



**NORTHERN INDIANA COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

March 30, 2026

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Public Session – 10:30 a.m. (CST)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lyndsay Quist
Jon Costas

Jim Arnold

Carl Baxmeyer

STAFF PARTICIPANTS

David Dech
Chuck Lukmann, Esq.
Nicole Barker
Kevin Dywan
Jessica Wright
Melissa Jones

Tony Siegmund
Jessie Watts, Jr.
Kelly Wenger
Justin Miranda
Joseph Cieniawski

Connie Grashel
Mike Rowe
Kristen Coslet
Christine Dearing
Gary Babcoke

OTHERS PRESENT

Joe Crnkovich
Doug Ross
Timothy Whalen
Joe Zwiezyński

Steven Lyons
Kevin Bollinger
Ty Warner
Greg Price

Mel Jersey
Anthony Glenn
Andrew Steele
Kane Kochacke

CALL TO ORDER

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

SAFETY BRIEFING

Kristen Coslet, NICTD Director of Safety & Rules, conducted a safety briefing.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Quist requested a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of November 24, 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

There were no public comments.

PURCHASING (Procurement Recommendation Packet Attached)

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

The first item was for the Engineering Department for two Hi-Rail Bucket Trucks. The Engineering Department has requested bids for two (2) hi-rail bucket trucks. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually and in-person at the Dune Park Office on February 24, 2026.

A total of seven (7) packets were requested prior to the bid opening. The request resulted in the receipt of four (4) bids. Staff reported on the procurement of high rail bucket trucks, which was advertised with a bid opening held on February 24, 2026.

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

Three bids were determined to be non-responsive due to failure to meet specifications. Two bidders proposed chassis that did not meet minimum specification requirements, and one bidder failed to meet required insulation specifications for the double-insulated boom, which is critical due to NICTD's electrified railroad system. The responsive bid was evaluated for compliance to the technical specifications.

The remaining bid from Runyon Equipment of Hodgkins, Illinois met all specifications and was approximately one percent above the Independent Cost Estimate. Runyon Equipment indicated the ability to deliver the vehicles by December 2026.

The Staff recommended that Runyon Equipment Company of Hodgkins, Illinois be awarded the contract for bucket trucks in the amount of Six Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and 00/100 (\$648,926.00).

The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for purchase of two bucket trucks, at his discretion.

Mr. Costas made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to issue a Notice to Proceed with the contract for Hi-Rail bucket trucks, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer and, on a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the second procurement item from the Engineering Department requesting bids for a Hi-Rail Section Truck. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually and in-person at the Dune Park Office on February 24, 2026.

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The Staff recommended that Skymark Refuelers, LLC of Kansas City, Missouri be awarded the contract for a section truck in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and 00/100 (\$290,663.00).

The Staff requested that the Board grant the President the authority to issue the Notice to Proceed for purchase of a section truck, at his discretion.

Mr. Baxmeyer made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President proceed with the contract for purchase of a section truck with Skymark Refuelers, LLC, 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 from the Engineering Department, requesting bids for tie replacement. This project includes all material, labor, and equipment to change 844 bridge ties (422 per track) on the dual track Calumet River Truss Bridge. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually and in-person at the Dune Park Office on March 5, 2026.

A total of twelve (12) packets were requested prior to the bid opening. The request resulted in the receipt of three (3) bids. The bids were evaluated for responsiveness to establish if they could be accepted for further review.

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 tie replacement is RailWorks Track Services, LLC, with a bid of \$1,211,728.00. This is 19.25% (\$195,608.00) higher than the engineer's estimate of \$1,016,120.00. RailWorks Track Services, LLC can accommodate the District's schedule for 2026.

The Staff recommended that RailWorks Track Services, LLC of Chicago, Illinois be awarded the contract for tie replacement in the amount of One Million, Two Hundred Eleven Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and 00/100 (\$1,211,728.00).

