



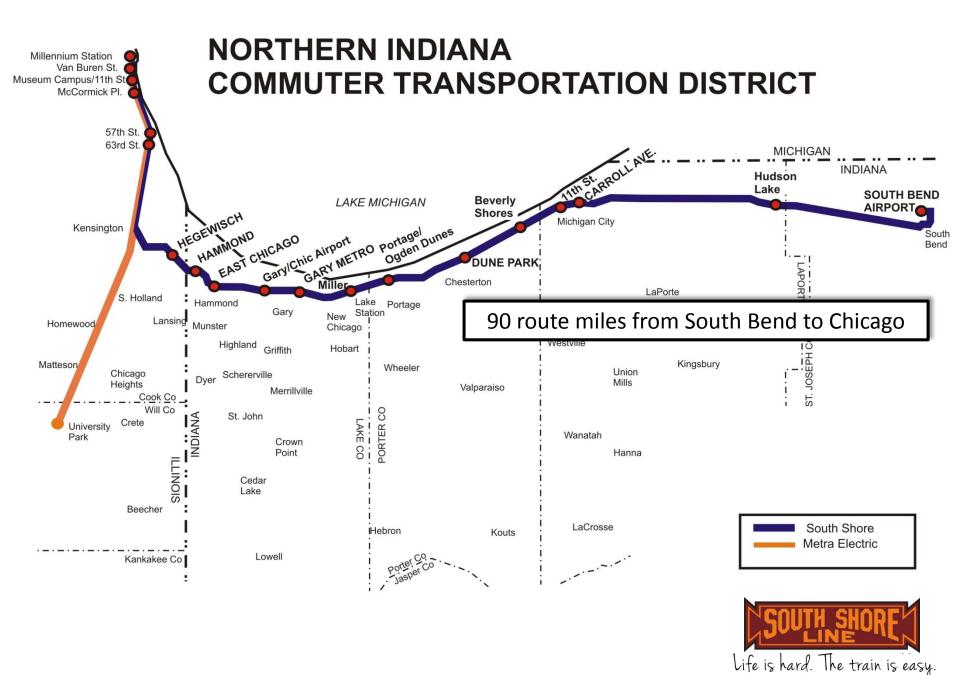






Federal Transit Administration





### SAFETY IS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY

- Signal system
  - Installed CTC with plans to include cab signaling but overridden by PTC
  - PTC in process of hiring system integrator. Expect Revenue Service Demonstration 6/18 and full implementation by 12/2018
- Track design
  - Installed over speed warning signs in advance of all areas where significant speed reductions exist to enhance situational awareness
  - Converted three #10 turnouts to #20 to minimize the potential for over speed events. All 60-79 mph territory now has #20 turnouts.
- Locomotive engineer training
  - All candidates are in-house from experienced conductor ranks.
  - Rigorous training using simulators
  - 2 years minimum operating department experience





### **NICTD's EXISTING SERVICE**

- 43 trains/weekday (including first new express service in 20 years)
  - 4:03 a.m. 2:24 a.m.
- 21 trains/day weekend/holiday
  - 5:20 a.m. 2:24 a.m.
- 12,800 scheduled trains per year
- Seats in rush hour:
  - 5,909 in a.m.
  - 5,263 in p.m.
- Passengers:
  - 3.5 million annual trips in 2016
  - Weekday: 12,100/day
  - Weekend/holiday: 5,000/day





