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**Transportation Center at
Northwestern University**

Sandhouse Rail Group with the support from TRF Chicago Chapter

A Special Sandhouse Rail Group Brown Bag Luncheon Event

Wednesday – June 8, 2016

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m

(Check in at 11:30 am – meeting to begin at 12 noon)

*“Life is Hard and
the Train is Easy,
along the South Shore Line”*



Life is hard. The train is easy.

Speakers:

**Michael Noland, General Manager, NICTC – Northern Indiana Commuter
Transportation District**

&

Donald Orseno, Executive Director, METRA

Down Town Location: [DePaul University – Loop Campus](#)
[14 East Jackson Blvd, 16 th Fl – Dublin Road](#)
(NE Corner of State and Jackson – Richard M & Maggie Daley Building)

NICTD is looking at significant strategic advances including reducing travel time on the historic railroad between South Bend and Chicago and a new railroad to serve Hammond, Munster and Dyer. A major project is double-tracking the railroad between Gary and Michigan City. Working in concert with Metra, the strategic needs of the Metra Electric from Kensington North are being studied. A major question is *“what role can the railroad play in the economic development of the Calumet Region?”* This will be a presentation about the issue as well as an opportunity for those present to participate in the conversation.

Our thanks to Joseph Schwieterman, President of the Chicago Chapter of the Transportation Research Forum (TRF) and Director of DePaul’s Chaddick Institute for hosting this meeting at DePaul University.