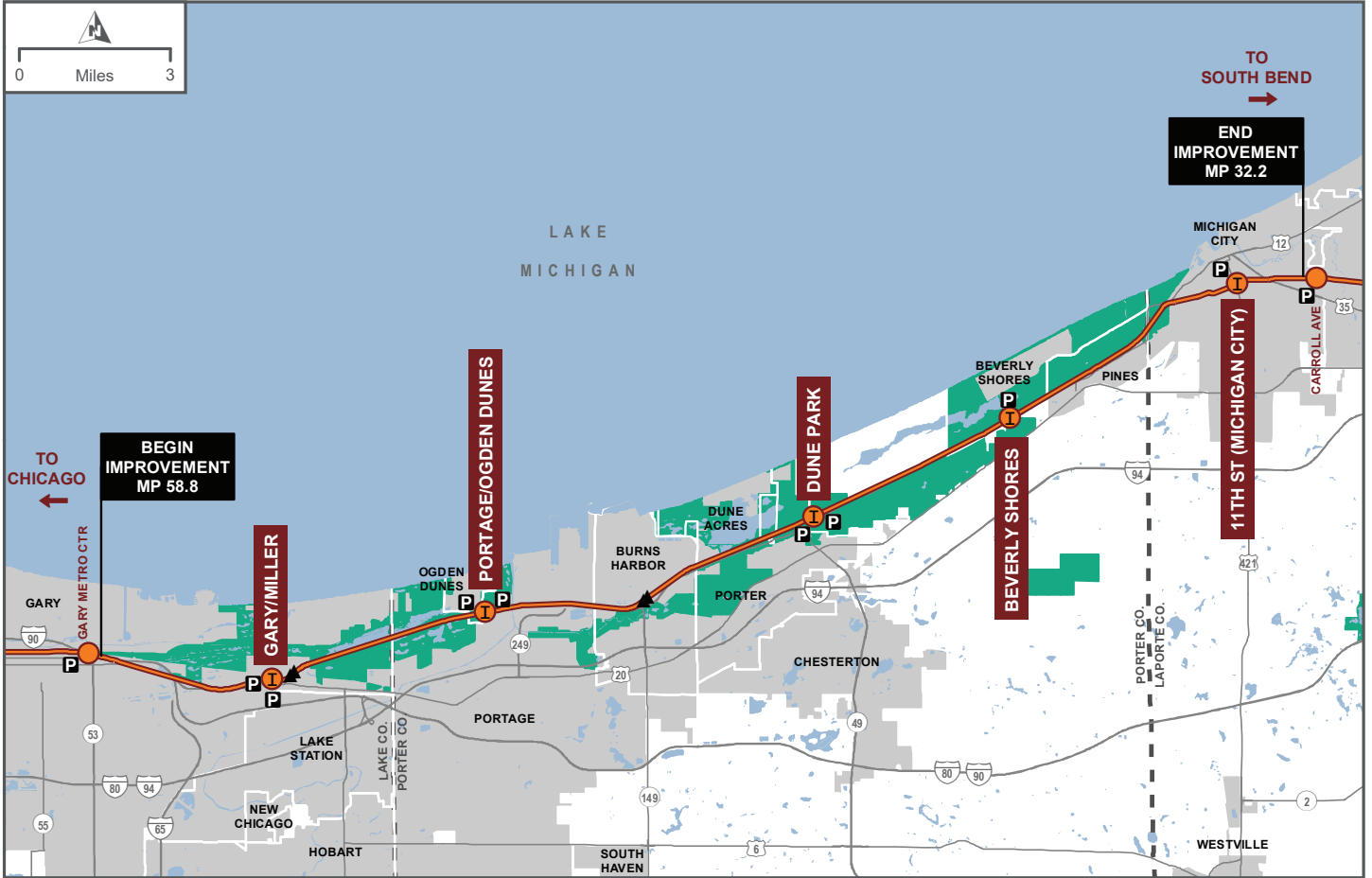


- FTA Project Rating and Approval to Enter Engineering: Late 2019
- FTA Approves Full Funding Grant Agreement: Mid-2021
- Construction: 2021 - 2024
- Project Completion, Service Begins: 2024



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 would 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
- Municipality
- County Line
- Existing Station
- ▲ Proposed Grade Separation Improvements
- Major Roadway
- MP Milepost
- I Station Improvements
- Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
- Regional Railroad