### STRATEGIC VISION: 2014-2033

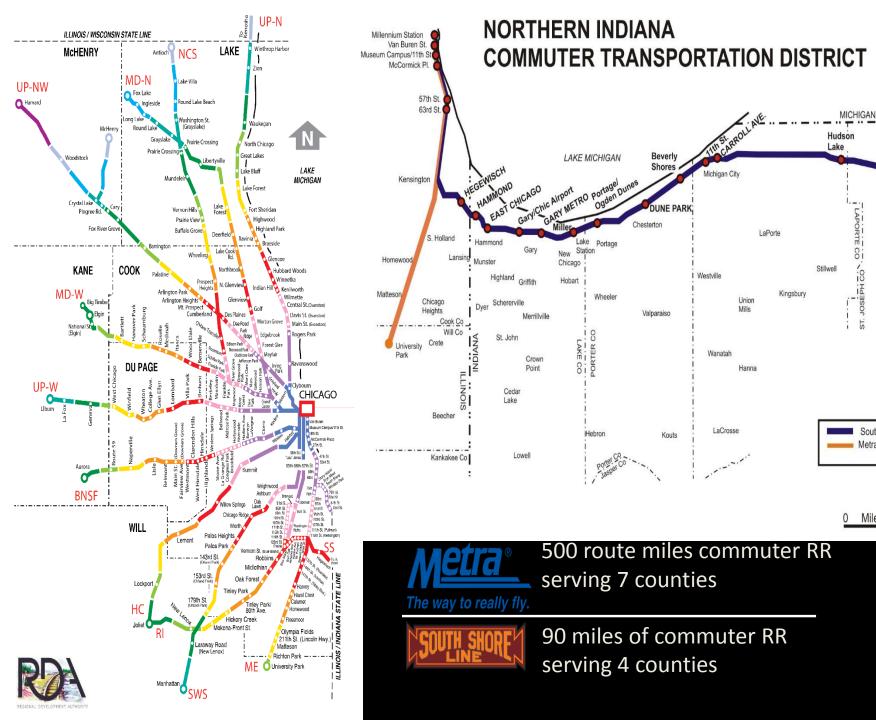
#### **NICTD** is Currently at a State of Good Repair!

MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	
Positive Train Control	100,000,000
Double Track Gary to Michigan City	312,000,000
South Bend Airport Rail Realignment	\$25,000,000
South Shore Line Total	\$437,000,000
West Lake Corridor Project	\$665,000,000
Total All Major Capital Projects	\$1,102,000,000
NOTE: All Funding in place for PTC and South Bend Realignment and all local funding (non-federal 50% share) in place for Double Track and West Lake	

# Benefits of the Strategic Infrastructure Investments

- 1. Grow existing markets by <u>reducing trip times</u>, <u>improve reliability</u>.
- 2. Expand into the rapidly growing areas of the region.
- 3. Improve access between Northwest Indiana and Chicago.
- 4. Rebuild the middle class: <u>attract and retain population and JOBS</u>.
- 5. Support development strategies throughout the region.
- 6. Promote concentrated development (TOD).
- 7. Improve access to regional destinations.
- 8. Double Ridership by 2037

## 9. Improve Safety!



**INDIANA** 

South Shore

Metra Electric

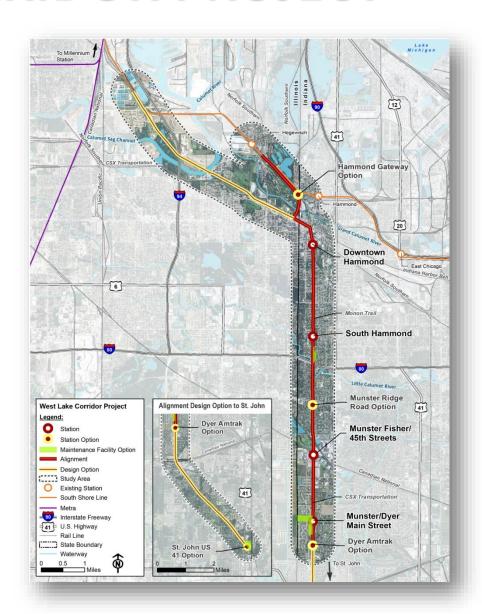
Miles

SOUTH BEND

AIRPORT

### WEST LAKE CORRIDOR PROJECT

- 9 mile extension from N. Hammond to Dyer, Indiana
- First extension of commuter rail in NW Indiana in over a century.
- 5 morning and 5 evening rush hour trains
- Full off-peak, evening and weekend service <u>day 1</u> of operations using shuttle train service and transfer to South Shore in N. Hammond
- 4 New Stations
- \$665 million estimated project cost
- Seeking New Starts funding
- 100% of non-federal share is secured.





#### **Hammond Gateway Station**



Rendering of view from SSL platforms; West Lake platform above left



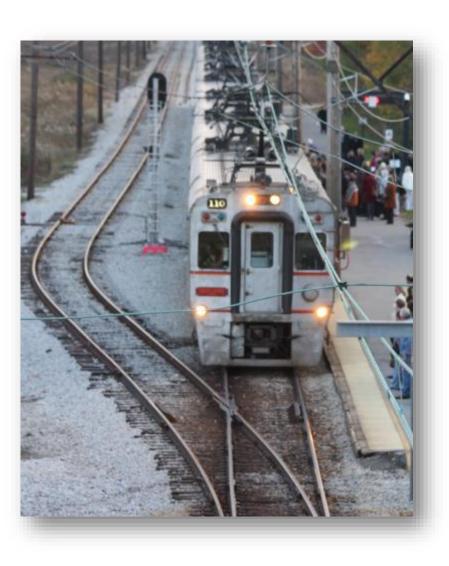
#### **SCHEDULE**

- Submit Project for rating to FTA 9/8/17 (anticipated rating of Medium High).
- Finish NEPA and receive Record of Decision12/17
- Engineering Begins: 2018
- Real Estate Acquisitions Begin: 2018
- FFGA 12/19
- Construction Begins: Spring 2020
- Service Opens: Fall 2022

