



**NORTHERN INDIANA COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

July 28, 2025

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Public Session – 10:30 a.m. (CST)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lyndsay Quist
Jon Costas

Jim Arnold

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
Derek Pflughaup

Connie Grashel
Mike Rowe
Kristen Coslet
Justin Miranda
Anthony Hall
Joseph Cieniawski

OTHERS PRESENT

Joe Crnkovich
Andy Kostielnay

Steven Lyons
Zachary Trunk

Greg Price

CALL TO ORDER

Lyndsay Quist, NICTD Board Chairperson called the meeting to order. Ms. Quist requested a roll call. Attorney Chuck Lukmann, NICTD's General Counsel, conducted the roll call, Lyndsay Quist, Jim Arnold, Jim Costas, and Carl Baxmeyer were present. Mayor Eddie Melton was absent.

SAFETY BRIEFING

Derek Pflughaupt, NICTD Safety Manager, conducted a safety briefing.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Quist requested a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of May 19, 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

None

PURCHASING (Procurement Recommendation Packet Attached)

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

The first item was for the Mechanical Department for maintenance shop floor replacement. This project would require the awarded contractor to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment required to remove and replace approximately 8,750 square feet of wood block flooring and replace with reinforced concrete in three phases, including jib crane foundation work, forming around existing rail, applying concrete sealant, and performing associated demolition, preparation, and protection tasks as specified. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually and in-person at the Dune Park Office on June 19, 2025.

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The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for maintenance shop floor replacement at his discretion.

Mr. Baxmeyer made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for the maintenance shop floor replacement, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnold and, on a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the second procurement for a sole source item for the Mechanical Department for APS Units.

As part of the upcoming Midlife rebuild of the 100 Series railcars, the Mechanical Department requested the procurement of replacement APS (Auxiliary Power Supply) Units which were produced by Toshiba. The existing units are currently 25 years old and have exceeded their life expectancy. Obtaining repair parts is difficult and at times impossible due to certain components being obsolete. The APS is a required component for NICTD's electrified 100 series railcars, which converts the overhead catenary power to the various voltages used throughout the car. Without these required units, NICTD's 100 series railcars would be held out of service.

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

Mr. Siegmund presented the third procurement item. The IT Department has requested proposals from qualified contractors for a Railroad Management Information System (RMIS) to modernize the District's assets, safety, workforce, and compliance systems. This project includes the acquisition, implementation, training, and ongoing support of a comprehensive, cloud-based software system for railroad operations. Proposals were

solicited and a private proposal opening was held at the Dune Park Office on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

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The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to execute all necessary contracts and amendments and to issue the Notice to Proceed for this project at his discretion.

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

Mr. Siegmund presented the fourth procurement item from the Engineering Department – Hammond Gateway Outbuilding Modifications. The Engineering Department has requested bids for outbuilding modifications at NICTD properties near and at the

Hammond Gateway station. This project includes demolition, remodeling, salt shed installation, and site work. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually and in-person at the Dune Park Office on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

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The Staff recommended that Hasse Construction Company, Inc. of Calumet City, Illinois be awarded the contract for the Hammond Gateway outbuilding modifications in the amount of One Million, Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand, Ninety-Three Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$1,992,093.00).

The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for the Hammond Gateway outbuilding modifications at his discretion, pending FTA, RDA and IFA approval.

Mr. Baxmeyer made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed for the Hammond Gateway outbuilding modifications at his discretion, pending FTA, RDA and IFA approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costas, and, upon a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the fifth sole source procurement item, West Lake Program Management, Change Order 18. The District executed contract 88823 for West Lake Phase II program management services with HDR Engineering, Inc. on December 12, 2018, for a not to exceed amount of \$11,000,000.00. To keep the project moving forward, seventeen amendments have been approved by the District totaling \$4,967,553.47. Amendment 18 authorizes an additional \$779,347.75 toward the contract price. This amendment request is necessary to continue providing ongoing services through December 2025, assuming a Substantial Completion Date of November 1, 2025, and Revenue Service Date (RSD) of February 1, 2026. The request includes monthly schedule and budget updates, continued reporting to FTA/PMOC, additional design oversight services, additional environmental, work related to the CSX Bridge 101 and e-Builder license renewals after 5/31/2025. A later supplement will be needed for services performed in 2026 and beyond. The updated total contract amount would be \$16,746,901.22.

