



TDD Steering Committee Quarterly Update

May 14, 2025

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Approval of Minutes from February 12, 2025**
- **RDA Update on Rail Projects**
- **TDD Boundaries Update**
- **Program Guide/MOA Update**
- **Next Steps & Questions**
- **Adjourn**



COMMITTEE & TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

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East Chicago

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Ogden Dunes

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Porter

Michael Barry

Portage

Tom Cherry

Michigan City

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South Bend

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Valparaiso

Bob Thompson

Dyer

Scott Jefferson

Munster

Chuck Gardiner

Beverly Shores

Geof Benson

Pines

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Dave Reynolds

Update on the Rail Investment

Development of the new rail lines and stations is progressing at a steady pace.

West Lake Corridor

Design is 97% complete; train signals and operating systems remain in progress. Design of the last bridge (BR101) is complete as approval from the CSX railroad was received.

With the exception of BR101 and the Main Street underpass at Munster Dyer station civil works are mostly done.

Trackwork along the full length of the project is largely complete. Catenary system installation is near completion and work on system (e.g. communications and power) installation is beginning.

The temporary bridge at Main Street has been installed with the permanent bridge (Bridge 101) to be installed in late May or early June. Final paving of the Munster/Dyer station parking lot will once assembly of BR101 is complete.

Construction is 96% complete.

An extended period of testing and commissioning is required between construction completion and Revenue Service.

The contractor has advised NICTD that it now expects to reach Revenue Service in October 2025. NICTD is working with the contractor to minimize changes from the current schedule and prevent remaining items from creating further delays. The FTA grant commitment is May 20, 2026.

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Double Track

25-mile project area includes 16 miles of new second track, the closing of 20 grade-level crossings in Michigan City, and the elimination of “street running” in Michigan City.

DT1 (Main rail project):
Contract is complete.

DT2 (MC 11th Street Station):
Much of the parking garage structure is 80% complete and completion of the garage is scheduled for March 6, 2025.

Gary Miller Station (DT3), Portage/Ogden Dunes Parking Lot (DT4), Dune Park East Parking Lot (DT5) are complete.

Revenue Service began on May 14, 2024, earlier than the FTA grant commitment of November 6, 2024

Overall Construction largely complete, the only construction remaining is attributable to the parking garage in Michigan City.

NICTD continues to work on its scheduling and is coordinating with Metra to improve operations.



TDD Boundaries

Update

Remaining TDDs

- **Beverly Shores/Pines:** First public hearing held on May 8, second public hearing scheduled for June 12.
- **Valparaiso:** conversations ongoing.
- **South Bend:** conversations ongoing.





Next Steps & Questions

Next Meeting: August 13, 2025