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

Mr. Costas made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to approve the Notice to Proceed for Calumet River Bridge Tie Replacement, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baxmeyer and, on a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the fourth procurement item relating to the South Bend Realignment Engineering Project, Amendment 1. The District executed contract 97558 for South Bend Realignment Engineering Services with DLZ Indiana LLC on December 12, 2022, for not to exceed amount of \$5,985,000.00. Amendment 1 authorizes an additional \$794,850.00 for additional work scope as shown in the table below. The updated total contract amount would be \$6,779,850.00.

The District requested the Board grant the President the authority to approve amendment one to contract 97558 in the amount of Seven Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars and 00/100 (\$794,850.00).

Mr. Baxmeyer made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to approve Amendment 1 for Contract 97558, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnold and, on a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the fifth procurement item from the Mechanical Department, requesting procurement of draft gears and air compressor crank cases. The Mechanical Department requests the procurement of draft gears and air compressor crank cases produced by Wabtec Passenger Transit Division. The District determined that identified units are beyond repair, and it is more cost effective to replace these units with new units. The draft gear and crank case are required components for NICTD's railcars. Without these required parts, NICTD's railcars would be held out of service.

Wabtec draft gears are currently installed on 82 of NICTD's commuter cars, while the air compressor crank cases are installed on 58 cars. This is a sole source procurement due to quality, previous experience, and the proprietary nature of these parts. Wabtec is the OEM for both parts and the manufacturer authorized to build these components.

The District has reviewed the proposed pricing by Wabtec Passenger Transit Division and has determined this pricing to be fair and reasonable based on previous orders of draft gears and air compressor crank cases.

The Staff requested the Board grant the President the authority to enter into a contract for an amount of Three Hundred Ninety-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Five Dollars and 32/100 (\$391,905.32) with Wabtec Passenger Transit Division of Duncan, South Carolina for draft gears and air compressor crank cases.

Mr. Costas made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to approve the Notice to Proceed for Draft Gears \$ Air Compressor Crank Cases, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnold and, on a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the sixth procurement item relating to the Hammond Gateway Outbuilding Modifications, Change Order 2. The District executed contract 103585 for Hammond Gateway outbuilding modifications with Hasse Construction Company, Inc. on August 20, 2025, for not to exceed amount of \$1,992,093.00. To keep the project moving forward, one no-cost change order has been approved by the District. Change order two authorizes an additional \$277,500.00 toward the contract price. The scope of work for this change order incorporates

installing fencing, motorized gate, concrete pad, access to reader pedestal, power & associated cabling, communications/associated cabling and asphalt replacement. Additional scope includes installing the concrete pad, bollards, asphalt, control shelter, electrical service cabinet on 'H' frame, power and emergency disconnects and communications/associated cabling. The updated total contract amount would be \$2,269,593.00.

The District requested the Board grant the President the authority to approve change order two to contract 103585 in the amount of Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and 00/100 (\$277,500.00), pending RDA and IFA approval.

Mr. Costas made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to approve Change Order 2 for Contract 103585, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnold and, on a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the seventh procurement item relating to the West Lake Design-Build, Change Order 22. The District executed contract 94028 for West Lake Design-Build with FH Paschen/Ragnar Benson Joint Venture on October 29, 2020, for a not to exceed cost of \$554,940,521.00. To keep the project moving forward, the District has approved twenty-one change orders totaling \$31,989,386.16. Change order twenty-two authorizes an additional \$151,732.58. The updated total contract price would be \$587,081,639.74.

An independent cost estimate has been prepared for the PCOs and the costs associated with each have been determined to be fair and reasonable.

The District requested that the Board grant the President the authority to approve change order twenty-two to contract 94028 in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and 58/100 (\$151,732.58), pending RDA and IFA approval.

