



## South Shore line to test wireless service

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CHESTERTON, Ind. -- Commuters on the South Shore rail system may soon be able to use their laptop computers and cell phones while riding the line between South Bend and Chicago.

Officials at the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District say they're working on a deal to bring wireless service to commuters through the same technology used for communication in NASCAR racing.

Riders would be able to access wireless service through a mesh network managed by Concourse Communications Group of Chicago, South Shore General Manager Gerry Hanas said.

The service will be tested for 60 days, from April through June, on a seven-mile stretch from Dune Park to Ogden Dunes.

The South Shore line would be the first commuter rail line in the nation to offer the service if the test is successful, railroad spokesman Boris Matakovic said.