

Transit Development District Steering Committee meeting November 17, 2021

Note

The meeting can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 2gNMY3If94>

Location

Conducted via Zoom

Present

Trent McCain, Richard Morrisroe, Lee Ann Mellon, Tim Corcoran, Brian Poland, Michael Barry, Scott Jefferson, AJ Monroe

Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Regional Development Authority Update

RDA COO Sherri Ziller updated the committee on the progress of the rail projects and TOD planning efforts. She noted that NICTD and RDA had partnered to do TOD planning following an FTA grant that was awarded to NICTD and that MKSK had been contracted to carry out this planning. An update on that would be given later in the meeting.

On West Lake, design-build is continuing, and physical construction will start in 2022. Design is 67-68% complete. On double track, construction has been divided into 7 contracts. NICTD has awarded 4 and is accepting bids on the other 3.

Q: the 3 remaining procurements, does that include the Hasse Construction contract? A: yes.

Discussion

Aaron Kowalski provided an update on the TOD planning effort. They were well underway with four communities, Munster, Hammond, Portage and Michigan City. Aaron outlined high level priorities with each community to explain similarities and customizable elements of the process.

Dyer, East Chicago, Miller and Ogden Dunes are the second wave of communities.

Q: re point of contact for Miller. A: AJ Byntar.

Marc Bleyer and Dave Wellman provided an update on the Industry Days. Munster, Portage and Hammond have been completed.

Skyler York provided an update on Michigan City's RFP for the 11st Street station, as well as a new workforce housing project that was just announced.

Dave Wellman provided an update on the current status of the TDD boundaries and the outlook for 2022.

The meeting was adjourned