Mr. Arnold made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to approve Change Order 22 for Contract 94028, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costas and, on a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

Mr. Siegmund presented the eighth procurement item relating to the West Lake Project, Spare Parts Increase. 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. Components must be provided by the OEM or their authorized distributors to ensure seamless integration with existing infrastructure, maintain warranty protection, and ensure overall system reliability.

The purchases will include, but are not limited to, track, electrical, signaling, communications system components, and additional stray current mitigation materials. The estimated additional cost of the procurements is anticipated to be approximately Nine Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and 50/100 (\$954,579.50), which includes a 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 Nine Hundred Fifty- Four Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and 50/100 (\$954,579.50), pending RDA and IFA approval. Mr. Costas made a motion to grant authority to the NICTD President to approve the Spare Parts Increase, at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arnold and, on a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President David Dech presented his first report since assuming the role of President of NICTD. He reported on initial efforts to meet staff and become familiar with operations across NICTD facilities. Mr. Dech noted that the organization is operating well and emphasized a focus on building upon existing strengths rather than implementing unnecessary changes.

Double Track NWI

President Dech reported that the Double Track Project in Michigan City is in its final stages, with work still remaining at the 11th Street Station relating to correction of an ADA platform grade issue. Remaining punch list items are expected to be completed by May. The FTA-required after-study is currently in progress and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year, while the grant team continues work on project closeout activities.

West Lake Project

President Dech reported that the Monon Line ribbon cutting was scheduled for the following day. Simulated and pre-revenue service, including rush-hour service to and from Chicago, have been completed, and all required safety and security certifications have been approved. The West Lake joint venture team continues work on remaining punch list and change order items, including replacement of a remaining transformer and limited weekend track isolation work near Hammond Gateway. Project closeout activities are underway, and staff will monitor initial operations and make adjustments as necessary.

South Bend Airport Realignment

President Dech reported that the South Bend Airport Realignment Project is fully engineered, with a current project budget of \$112 million. All local funding has been secured. NICTD is actively pursuing federal funding opportunities, including submission of a Federal-State Partnership Grant application to the Federal Railroad Administration, for which a response is pending.

Metra Track 4 Project

President Dech reported that construction on the METRA project is ongoing, with coordination continuing between NICTD and METRA to minimize impacts to passengers. The project is currently estimated to be completed in March 2027. He also noted plans to meet with METRA senior leadership later in the week to further review the project and its impacts and to support continued coordination.

ADVERTISING AND MARKETING REPORT

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

Ms. Barker provided an update on passenger outreach efforts related to the opening of the Monon Corridor, noting that digital and billboard advertising, along with instructional videos available on NICTD's website, are being used to educate passengers on new service options and updated travel patterns. She also reported on the release of the new timetable and ongoing communications to ensure passengers are prepared for upcoming service changes.

Ms. Barker further highlighted several upcoming special events and seasonal activities expected to generate increased ridership, including major sporting events, festivals, concerts, and summer travel. She noted that the marketing team is coordinating with operations and customer service staff to support increased passenger demand associated with these events and the launch of the new service.

TICKET SALES, RIDERSHIP AND OPERATIONS REPORT

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

Ms. Wenger reported continued gradual growth in ridership, noting that severe winter weather negatively impacted January results, while February showed improvement and March ridership is expected to continue trending upward. She also highlighted strong St. Patrick's Day performance and continued growth in bicycle ridership.

Ms. Wenger further reported that revenue is trending upward year over year, with increases attributable in part to the fare adjustment implemented last year. She reminded the Board that ridership is currently tracked using zone-based counts rather than station-level data and noted that passenger counting technology is planned for future implementation to provide more detailed data, including for the Monon Corridor.

Chief Operating Officer Anthony Hall presented the Operations Report highlighting recent operational activity, performance metrics, and causes of service delays. He noted that following a challenging period earlier in the year, operations stabilized moving into February. Mr. Hall also recognized Daryl and his team for their collaboration with METRA in resolving lingering Positive Train Control (PTC) system issues that had caused delays over several days.