The District requested the Board grant the President the authority to approve amendment 18 to contract 88823 in the amount of Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ (\$779,347.75), 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 Program Management, Change Order 18, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer, and, upon a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Resolution 25-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE AND APPOINTING APPRAISERS TO APPRAISE THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF SAID REAL ESTATE

President Noland turned the report over to Counsel Lukmann to present Resolution 25-02, which authorizes the appraisal of real estate currently owned by Tow Path Valley Business Park Development Company n/k/a Tecumseh Redevelopment, Inc., and purchase of said real estate, designated for use for a new power substation, as outlined in the strategic plan.

Mr. Costas made a motion to accept Resolution 25-01, a resolution authorizing the purchase of real estate and appointing appraisers to appraise the fair market value of said real estate seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer, and on roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Double Track NWI and West Lake Corridor Project Updates

President Noland provided a brief update on the Double Track Project. The 11th Street Station and parking garage in Michigan City officially opened following a ribbon-cutting ceremony in June. The facility is now operational and already seeing customer use. Final contract closeout with Flaherty and Collins is in progress, with substantial completion pending. Once resolved, all Double Track post-construction studies and final paperwork will be completed. FTA funding is still in process, but no issues are anticipated. The project is nearing full completion.

President Noland provided an update on the Westlake Project. Bridge 101 work at the southern end is expected to be completed by late September or early October. Rework is required to address stray current issues, and the contractor has accepted responsibility. A wood-based tie system with specialized plates and pads will be used to isolate current along approximately nine miles of tangent track. Solutions for specialty track areas, such as grade crossings and turnouts, are still being finalized. Rework is projected to finish by mid-November, with a potential service launch by year-end. Final testing, commissioning, employee training, and system simulations will follow to ensure full operational readiness. President Noland expressed optimism for an opening around New Year's.

South Bend Airport Realignment

President Noland provided an update on the South Bend Airport Realignment Project. An updated supplement to the previously approved Environmental Assessment has been submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and is currently under review, with hopes for clearance by the end of the year. The project received \$28 million in state

funding, contingent on securing a \$56 million local match to qualify for an equal federal share. NICTD has committed \$6 million, with additional pledges from private sector partners, the county, and ongoing discussions with the City of South Bend. The team is preparing to apply for Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant funding, expected to open in the fall. A strong application will depend on having both environmental clearance and local funding secured. Previous grant applications were unsuccessful, but the project is now better positioned. A debrief will be requested to strengthen future submissions.

Metra Track 4 Project

President Noland informed the board on the progress of the Metra Track 4 Project, a \$200 million initiative to expand capacity along the lakefront. He noted that the corridor will accommodate a total of 26 new trains—12 of which are specific to the Monon Corridor, in addition to the 14 introduced as part of the Double Track project. The project is on schedule and within budget, with strategic weekend bus bridges implemented to allow contractors access for critical work near the terminal. These bus bridges, though well-coordinated, result in temporary service delays and customer inconvenience. Approximately three more bus bridges are anticipated before project completion. The work is expected to conclude in fall 2026 and will significantly improve capacity and reliability and potentially reduce travel times for both NICTD and Metra services.

Beverly Shores Station

The station structure, owned by NICTD and located on land leased from NIPSCO, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and requires significant maintenance. A new lease agreement with NIPSCO extends the term to 100 years. In addition, a new sublease will add Indiana Landmarks, a nonprofit organization, as a sublessee, assuming full responsibility for maintaining the historic structure and providing required insurance coverage. NICTD will retain a small waiting area for passengers and contribute initial funds for interior modifications, along with a \$5,000 annual maintenance commitment. NICTD Counsel Connor Nolan provided a clear synopsis of the agreement, noting the benefits of transferring maintenance responsibilities. President Noland disclosed that attorneys Chuck Lukmann and Connor Nolan also represent the Village of Beverly Shores and have executed conflict waivers, with no disputes present.

Mr. Baxmeyer made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed with the Beverly Shores Station lease, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnold, and, upon a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

ADVERTISING AND MARKETING REPORT

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

Ms. Barker reported a successful ribbon-cutting event at the 11th Street Station, highlighting the station's design and historical elements incorporated into the interior, including curated art, a moving railcar display, and a timeline showcasing NICTD's history since 1908. These features were part of the Double Track Project's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Section 106 mitigation requirements within the Memorandum of Agreement.

Current marketing efforts include the Lakeshore campaign, targeting riders along the existing line to promote expanded service. Promotional strategies include billboards, digital ads, posters, and a commercial. Upcoming campaigns include a Monon Campaign and a "Grandparents Ride Free" promotion.

