



**NORTHERN INDIANA COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

March 31, 2025

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Public Session – 10:30 a.m. (CST)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Roland Fegan
Jon Costas

Jim Arnold
Eddie Melton

Carl Baxmeyer

STAFF PARTICIPANTS

Michael Noland
Chuck Lukmann, Esq.
Amber Kettring
Gary Babcoke
Nicole Barker
Darrell Riddell

Tony Siegmund
Jessie Watts, Jr.
Kelly Wenger
Melissa Jones
Christine Dearing

Connie Grashel
Mike Rowe
Kristen Coslet
Justin Miranda
Anthony Hall

OTHERS PRESENT

Joe Crnkovich
Greg Price

Steven Lyons
Doug Ross

Timothy Whalen
Marianna Madison

CALL TO ORDER

Roland Fegan, Deputy Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), and the designee of NICTD Board Chair and INDOT Commissioner Lyndsay Quist, conducted the meeting as NICTD Board Chair, called the meeting to order. Mr. Fegan requested a roll call. Attorney Chuck Lukmann, NICTD's General Counsel, conducted the roll call, Roland Fegan, Eddie Melton, Jim Arnold, Jim Costas, and Carl Baxmeyer were present.

SAFETY BRIEFING

Kristen Coslet, NICTD Safety Manager, conducted a safety briefing.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Fegan requested a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2025. Mr. Costas made a motion to approve the board meeting minutes; Mr. Baxmeyer seconded, and on roll call, the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Former South Shore Line and NICTD employee Joe Crnkovich, a member of the Monon Railroad Historical Society, spoke about the new Monon Corridor service. He made a request to name the 173rd Street Station in honor of Janet Moran a long-time champion of the West Lake Corridor commuter rail project, and former Chairperson of the Hammond Urban Railroad Study Commission, who passed away in February.

Mr. Crnkovich stated that Ms. Moran's daughter expressed interest in attending a future opening ceremony for the Monon Corridor commuter rail service.

PURCHASING (Procurement Recommendation Packet Attached)

Tony Siegmund, Director of Procurement, presented six recommendations to the Board.

The first item was for the End Life program – Mechanical Department for sub flooring panels. This project includes sub-flooring panels for ten (10) trailer cars and nine (9) 82-92 EMU cars. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually and in-person at the Dune Park Office on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

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The Staff recommended that Milwaukee Composites Inc. of Cudahy, WI be awarded the contract for sub-flooring panels in the amount of Five Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and ⁹³/₁₀₀ (\$596,245.93).

The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for sub-flooring at his discretion. Mr. Baxmeyer made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for sub flooring panels, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costas and, upon a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the second procurement item the End Life program – Mechanical Department for trap doors. This project includes trap doors for ten (10) trailer cars and sixteen (16) 82-92 EMU cars. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually and in-person at the Dune Park Office on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

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Mr. Costas made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for the trap doors, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnold and, on a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the third procurement item. The End Life program– Mechanical Department requested bids for windows. This project includes windows for ten (10) trailer cars and sixteen (16) 82-92 EMU cars. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually and in-person at the Dune Park Office on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

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Mr. Baxmeyer made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for windows, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costas, and, upon a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the fourth procurement item from the Positive Train Control (PTC) Department for PTC Support. The District is looking to extend support for the new NICTD Tracsis RailComm CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) BOS (Back Office System) systems. NICTD implemented Princeton's KES, COSMA, MCARRIAGE and ITCM products as part of our current PTC system. As NICTD has transitioned to the new Tracsis RailComm BOS CAD systems, we need Princeton support for these systems.

The District obtained a quote from Princeton Consultants in the amount of \$825,000.00 for a three-year period. This is a sole source procurement because these services can only be provided by Princeton Consultants. The District prepared an Independent Cost Estimate of \$870,000.00 for these services and the pricing received from Princeton Consultants was within the budgetary estimate and determined to be fair and reasonable.

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Mr. Arnold made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for PTC support, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costas, and, upon a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the fifth procurement item, West Lake Program Management. The District executed Contract 88823 for West Lake Phase II Program Management Services to HDR Engineering, Inc. on December 12, 2018, with a not to exceed amount of \$11,000,000.00. To keep the project moving forward, fifteen amendments have been approved by the District totaling \$4,788,313.91. Amendment 16 authorizes an additional \$155,978.20 toward the contract price. This amount is requested to cover out of scope services including evaluating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) impacts of constructing a temporary parking lot for the Munster/Dyer station on (mostly) NICTD-owned property in the northeast quadrant of the NICTD West Lake Corridor track and the proposed Main Street, as well as additional eBuilder licenses for the 6/1/24-5/31/25 time period. The updated total contract amount would be \$15,944,292.11.