Mr. Hall further reported on continued improvements to service schedules, noting a significant reduction in the number of schedule changes required over successive revisions. He stated that the upcoming schedule contains substantially fewer changes than prior revisions, reflecting the progress and efforts of staff in refining and stabilizing operations.

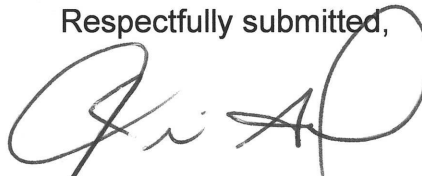
OTHER BUSINESS

Board Member Jim Arnold recognized Andrew Steele for a recently published article in the Northwest Indiana Times, noting it provided a comprehensive history of the Monon Corridor and the South Shore Line.. Mr. Arnold commended Mr. Shields for the quality and depth of the article and expressed his appreciation for the work.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Quist made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Costas, and on the roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Arnold", written in a cursive style.

Jim Arnold, Secretary



PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATIONS
March 30, 2026

Engineering Department:

Bid:

- **Hi-Rail Bucket Trucks**
- **Hi-Rail Section Truck**
- **Calumet River Bridge Tie Replacement**

Sole Source:

- **South Bend Realignment Engineering Services
– Amendment 1**

Mechanical Department

Sole Source:

- **Draft Gears & Air Compressor Crank Cases**

West Lake:

Sole Source:

- **Hammond Gateway Outbuilding Modifications
– Change Order 2**
- **Design Build – Change Order 22**
- **Spare Parts – Increase**

RECOMMENDATION
Engineering Department
Hi-Rail Bucket Trucks
March 30, 2026

A. SCOPE

The Engineering Department has requested bids for two (2) hi-rail bucket trucks. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually and in-person at the Dune Park Office on February 24, 2026.

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:

South Bend Tribune - South Bend, Indiana
Herald-Dispatch - LaPorte County, Indiana
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NICTD Plan Room

2. Bid Review

A total of seven (7) packets were requested prior to the bid opening. The request resulted in the receipt of four (4) bids. The bids were evaluated for responsiveness to establish if they could be accepted for further review.

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

Bidder	Eligible Bidder	Debar. Susp.	Non-Discrim.	Rest. Lobby	Drug Free	Cert. of Qual.	E-Verify	Iran Invst.	Buy Amer.
Custom Truck One Source Kansas City, MO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pro Group Equipment LLC Levittown, PA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Runnion Equipment Company Hodgkins, IL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wiskerchen Truck & Equipment LLC Spencer, WI	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.

Three bidders did not meet the technical specifications. One bidder was determined to be responsible and met the technical specifications.

The lowest responsive and responsible bid for bucket trucks is Runnion Equipment Company, with a bid of \$648,926.00. This is 1.39% (\$8,926.00) higher than the engineer's estimate of \$640,000.00.

	Pro Group Equipment	Custom Truck One Source	Wiskerchen Truck & Equip.	Runnion Equipment
Two (2) Hi-Rail Bucket Trucks	\$505,745.72	\$578,680.00	\$633,662.00	\$681,426.00
Two (2) Trade-Ins	-	-	\$24,000.00	\$32,500.00
Total	\$505,745.72	\$578,680.00	\$609,662.00	\$648,926.00
Delivery Date	6/1/2026	6/1/2027	5/14/2027	12/1/2026

D. DELIVERY

Runnion Equipment Company can exceed the District's delivery request of June 2027 by delivering in December 2026.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that Runnion Equipment Company of Hodgkins, Illinois be awarded the contract for bucket trucks in the amount of Six Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$648,926.00).

RECOMMENDATION
Engineering Department
Hi-Rail Section Truck
March 30, 2026

A. SCOPE

The Engineering Department has requested bids for a hi-rail section truck. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually and in-person at the Dune Park Office on February 24, 2026.

