



NICTD WEST LAKE CORRIDOR NEWSLETTER
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PROJECT UPDATE NEWSLETTER

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The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District's (NICTD) existing South Shore Line (SSL) provides a vital transportation link that connects Northwest Indiana to Chicago and Cook County, Illinois. NICTD, along with the contractor, F.H. Paschen Ragnar Benson JV (FHP/RB) is currently constructing the West Lake Corridor Project as a southern branch extension of the SSL route to reach high-growth areas in Lake County, Indiana. The Project will expand NICTD's service coverage, improve mobility and accessibility, and stimulate local job creation and economic development opportunities for Lake County.



The existing pedestrian bridge across the Little Calumet River was removed, salvaged for reinstallation, and is currently stored on-site.

Current and upcoming construction activities include:

Civil Construction

- Erosion control continues to be installed at project-specific construction areas.
- Tree clearing throughout the project corridor is near completion.
- Municipal utility relocations are ongoing at multiple locations in the City of Hammond and Town of Munster.
- Earthwork construction for the proposed South Hammond Station has started.
- Earthwork for the rail alignment subgrade will begin in Hammond early in the 3rd quarter. This work will start at I-80/94 and will proceed north to Douglas Street.
- Future at-grade crossing construction (underground utilities, road pavement, and sidewalks) to begin in Hammond early July.

Rail Construction

- Rail construction is anticipated to start in Hammond, late in the 3rd quarter working from Douglas Street south towards 173rd Street.

Structure Construction

- Substructure work continues to progress south from the future Hammond Gateway Station.
- Superstructure work is anticipated to begin late in the 3rd quarter in Hammond.
- Retaining wall work has begun in Munster at the Little Calumet River and will continue south to 45th Street.
- The existing pedestrian bridge across the Little Calumet River was removed, salvaged, and currently stored on site

Systems Construction

- Conduit raceways are currently being installed at the foundations of the elevated structure in Hammond.
- Underground work at the future at-grade crossings will be installed with the corresponding civil work.

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