Recent events such as the Pride Parade and the NASCAR Street Race generated strong ridership. Marketing efforts are currently testing service for Chicago Fire soccer games and promoting travel to regional and city events, including the Gary Airshow, the Pierogi Fest and the Lubeznik Art Festival. Upcoming Chicago events include Lollapalooza, summer concerts at Wrigley Field and Soldier Field, and sporting events such as Chicago Cubs and White Sox baseball, Chicago Bears football, and Notre Dame football games.

TICKET SALES, RIDERSHIP AND OPERATIONS REPORT

Kelly Wenger, Director of Strategic Planning & Grants, presented the Ticket Sales and Ridership reports.

Kelly Wenger presented the ticket sales and ridership report through June 2025, noting strong performance prior to the July 1 fare increase. Ridership growth has been consistent, with monthly increases surpassing prior years.

Preliminary mobile ticketing data through July 20 shows a 34% increase in overall revenue compared to the January–June average. However, monthly ticket sales are down 8% compared to last year and 28% compared to earlier this year, suggesting a shift toward 25-ride tickets, which now carry a 20% discount. The fare increase and end of the buy-one-get-one promotion for monthly passes may have influenced this shift.

Seasonal factors and city events also impacted ridership patterns, with July performing better than expected despite weekend bus bridges. The Bikes on Trains program continues to be popular, with current counts indicating a potential record-setting year.

Staff will continue monitoring trends and provide segmented data in future reports to assess the impact of fare changes.

Chief Operating Officer Anthony Hall presented the operations report, highlighting recent activity and performance metrics.

The annual tie replacement program began shortly after the last board meeting and was completed over a four-week period with overnight work to minimize service disruptions. Coordination with engineering and signal teams was critical, though temporary slow orders were necessary due to infrastructure disturbance and elevated rail temperatures.

Despite these challenges, operational performance improved, with reduced delays and stronger recovery metrics. Weekend bus bridges were implemented to support construction projects, including work near 18th Street and Millennium Station, and the ongoing 249 project. West Lake physical characteristics runs were conducted successfully, including a hi-rail trip with FRA representatives to support simulated service readiness. The Monon service schedule is nearing completion, with a team-wide review meeting scheduled to gather input for future revisions.

Overall, operations continue to adapt effectively to seasonal and project-related demands.

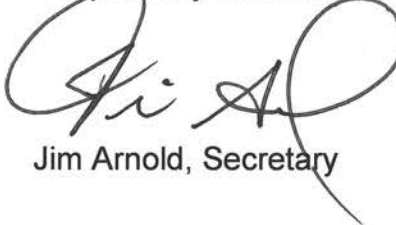
OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Quist made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer, and on the roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The next board meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Arnold", is written over the typed name.

Jim Arnold, Secretary



PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

July 28, 2025

Mechanical Department:

Bid:

- **Maintenance Shop Floor Replacement**

Sole Source:

- **100 Series APS Units**

IT Department:

Proposal:

- **Railroad Management Information Software**

West Lake:

Bid:

- **Hammond Gateway Outbuilding Modifications**

Sole Source:

- **Program Management Amendment 18**

RECOMMENDATION
Mechanical Department
Maintenance Shop Floor Replacement

July 28, 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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2. Bid Review

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3. DBE & Required Forms

The bids were evaluated for responsiveness to determine if they could be accepted for further review.

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Bidder	Eligible Bidder	Debar Susp.	DBE %	Non-Discrim	Rest Lobby	Drug Free	Cert of Qual.	E-Verify	Iran Invst	Bid List	Buy Amer	BA BA	Form 96
Berglund Const. Chesterton, IN	X	X	1.5%	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	X
Gariup Const. Gary, IN	X	X	0%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Larson-Danielson LaPorte, IN	X	X	4.5%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pangere Corp. Gary, IN	X	X	1.5%	X	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. All bidders were determined to be responsible and met the technical specifications.

The lowest responsive and responsible bid for the maintenance shop floor replacement is Larson Danielson Construction Co., Inc., with a bid of \$185,404.00. This is 6.2% (\$10,804.00) more than the engineer's estimate of \$174,600.00. Larson-Danielson Construction Co., Inc.'s DBE amount is 4.5% (\$8,525.00).

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Larson-Danielson Construction Co., Inc.	\$185,404.00
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$285,000.00
The Pangere Corporation	\$292,100.00

D. DELIVERY

Larson-Danielson Construction Co., Inc. can complete the project by January 2026 per the District's schedule.

