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**TRANSPORTATION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – JOB OPPORTUNITIES
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF – ENVIRONMENT – RECREATION – EDUCATION**

All of the above are very important to the future of Northwest Indiana. We must address our future needs now. A Master plan is needed for the next 5 to 20 years that will truly bring in the most opportunities and quality of life for all residents needs to be implemented. I have presented an alternative to the Illiana for the past year. As the opposition grows in Porter and Lake County we must weigh what will really stimulate the needs of all citizens of Lake and Porter County. My position is a major change to Lake and Porter County. It would be a possible connection to the Lake Shore Drive in Illinois. We would have our own Lake Shore Drive in Northwest Indiana.

At this time I would like to weigh the benefits of both the Illiana and the Lake Shore Drive.

Illiana

Peotone Airport (new)
Union skilled jobs (Roads)
Union skilled jobs (Buildings)
10 years building duration / development
Increase assessed valuation
Semi-skilled job opportunities

DOWNSIDE OF ILLIANA

Loss of farmland
Minimum effect on property tax
Increase urban sprawl
Toll Road

Lake Shore Drive

Chicago / Gary Airport (expansion)
Union skilled jobs (Roads)
Union skilled jobs (Buildings)
30 years building duration / development
Increase assessed valuation
Property tax reduction
Professional job opportunities
Semi-skilled job opportunities
Corporation (new lakefront)
Condominiums (new lakefront)
Hospital expansion
College expansion