#### **COST**

Estimated at \$665M

# Double Tracking: Gary - Michigan City



- 16 miles of new track
- 4 new bridges
- 3 new High-Level Platforms
- Elimination of Street running in Mich.City
- Closing 20 grade crossings
- \$312 million estimated cost
- Seeking Core Capacity funding
- 100% of Non-Federal Share secured







# SINGLE TRACK CHALLENGES





#### **SCHEDULE**

- Submit Project for rating to FTA 9/8/17 (anticipated rating of High)
- Finish NEPA and receive FONSI 12/17
- Engineering Begins: 2018
- Real Estate Negotiations Begin: 2018
- FFGA 12/18
- Construction Begins: Spring 2019
- Service Opens: Fall 2020

Estimated at \$312M



### DECREASED TRAVEL TIME

Times shown are to Millennium Station





#### **BEFORE**

South Bend: 2 hours 35 min

Michigan City: 1 hour 40

min

Dune Park to: 1 hour 20 min

Gary (Miller): 1 hour 10 min

#### **AFTER**

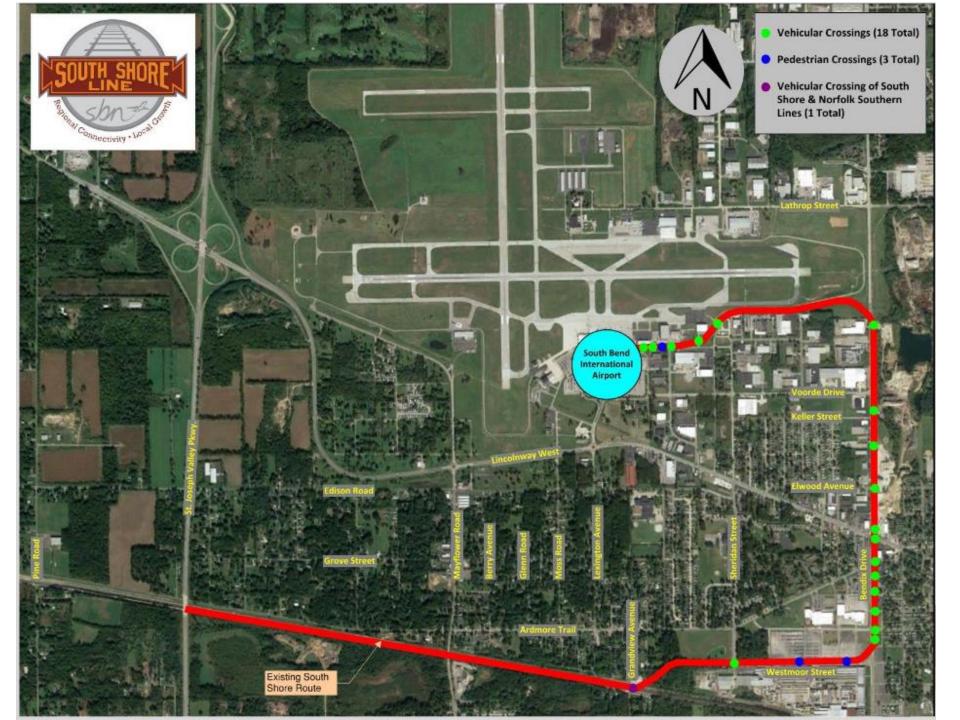
South Bend: 90 minutes

Michigan City: 67 min

Dune Park to: 50 min

Gary (Miller): 40 min

Future times are estimated based on current modeling estimates; may change based on final engineering



**Project Process** 

Led by NICTD/South Shore Line

 Federal lead agency is FAA

 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process

 Preliminary Eng. & Environmental Assessment funded by NICTD

 Final Eng. and construction funded by the City of South Bend

Federal funding eligible

Project Cost Estimate \$25M

Complete NEPA and Real Estate Acquisition 2018

Construction 2019-2020

Service starts to West Side of SBN