The District requested the Board grant the President the authority to approve amendment 16 to contract 88823 in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and ²⁰/₁₀₀ (\$155,978.20), pending RDA and IFA approval.

Mr. Costas made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for the West Lake Program Management, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melton, and, upon a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the sixth procurement item, West Lake Corridor Project, Spare Parts. The West Lake/Monon Corridor Project requires a consistent and reliable supply of spare parts to support initial operations and long-term maintenance. Many of these components are proprietary or specific to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), necessitating sole-source purchases to maintain system integrity and interoperability. Many components must be procured from the OEM to ensure seamless integration with existing infrastructure. Vendors selected are the OEMs or their authorized distributors to ensure warranty protection and system reliability.

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The blanket authorization will allow efficient purchasing while adhering to NICTD's procurement policies and financial oversight. These purchases will be funded through the approved West Lake Project budget, with expenditures tracked and reported in accordance with NICTD, RDA and IFA financial policies.

The purchases will include but are not limited to track maintenance, electrical, signaling, and communication system components. The estimated cumulative cost of the procurements is anticipated to be approximately Two Million, One Hundred One Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,101,200.00), containing an approximate ten percent (10%) contingency to allow for freight charges and potential price or quantity adjustments.

The District requested the Board grant the President the authority to approve purchases for West Lake spare parts in the not to exceed amount of Two Million, One Hundred One Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,101,200.00), pending RDA and IFA approval.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for the West Lake Corridor Project spare parts, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costas, and, upon a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MACOG Exchange of Transit Funds

President Noland introduced Kelly Wenger, Director of Strategic Planning & Grants, who provided an overview of the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) Exchange of Transit Funds Agreement. Ms. Wenger explained that an agreement has been presented with MACOG to exchange local dollars for federal highway funds at a 2-to-1 ratio. These funds will be transferred through the FTA to support operational needs.

Mr. Baxmeyer made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for the MACOG Transfer Agreement, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnold, and, upon a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Double Track NWI and West Lake Corridor Project Updates

NICTD President Michael Noland stated that the Michigan City parking structure is nearing completion, with expected availability by April 2025. The facility will provide 437 designated commuter spaces, enhancing accessibility for transit users. In the interim, temporary street parking has been arranged to accommodate commuters. Additionally, contracts are being finalized for as-built documentation of rail infrastructure to ensure accurate records for future reference. Final tasks are being addressed to ensure all outstanding matters are resolved.

The West Lake Corridor project is now 96% complete, with final work underway, including the installation of signals, positive train control systems, overhead catenary wiring, and substation power-up. Construction of the underpass at CSX in the Munster-Dyer area is progressing, with final structural elements expected to be completed by June. The contractor's schedule calls for service to start at the end of October, but Mr. Noland advised that NICTD is encouraging the contractor to improve upon that schedule for a possible opening for late summer, pending final testing phases.

South Bend Airport Realignment

The engineering phase of the South Bend Airport Realignment Project is nearing completion, with an environmental assessment update currently in progress. The estimated cost of the project is \$112 million, with efforts underway to secure a 50% local share to qualify for federal funding. Local stakeholders and legislative representatives are actively engaged in the funding process to ensure financial viability. Additionally, federal grant opportunities are being closely monitored.

Metra Track 4 Project

To accommodate the addition of 26 new trains as a result of the Double Track and West Lake Corridor projects, capacity expansion efforts are underway on the Metra Electric District. The project is being jointly funded by NICTD and Metra to enhance overall system efficiency. Key structural developments include the extension of a tunnel at Van Buren Street Station and platform expansions at both Van Buren and Randolph Street. The project continues to progress on schedule and remains within budget.

NEW CARLISLE STATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Nicole Barker, Director of Capital Investment & Implementation, introduced Mariana Madison of Antero Group. Ms. Madison stated that the study has been revisited in response to increased activity and projected growth in New Carlisle. Public survey results indicate strong interest in the development of a new station, with primary concerns focused on parking availability, safety measures, traffic impact, and land use considerations. A preferred station site is currently under evaluation with primary focus now on Sites A and B, with ongoing discussions involving key stakeholders. Additionally, potential service enhancements, including a shuttle connection between Michigan City and the airport, are being explored to improve regional transit accessibility.

ADVERTISING AND MARKETING REPORT

Nicole Barker, Director of Capital Investment & Implementation, presented the Advertising and Marketing Report.

Ms. Barker reported that Transit Employee Appreciation Day was celebrated on March 18, 2025, recognizing the contributions of transit staff. She also announced the establishment of a partnership with "Dig the Dunes" to promote regional events, enhancing community engagement. Additionally, a historical exhibit is planned for 11th Street Station to showcase the history of the South Shoreline Railroad.

Preparations for the opening of the Monon Corridor are underway, with efforts concentrated on finalizing key details. Updated maps are being developed to support navigation and accessibility upon its launch.

