



CITY OF ORLANDO

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SunRail: Setting the Record Straight on Statewide Importance

Dear Senator,

As we get closer to the time when you are going to be asked to vote in favor of SunRail, I want to take this opportunity to pro-actively answer some questions you might have about the statewide importance of the project.

Rightly so, many of you are asking questions such as, *“Why should I support a project that’s not in my district?”* - or - *“What’s in it for the people whose interests I have taken an oath to represent?”*

The answer is simple: You did not vote *merely* to support the creation of a commuter rail line in Central Florida.

- You looked at the “big picture” and voted to support the critical first-step in a future statewide rail network that that will one day connect your district’s residents to communities across the state – and all the opportunities that come with these sorts of new connections.
- You made it easier for Tampa, Jacksonville, south Florida and other parts of the state to create or expand their rail lines.
- You voted for SunRail because, during this time of economic crisis, a large-scale transportation infrastructure project like SunRail leverages federal money to jump-start our statewide economy.
- You took dramatic, decisive action to get a project going that will create verifiable statewide economic impact and job creation to the tune of 260-thousand jobs and nearly 9 billion dollars in economic benefit.
- At a time when Florida is hemorrhaging construction jobs, you put people to work almost immediately.

In short, you voted for the future of your community... and the future of Florida.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission

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