TDD Steering Committee

Quarterly Update to Committee

February 17, 2021
AGENDA

• Update on the progress of the rail projects
• Update on TDD boundaries and engagement
• Next steps and questions
RAIL PROJECTS UPDATE

West Lake Corridor Project

• 9-mile extension to Dyer, Indiana
• First extension of commuter rail in NW Indiana in over a century
• Project Cost: Estimated $852 million
• NICTD has provided the notice to proceed to design-builder Paschen to begin work on construction of the rail line
• The FTA has fully executed a FFGA on West Lake and the groundbreaking occurred on October 28, 2020
RAIL PROJECTS UPDATE

Double Track Project

- 25-mile project area, 16 miles new 2nd track, 4 new bridges, 3 new high-level boarding platforms, 7 new high-speed crossovers, closing 20 grade X-ings in Michigan City, train/car separation in Michigan City
- Estimated cost: $454.7 million
- 100% Design for the Double Track project is near complete and real estate acquisition is underway.
- FTA FFGA on Double Track on January 8, 2021
TDD BOUNDARY AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Status Update

Public Engagements Completed/Scheduled:
- Munster Ridge Road
- Munster/Dyer Main Street
- Portage/Ogden Dunes
- Gary Miller
- East Chicago (2/18)

Draft TDD Boundary Presented to Leadership:
- Hammond Gateway
- Michigan City

Draft TDD Boundary In-process:
- Beverly Shores
- Dune Park
- Gary Metro
- Hammond South
- Michigan City Carroll Avenue
- South Bend Airport
TDD BOUNDARY AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Boundary Definition Process

1. BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH THE STATION AREA
   - Station area mapping
   - Research community planning efforts
   - Summarize community profile/demographics
   - Prepare an initial market understanding
   - Visit station area

2. HOLDING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS
   - Listen to needs, preferences and development opportunities
   - Present reconnaissance and community impressions
   - Learn planning and real estate projects in the pipeline
   - Tour the community and station areas
   - Discuss and better understand issues specific to each station/community during work sessions

3. DRAFTING THE BOUNDARY
   - Collaboration with NICTD on station
   - Identify and integrate community preferences
   - Understand market forces that influence development
   - Understand potential and suitability of surrounding sites
   - Understand supporting infrastructure
   - Create plans and documents to share findings and study area

4. REVISIONING THE BOUNDARY
   - Public engagement sessions
   - Update and create TDD DRAFT boundary with community input
   - Conduct first and second RDA Public Hearing
   - Present boundary to State Budget Committee
TDD BOUNDARY AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Online Engagement – www.nwitdd.com

Website Statistics: 3,200 unique visitors/8,600 page views (2/16/2021)
MUNSTER RIDGE ROAD

316.44 acres (boundary defined)

Input Overview:

• May 2019 – bus tour and leadership work session

• Spring-fall, 2020 - leadership briefings

• November-December 2020 - on your own gallery (17 survey respondents)

• November 2020 – virtual public engagement (30 Zoom/Facebook and 102 YouTube video hits)

• Winter 2020 – coordination on Ridge Road/Calumet Avenue streetscape

• December 2020 – boundary feedback session with Munster leadership (boundary adjustments made)
316.2 acres (boundary defined)

Input Overview:

- May 2019 – bus tour and leadership work session
- September 2019 - joint development work session with NICTD
- Spring-fall, 2020 - leadership briefings
- November-December 2020 - on your own gallery (58 survey respondents)
- December 2020 – virtual public engagement (102 Zoom/Facebook and 15 YouTube video hits)
- December 2020 – boundary feedback session with Munster and Dyer leadership (boundary adjustments made)
PORTAGE/OGDEN DUNES

312.7 acres -14.9 Ogden Dunes (draft boundary being finalized)

Input Overview:

• March 2020 – tour and leadership work session
• Summer-fall 2020 – NICTD parking lot coordination
• Spring-winter 2020 - leadership briefings
• December 2021 – Ogden Dunes virtual public engagement (31 Zoom, 125 Facebook, and 20 YouTube video hits)
• February 2021 – Portage virtual public engagement (32 Zoom, 115 Facebook, and 29 YouTube video hits)
• February 2021 - on your own gallery (gallery open)
• February 2021 – boundary feedback session completed
GARY MILLER

355 acres (draft boundary tested with public)

Input Overview:

• March 2020 – tour and leadership work session
• Spring-winter 2020 - leadership briefings
• February 2021 – Miller virtual public engagement (40 Zoom, 78 Facebook hits)
• February 2021 - on your own gallery (gallery open)
• Upcoming – boundary feedback session
367 acres (draft boundary being finalized)

Input Overview:

- January 2020 – tour and leadership work session
- Spring-winter 2020 - leadership briefings
- **February 18th 2021** – East Chicago virtual public engagement (meeting information on NWITDD.com)
- February 2021 - on your own gallery
- Upcoming – boundary feedback session
NEXT STEPS AND QUESTIONS

Current and upcoming boundary work

Hammond Gateway and Michigan City:

• Working with leadership on boundary revisions and preparing for public input session

Beverly Shores, Dune Park, Hammond South, Gary Metro, and South Bend:

• Boundary analysis and community leadership discussions ongoing