Ridership reached a record high during the St. Patrick's Day Parade, with 11,109 riders utilizing transit services. Ms. Barker noted that several upcoming events are expected to drive strong transit usage, including baseball season, Comic and Entertainment Expo, the Dunes Birding Festival, Notre Dame Commencement, and concerts featuring Post Malone, Kendrick Lamar, and other artists.

TICKET SALES, RIDERSHIP AND OPERATIONS REPORT

Kelly Wenger, Director of Strategic Planning & Grants, presented the Ticket Sales and Ridership reports, as well as an update to the strategic plan.

Ms. Wenger announced that an update to the 20-Year Strategic Plan is in progress. She noted that a passenger survey is currently being conducted, with a more comprehensive public survey scheduled for June.

She highlighted that ticket sales for 2025 have shown strong recovery compared to previous years, reflecting positive trends in transit usage. The transition to digital ticketing has contributed to increased app and ticket vending machine usage, enhancing overall convenience for passengers.

Ridership continues to improve, particularly during major events, demonstrating strong commuter engagement. Additionally, bike usage has remained steady, even throughout the winter months, indicating consistent demand for multi-modal transit options.

Chief Operating Officer Anthony Hall presented the operations report, highlighting significant improvements in on-time performance following schedule adjustments made in February 2025.

Mr. Hall commended the team for their dedication during recent cold weather, ensuring smooth operations despite challenging conditions. Throughout the weekend, staff coordinated effectively to maintain the schedule with minimal adjustments. Additionally,

employees demonstrated exceptional teamwork by providing complimentary coffee at various stations.

In December, performance experienced a slight decline due to four days of busing required for extended construction on Metra property. However, the team quickly rebounded, delivering one of the strongest operational performances of the year during the holiday season.

The revised schedule, implemented in February, incorporated more than forty adjustments based on customer feedback. These modifications are designed to enhance on-time performance, which has already seen significant gains since the initial introduction of the double-track service schedule. The team remains committed to achieving a 90% on-time performance rate, aligning with industry standards for commuter rail reliability.

The industry benchmark for on-time performance in commuter rail allows for arrival within 5 minutes and 59 seconds of the scheduled time. The team is focused on reaching a 90% on-time performance rate, with the new schedule expected to support this goal.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Noland provided additional comments on operational improvements, fiscal challenges, and the importance of service reliability in supporting ridership growth.

Operations Adjustments

President Noland acknowledged Mr. Hall's report on the revised schedule rollout, highlighting initial on-time performance (OTP) of 25% to 30% in May. Subsequent adjustments in August improved OTP to 50%–65%, with further refinements in February resulting in multiple rush-hour periods achieving 100% OTP. The team remains focused on reaching the 90% benchmark, with enhanced reliability expected to drive increased ridership.

Fare Adjustment and Fiscal Outlook

A proposed 10% fare increase is under review, pending public comment and required federal Title VI research. Discussions with state officials regarding funding support are ongoing, with structured fare adjustments considered to maintain financial stability.

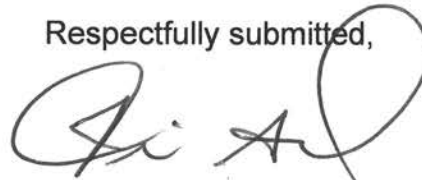
Strategic Plan Update

The 20-Year Strategic Plan update is in progress, with stakeholder engagement continuing throughout the year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Arnold made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Melton, and on the roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Arnold", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Jim Arnold, Secretary



PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

March 31, 2025

End Life - Mechanical Department:

Bid:

- **Sub-Flooring Panels**
- **Trap Doors**
- **Windows**

PTC Department:

Sole Source:

- **PTC Support**

West Lake Project:

Sole Source:

- **Program Management – Amendment 16**
- **Spare Parts**



RECOMMENDATION

End Life – Mechanical Department

Sub-flooring Panels

March 31, 2025

A. SCOPE

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B. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

1. Legal Notifications

The request for bids was advertised throughout the region and nationally. The legal advertisements were placed in the following publications:

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NICTD Plan Room

2. Bid Review

A total of five (5) packets were requested prior to the bid opening. The request resulted in the receipt of one (1) bid.

3. DBE & Required Forms

The bid was evaluated for responsiveness to determine if they could be accepted for further review.

It was determined that the firms submitted all the necessary forms and were approved by the appropriate NICTD staff. All forms have been correctly submitted and were found to be within the guidelines set forth by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Bidder	Eligible Bidder	Debar. Susp.	DBE %	Non- Discrim.	Rest. Lobby	Drug Free	Cert. of Qual.	E- Verify	Iran Invst.	Buy Amer.
Milwaukee Composites Inc. Cudahy, Wisconsin	X	X	4%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

C. ENGINEERING REVIEW & PRICE ANALYSIS

The responsive bid was evaluated for compliance to the technical specifications. The bidder was determined to be responsible and met the technical specifications.