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Custom Truck One Source Kansas City, MO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Skymark Refuelers, LLC Kansas City, MO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wiskerchen Truck & Equipment LLC Spencer, WI	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 a section truck is Skymark Refuelers, LLC, with a bid of \$290,663.00. This is 24.57% (\$94,702.00) lower than the engineer's estimate of \$385,365.00.

	Skymark Refuelers, LLC	Custom Truck One Source	Wiskerchen Truck & Equipment
Hi-Rail Section Truck	\$290,663.00	\$322,385.00	\$347,220.00
Trade-In Credit	-	-	\$12,000.00
Total	\$290,663.00	\$322,385.00	\$335,220.00
Delivery Date	2/1/2027	6/1/2027	5/14/2027

D. DELIVERY

Skymark Refuelers LLC can exceed the District's delivery request of June 2027 by delivering in February 2027.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that Skymark Refuelers, LLC of Kansas City, Missouri be awarded the contract for a section truck in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$290,663.00).

RECOMMENDATION
Engineering Department
Calumet River Bridge Tie Replacement
 March 30, 2026

A. SCOPE

The Engineering Department has requested bids for tie replacement. This project includes all material, labor, and equipment to change 844 bridge ties (422 per track) on the dual track Calumet River Truss Bridge. Bids were solicited and a public bid opening was held virtually and in-person at the Dune Park Office on March 5, 2026.

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Delta Railroad Construction, Inc. Ashtabula, OH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
John Burns Construction Co., LLC Westmont, IL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RailWorks Track Services, LLC Chicago, IL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Description	RailWorks	John Burns	Delta RR
Tie - Material	\$403,432.00	\$422,000.00	\$621,184.00
Tie - Installation	\$788,296.00	\$1,033,900.00	\$1,727,668.00
Mobilization Cost	\$20,000.00	\$31,100.00	\$104,611.00
Total Cost	\$1,211,728.00	\$1,487,000.00	\$2,453,463.00

D. DELIVERY

RailWorks Track Services, LLC can accommodate the District's schedule for 2026.

E. RECOMMENDATION

The Staff recommends that RailWorks Track Services, LLC of Chicago, Illinois be awarded the contract for tie replacement in the amount of One Million, Two Hundred Eleven Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$1,211,728.00).

RECOMMENDATION
South Bend Realignment Engineering
Amendment 1
March 30, 2026

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Description	Cost Estimate	Level of Effort	Final Amount
Post Final Plans Support and Project Management (Allowance)	\$78,705.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00
Preparation of Bid Alternatives	\$130,000.00	\$100,200.00	\$100,200.00
Noise Assessment	\$31,036.50	\$22,200.00	\$0.00
Soil Sample/PFAS Testing	\$48,323.00	\$56,300.00	\$33,540.00
Video Production	\$25,000.00	\$39,500.00	\$39,500.00
Stray Current Report	\$17,593.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
PTC Antenna Design	\$10,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Alternate Substation Location Investigation	\$10,000.00	\$13,200.00	\$13,200.00
Grade Crossing Design Revision	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Push Button Cutouts	\$10,000.00	\$13,250.00	\$13,250.00
Investigation into Waiting Room and Kiss & Ride Conceptual Layout	\$39,160.00	\$40,100.00	\$40,100.00
Analysis of Existing SBIA Parking Lot	\$10,000.00	\$6,300.00	\$6,300.00
Redesign of Track and Platform	\$107,400.00	\$97,800.00	\$0.00
Kiss and Ride Design	\$322,200.00	\$255,200.00	\$183,000.00
Develop plans for the demolition of the existing platform	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Grant Application (2025 BUILD Grant)	\$47,172.00	\$36,460.00	\$36,460.00
Additional Lakeshore Consulting and QC Effort	\$59,883.00	\$82,500.00	\$75,000.00
Additional Grant Assistance	\$56,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00
FRA Safety Validation Plan	\$10,000.00	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00
Total	\$1,032,472.50	\$1,017,310.00	\$794,850.00

The District is requesting the Board grant the President the authority to approve amendment one to contract 97558 in the amount of Seven Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$794,850.00).

