

**Double Track – Northwest Indiana
Gary to Michigan City, Indiana
Core Capacity Project Development
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The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) proposes to double-track its South Shore commuter rail line in northern Indiana to allow for expanded peak-hour service. The project includes double-tracking along a 26.6 mile-segment of the line between Gary and Michigan City and platform upgrades at five stations. Two miles of the project corridor are in Michigan City, where the project includes construction of an exclusive two-mile right-of-way to replace the current street-running segment. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$354.6 million, with a request for \$177.2 million in Core Capacity funding.

NICTD adopted a preliminary locally preferred alternative (LPA) in 2013. The project entered Core Capacity Project Development in May 2016. In May 2017, the LPA was adopted into the fiscally constrained long range transportation plan. NICTD anticipates completing an Environmental Assessment with receipt of a Finding of No Significant Impact in early 2018, entry into Engineering in spring 2018, receipt of a Full Funding Grant Agreement at the end of 2018, and completion of the project in fall 2020.