The lowest responsive and responsible bid for sub-flooring panels is Milwaukee Composites Inc., with a bid of \$596,245.93. This is 16.2% (\$115,575.77) less than the engineer's estimate of \$711,821.70.

Milwaukee Composites Inc.'s DBE amount is 4% (\$24,211.04).

Description	Qty.	Unit Cost	Cost
92 Trailer Car Floor Sets	10	\$31,381.36	\$313,813.65
82-92 EMU Car Floor Sets	9	\$31,381.36	\$282,432.28
Total Cost			\$596,245.93

D. DELIVERY

Milwaukee Composites Inc. can meet the District's delivery schedule for June 2027.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that Milwaukee Composites Inc. of Cudahy, WI be awarded the contract for sub-flooring panels in the amount of Five Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and ⁹³/₁₀₀ (\$596,245.93).

The Staff is requesting that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for sub-flooring panels at his discretion.



RECOMMENDATION

End Life – Mechanical Department

Trap Doors

March 31, 2025

A. SCOPE

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Dynamic Metals LLC Elkhart, IN	X	X	3%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
UKM Transit Products Harleysville, PA	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

C. ENGINEERING REVIEW & PRICE ANALYSIS

The responsive bids were evaluated for compliance to the technical specifications. Both bidders were determined to be responsible and met the technical specifications.

The lowest responsive and responsible bid for trap doors is Dynamic Metals LLC, with a bid of \$228,384.00. This is 9.7% (\$24,644.00) less than the engineer's estimate of \$252,928.00.

Dynamic Metals LLC's DBE amount is 3% (\$7,800.00).

Company	Total Cost
Dynamic Metals LLC	\$228,384.00
UKM Transit Products	\$383,760.00

D. DELIVERY

Dynamic Metals LLC can meet the District's delivery schedule for June 2027.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that Dynamic Metals LLC of Elkhart, Indiana be awarded the contract for trap doors in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$228,384.00).

The Staff is requesting that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for trap doors at his discretion.



RECOMMENDATION

End Life – Mechanical Department

Windows

March 31, 2025

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C. ENGINEERING REVIEW & PRICE ANALYSIS

The responsive bid was evaluated for compliance to the technical specifications. The bidder was determined to be responsible and met the technical specifications.

The lowest responsive and responsible bid for windows is Dynamic Metals LLC, with a bid of \$580,179.00. This is 0.7% (\$3,891.00) more than the engineer's estimate of \$576,288.00.

Dynamic Metals LLC's DBE amount is 8% (\$46,000.00).

Description	Qty.	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Passenger Windows	358	\$598.00	\$214,084.00
Passenger Emergency Window	114	\$1,032.00	\$117,648.00
Engineer's Heated Windshield	70	\$1,120.00	\$78,400.00
Head End Doors	35	\$602.00	\$21,070.00
Bulkhead Door	58	\$323.00	\$18,734.00
Swinging Cab Door	34	\$323.00	\$10,982.00
Sliding Engineer Window	35	\$1,234.00	\$43,190.00
End Vestibule Side Door	79	\$445.00	\$35,155.00
Center Vestibule Door	70	\$378.00	\$26,460.00
Trailer Center Vest. Plug	26	\$556.00	\$14,456.00
Bid Total			\$580,179.00

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March 31, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION

West Lake Program Management

Change Order 16

March 31, 2025

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	Date	Amendment Description	Cost
1	2019.10.25	E-Builder Software	\$364,472.00
2	2019.10.29	Reallocation of funds	No Cost
3	2020.02.05	Add Fixed-Fee Language and Section 4.1.4 to the Contract	No Cost
4	2020.06.19	Additional Scope of Work	\$347,464.56
5	2020.07.13	Additional Scope of Work	\$68,526.00
6	2020.07.31	Move Scope of Work and E-Builder Funds to KFA	No Cost
7	2021.01.12	Additional E-Builder Licenses and On-Call Support	\$68,492.11
8	2021.02.17	Reflection of Revised Hourly Rates	No Cost
9	2021.10.11	Reallocation of Funds from HDR to ASE	No Cost
10	2022.02.07	Additional Out of Scope Services	\$1,927,305.00
11	2023.02.02	Out of Scope Services for Burns Engineering	\$378,465.52
12	2023.02.03	Out of Scope Services for Betterments and Environmental Work	\$105,475.80
13	2023.04.24	E-Builder License Renewal – 4 years	\$9,728.60
14	2023.07.27	Additional Out of Scope Services and Contingency	\$1,518,384.32
15	2023.10.05	On-Board Passenger Survey	No Cost
16	Pending	Out of Scope Services and eBuilder Licenses	\$155,978.20

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