

SunRail (SB 1212/HB 7009)

TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS A GROWING CONCERN FOR THE CITIZENS WHO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT CENTRAL FLORIDA. THE REGION CONTINUES TO GROW EVERYDAY AT A STAGGERING PACE AND THAT CONGESTION WILL ONLY GET WORSE.



AIA Florida considers the completion of SunRail as the next important step in improving mass transit in the Central Florida region and beyond. Over time, the creation and interconnection of a number of regional commuter rail systems around the state will promote both economic development and sustainability.

This project is in the best interest of short term economic recovery and long term cultural evolution in the state of Florida. Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer unveil a new study that showed SunRail could generate 13,000 construction jobs and give Florida's economy an immediate \$350 million jolt.

The entire route would consist of 61 miles of service to DeLand, through Orlando and downtown Kissimmee to Poinciana. Phase 1 is 31-miles and will connect DeBary to Sand Lake Road in Orange County. The corridor would provide a higher speed transportation option for commuters traveling from as far as Daytona Beach on the northern end and from Polk County on the southern end.

The 31-mile first phase of SunRail would serve 12 stations, linking DeBary to Orlando. Phase II would serve 5 additional stations, north to DeLand and south to Poinciana. Service is expected to begin in 2011 - just as FDOT is expected to start a major I-4 reconstruction project through the heart of Central Florida. In addition to providing Central Florida with a vital new transportation option, SunRail also offers us a new foothold on the future - providing thousands of new jobs and pumping millions of new dollars into our state and local economies.

At a press conference in Tallahassee to unveil the results of the SunRail Economic Impact Study, Gov. Crist enthusiastically described SunRail as a **“wonderful, thought-out project that will help our economy and our transportation.”**


“It is the most significant transportation project to come along in Central Florida in a couple of decades,” Dyer said.

“He pegs the price of SunRail at close to \$1billion. But that is a bargain, SunRail enthusiasts say, when compared to the estimated \$7billion it would cost to add one lane in either direction to Interstate 4 for the 61.5 miles covered by the train.”

* Sources include:

The Orlando Sentinel - SunRail pulls into Florida Senate once again on March 4, 2009
13 Central Florida News - SunRail Supporters Take Fight To Tallahassee on February 5, 2009

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