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IMMEDIATE RELEASE
NICTD/South Shore Service During NATO Summit

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Chesterton, IN – The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District is announcing today that South Shore Line trains will run on the days of the NATO summit May 20-21. However, there will be a number of restrictions affecting travel on May 19-20 and several cancelled trains on Monday May 21.

Saturday and Sunday May 19-20 – All trains will operate but McCormick Place and Museum Campus/11th St. stations will be closed.

Monday May 21 - Museum Campus/11th St. station will be closed and westbound trains arriving at Millennium Station between 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. will be cancelled. **Cancelled trains include:**

- Train 214 arriving 11:12 a.m.
- Train 116 arriving 12:39 p.m.
- Train 216 arriving 1:21 p.m.
- Train 18 arriving 2:24 p.m.
- Train 118 arriving 4:16 p.m.
- Train 218 arriving 5:34 p.m.
- Train 20 arriving 6:32 p.m.

Westbound service will resume with train 220 arriving Millennium station at 7:55 pm. Train 22 will also run arriving Millennium at 10:21 pm.

The following outbound trains from Millennium Station are cancelled:

- Train 205 departing 6:55 a.m.
- Train 207 departing 7:59 a.m.
- Train 209 departing 3:15 p.m.
- Train 215 departing 5:32 p.m.

All passengers traveling on May 20-21 can expect rigorous security checks at stations and en route. All westbound trains will go through a full stop and individual screening at Hegewisch station. Law enforcement officers with canine units will be at all security checkpoints. Passengers can expect significant delays en route for screening.

Due to the heightened security presence, any significant threat or onboard disruption will result in the train being rejected from the McCormick place red zone and reversed to its origination point with intermediate stops.

NICTD advises passengers to postpone travel on the NATO summit days, if possible. Passengers are further advised to check websites of major destinations such as museums to determine their hours of operation during the event.

NICTD will not assume responsibility for any damages arising from missed events, appointments or airline connections.

No alcohol on trains: Friday May 18; Saturday, May 19; Sunday, May 20; or Monday, May 21.

The following baggage and carry on restrictions are in effect May 20-21:

- Riders may carry only one bag not exceeding 15” long x 15” wide x 4” deep (34 linear inches). Boxes, parcels, luggage, backpacks and bicycles will not be allowed on trains. Banned items cannot be stored at NICTD stations. They must be removed or they will be disposed of.
- Riders may not carry any food or liquids on the trains. This includes coffee and other beverages.
- Riders may not carry any type of tools, pipes, stakes, wood or weapons, including pocket knives and pepper spray, on the trains.
- Law enforcement personnel must identify themselves and present their credentials and any weapons. Security guards will not be allowed to carry any weapons onboard.
- **Passengers can expect significant delays en route for screening.**

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