**Recommendation
Mechanical Department
Draft Gears & Air Compressor Crank Cases
March 30, 2026**

The Mechanical Department requests the procurement of draft gears and air compressor crank cases produced by Wabtec Passenger Transit Division. The District has determined that identified units are beyond repair, and it is more cost effective to replace these units with new units. The draft gear and crank case are required components for NICTD's railcars. Without these required parts, NICTD's railcars would be held out of service.

Wabtec draft gears are currently installed on 82 of NICTD's commuter cars, while the air compressor crank cases are installed on 58 cars. This is a sole source procurement due to quality, previous experience, and the proprietary nature of these parts. Wabtec is the OEM for both parts and the manufacturer authorized to build these components.

Description	Qty	Price	Total
Draft Gears	16	\$23,101.52	\$369,624.32
Air Compressor Crank Cases	5	\$4,456.20	\$22,281.00
Total			\$391,905.32

The District has reviewed the proposed pricing by Wabtec Passenger Transit Division and has determined this pricing to be fair and reasonable based on previous orders of draft gears and air compressor crank cases.

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RECOMMENDATION
Hammond Gateway Outbuilding Modifications
Change Order 2
March 30, 2026

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	Date	Amendment Description	Cost
1	2026.02.18	Final Completion extension to April 22, 2026.	No Cost
2	Pending	Fuel Pad and Motorized Gate Installation	\$277,500.00

The District is requesting the Board grant the President the authority to approve change order two to contract 103585 in the amount of Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars and ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ (\$277,500.00), pending RDA and IFA approval.

RECOMMENDATION
West Lake Design-Build
Change Order 22
 March 30, 2026

The District executed contract 94028 for West Lake Design-Build with FH Paschen/Ragnar Benson Joint Venture on October 29, 2020, for a not to exceed cost of \$554,940,521.00. To keep the project moving forward, the District has approved twenty-one change orders totaling \$31,989,386.16. Change order twenty-two authorizes an additional \$151,732.58. The updated total contract price would be \$587,081,639.74.

PCO	Change Description	Cost
275	Highland Street Signal House Protection	\$36,281.99
302	Hi-Rail Crossing at Munster/Dyer Siding	\$115,450.59
Total		\$151,732.58

An independent cost estimate has been prepared for the PCOs and the costs associated with each have been determined to be fair and reasonable.

The District is requesting the Board grant the President the authority to approve change order twenty-two to contract 94028 in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and ⁵⁸/₁₀₀ (\$151,732.58), pending RDA and IFA approval.

RECOMMENDATION
West Lake Project
Spare Parts
Increase
March 30, 2026

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. Components must be provided by the OEM or their authorized distributors to ensure seamless integration with existing infrastructure, maintain warranty protection, and ensure overall system reliability.

Since the Board's original approval in March 2025 of \$2,101,200.00, several factors have impacted the overall cost of the spare parts program. As procurement planning has advanced, updated pricing has reflected current market conditions. In addition, some items have since been more accurately quantified. Delays have also contributed to cost increases.

Further, during the West Lake testing phase, a stray current issue was identified, requiring the procurement of additional specialized components to mitigate and address this condition. These factors have increased the overall cost of the required spare parts and expanded the scope of necessary procurements.

The purchases will include, but are not limited to, track, electrical, signaling, communications system components, and additional stray current mitigation materials. The estimated additional cost of the procurements is anticipated to be approximately Nine Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ (\$954,579.50), which includes a ten percent (10%) contingency to allow for freight charges and potential price or quantity adjustments.

The District is requesting the Board grant the President the authority to approve purchases for West Lake spare parts in the not-to-exceed amount of Nine Hundred Fifty- Four Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ (\$954,579.50), pending RDA and IFA approval.