E. RECOMMENDATION

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APS Units
July 28, 2025

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Item:	Qty	Price	Total
APS Units	16	\$322,992.00	\$5,167,872.08
Design & Testing	1	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Total			\$6,167,872.08

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RECOMMENDATION

IT Department

Railroad Management Information System

RMIS Consultant Amendment

July 28, 2025

A. SCOPE

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MaxAccel Denver, Colorado	X	X	2.5%	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vertosoft LLC Leesburg, Virginia	X	X	0%	X	X	X	X	X	X
Analytix Solutions Woburn, Massachusetts	X	X	36%	X	X	X	X	X	X
Praedico Technologies USA Inc. Boston, Massachusetts	X	X	12%	X	X	X	X	X	X
SBS Group LLC South Bend, Indiana	X	X	0%	X	X	X	X	X	X

C. STAFF REVIEW

Team Evaluation Review:

The team was composed of ten (10) individuals from various departments that evaluated the proposals on:

- i) Technical Capability
- ii) Vendor Experience
- iii) Cost Proposal
- iv) Implementation Plan
- v) Data Migration Strategy
- vi) Support & SLAs

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To ensure best value and functionality, the District will proceed with awarding portions of the RMIS scope to both MaxAccel and Vertosoft LLC.

The independent cost estimate (ICE) for this project is \$4,950,000.00. The cost of the project is deemed fair and reasonable, and the combined contract values will be \$2,536,661.31.

Consultant Amendment: DG Strategies

In support of the RMIS program, the District recommends a contract amendment for DG Strategies, extending their current contract to include project oversight and data migration. The data migration portion of this scope was not included fully by either software proposer and is a key element in transferring the existing District data into these new platforms.

DG Strategies will ensure the deliverables requested and schedule are performed by both software companies and ensure smooth implementation with the departments described. The implementation part of this work is estimated at \$140,800.00. The data migration includes hiring dedicated staff to convert existing NICTD data into these new platforms at an estimated cost of \$47,000.00 per month for an estimated time of 6 months.

D. RECOMMENDATION

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Gariup Const. Gary, IN	X	X	11.5%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hasse Const. Calumet City, IL	X	X	11.3%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Larson-Danielson LaPorte, IN	X	X	10.4%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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The responsive bids were evaluated for compliance to the technical specifications. All bidders were determined to be responsible and met the technical specifications.

The lowest responsive and responsible bid for the Hammond Gateway outbuilding modifications is Hasse Construction Company, Inc., with a bid of \$1,992,093.00. This is 3.4% (\$69,881.24) less than the engineer's estimate of \$2,061,974.24.

Hasse Construction Company, Inc.'s DBE amount is 11.3% (\$225,000.00).

BIDDER:

AMOUNT

Hasse Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,992,093.00
Gariup Construction Co., Inc.	\$2,047,500.00
Larson-Danielson Construction Co., Inc.	\$2,157,704.00
The Pangere Corporation	\$2,198,847.00

D. DELIVERY

Hasse Construction Company, Inc. can meet the District's completion schedule for April 2026.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that Hasse Construction Company, Inc. of Calumet City, Illinois be awarded the contract for the Hammond Gateway outbuilding modifications in the amount of One Million, Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand, Ninety-Three Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$1,992,093.00).

The Staff is requesting that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for the Hammond Gateway outbuilding modifications at his discretion, pending FTA, RDA and IFA approval.

RECOMMENDATION
West Lake Program Management
Change Order 18

July 28, 2025

The District executed contract 88823 for West Lake Phase II program management services with HDR Engineering, Inc. on December 12, 2018, for a not to exceed amount of \$11,000,000.00. To keep the project moving forward, seventeen amendments have been approved by the District totaling \$4,967,553.47. Amendment 18 authorizes an additional \$779,347.75 toward the contract price. This amendment request is necessary to continue providing ongoing services through December 2025, assuming a Substantial Completion Date of November 1, 2025, and Revenue Service Date (RSD) of February 1, 2026. The request includes monthly schedule and budget updates, continued reporting to FTA/PMOC, additional design oversight services, additional environmental, work related to the CSX Bridge 101 and e-Builder license renewals after 5/31/2025. A later supplement will be needed for services performed in 2026 and beyond. The updated total contract amount would be \$16,746,901.22.

	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	2023.10.06	On-Board Passenger Survey	No Cost
16	2025.04.03	Out of Scope Services and eBuilder Licenses	\$155,978.20
17	2025.05.27	NEPA re-evaluation and Djuric Trucking	\$23,261.36

18	Pending	Extension of program management and design services, eBuilder licenses, and Synnov	\$779,347.75
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The District is requesting the Board grant the President the authority to approve amendment 18 to contract 88823 in the amount of Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and ⁷⁵/₁₀₀ (\$779,347.75), pending RDA and IFA approval.