TDD Steering Committee

Quarterly Update to Committee

August 19, 2020
AGENDA

1. Welcome & Team and Committee Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2020 meeting
3. RDA rail projects update
4. Public Engagement Sessions and Public Meetings Update
5. Spotlight: Review of TDD boundary study areas in Munster/Dyer, Portage/Ogden Dunes and Miller (Gary)
6. Next steps and questions
7. Adjourn
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 approval to sign the contract for design/build with Paschen to begin work on construction of the rail line.
- The FTA has asked NICTD to expedite the documents for reaching a FFGA on West Lake by no later than October of 2020.
Double Track Project

- 25 mile project area, 16 miles new 2nd track, 4 new bridges, 3 new hi-level boarding platforms, 7 new hi-speed crossovers, closing 20 grade X-ings in Michigan City, train/car separation in Michigan City.
- Estimated cost: $416 million
- Double track has received permission to “enter into engineering” from the FTA. In this phase, NICTD will complete all design and engineering work. Part of the cost of this will be reimbursed by FTA.
- In FTA’s annual funding report issued in February, they have set a goal of reaching a FFGA on double track by June of 2021.
Proposed Hybrid Approach

• For each TDD two public engagement sessions will be conducted in a hybrid format utilizing online engagement best practices and potential in-person engagement. Any in-person sessions will include appropriate social distancing and similar COVID-19 safety measures. Participants will be able to ask questions and leave comments in written and oral format, which will be compiled and shared with the RDA Board.

• A first public meeting will then be held as part of an official RDA Board of Directors meeting. Feedback provided at the public meeting will be presented to the Board at this time.

• A final public meeting will follow, also as part of a regular RDA Board of Directors meeting, to pass a resolution formally establishing the TDD.

• The two public meetings may consider and act upon multiple TDDs simultaneously.

• RDA plans to hold the first public engagement sessions in Fall 2020.
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Proposed Hybrid Approach

Welcome to our First Virtual Public Meeting!

While we would love to meet in person to discuss the future “Alpha Link”, we’re adapting our engagement strategy to prioritize the health and well-being of the Alpharetta community!

Out of respect for social distancing, we’ve taken our first Public Meeting online. Below you will find a series of exercises to help introduce you to the purpose, process, and outcomes of the planning study. We’ll also ask you to share your ideas for the North Point area’s expanding trail network in a series of surveys and mapping exercises. With your help, we will form a shared vision that will guide decision making and lead to a more vibrant, equitable, livable Alpharetta.
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Proposed Hybrid Approach
What Are TDD Study Areas?

- TDD study areas include sites with development potential that could be included in the initial half-mile area (or roughly 320 acres) TDD around a train station.

- The TDD study area is larger than the eventual TDD.

- With the assistance of local leadership, the study area is outlined and presented at the RDA’s first public meeting for public comment and feedback.

- To date RDA has created study areas for Munster Ridge Road, Munster/Dyer, Portage/Ogden Dunes and the Miller (Gary) station areas. These have been reviewed with local leadership and we are processing their comments to produce the first drafts of the TDDs for public presentation.
TDD STUDY AREAS

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TDD Station Area List

Development Location

- **DOWNTOWN INFILL**
- **INFILL**
- **BROWNFIELD**
- **GREENFIELD**

Study Area Approach

- **CONCENTRATED**
  - A Series of Development Nodes
- **CLUSTERED**
  - Walkable Downtown Area
- **LINEAR**
  - Following a Road, Trail Corridor or Multiple Corridors

Locations:
- Gary Downtown (Metro)
- Gary Miller
- Portage
- East Chicago
- Hammond Gateway
- Hammond South
- Dune Park
- Michigan City
- Munster Ridge Road
- Munster/Dyer Main Street
TDD STUDY AREAS

Planning Process

1. BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH THE STATION AREA
   - Station Area Mapping
   - Summarizing the Community Profile/Demographics
   - Research Previous & Ongoing Community Planning Efforts
   - Preparing an Initial Market Understanding/Analysis

2. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS
   - Listening to Needs, Preferences and Development Opportunities
   - Presenting Our Reconnaissance and Community Impressions
   - Learning of Planning and Real Estate Projects in the Pipeline
   - Touring the Community and Station Areas
   - Work sessions to discuss and better understand issues that are specific to each station/community

Visiting Station Areas
TDD STUDY AREAS

Planning Process

3. DRAFTING THE BOUNDARY

- Collaboration with NICTD on Station Requirements and Optimization
- Identifying and Integrating Community Preferences
- Understanding the Market Forces that Influence Economic Development
- Understanding Potential and Suitability of Surrounding Sites
- Understanding Supporting Infrastructure
- Mapping and Preparing Documents to Share Out Findings and DRAFT Boundary
Preview of TDD Boundary Study Areas

Framework Planning

A. Identification of revised block structure including infrastructure/connectivity

B. Identification of a preferred land use concept and development potential on near station sites

C. Exploration of longer-term joint development on NICTD sites
Preview of TDD Boundary Study Areas

Munster / Dyer Main Street Station
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Portage / Ogden Dunes Station
Preview of TDD Boundary Study Areas

Gary Miller Station
NEXT STEPS & QUESTIONS

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November 18, 2020
11 a.m.
Purdue Tech Center in Crown Point