

Top Left: Senator Lee Constantine answers questions from the media as support for SunRail grows. Top Right: Senator Lee Constantine (left) shown with Jacob Stuart, President of the Central Florida Partnership (center) and Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer (right), Chairman of the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission; all supporters of SunRail. Middle: Supporters of SunRail at SunRail Rally held at the Capitol Rotunda. Bottom Left: Senators Lee Constantine and Andy Gardiner shown with Presidents of Chambers of Commerce from across Central Florida; all in support of SunRail. Bottom Right: Orange County Mayor Rich Crotty (left), Vice Chair of the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission, shown with Ray Gilley (right), President of the Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission, both strong supporters of SunRail.

What's Next for SunRail?

It's now official, Senate Bill 1212 (SunRail) will be heard at the next meeting of the Senate Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations (TED) Committee. It will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, from 9:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m., in Room 309 of the Capitol in Tallahassee. We urge you to pick up the phone today and call or email each of the members on this important committee and ask for their support of SB 1212 (SunRail).

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In addition, please continue to email the Governor, Cabinet, and Members of the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives via the Right Track Florida web site, just "click here," Contact Your Elected Officials.

Get the Word Out About SunRail

Everything you need to help "get the word out" is at www.RightTrackFlorida.org. Sample Resolutions of Support, important "Talking Points," recent News Articles, significant Letters of Support to Legislators, and most importantly, a place where you can reach out to the Governor, Cabinet, Members of the Florida House of Representatives and Members of the Florida Senate. With just "one click," you can let them know your feelings about SunRail.

Resolutions of Support for SunRail

With over 70 Resolutions and Letters of Support from across the State of Florida; SunRail continues to enjoy a wide body of support. This includes Resolutions of Support from the African American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida, Workforce Central Florida, and Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) #1596 along with Counties, Cities, and Civic and Community-Based Organizations representing hundreds of thousands of individuals who want SunRail.

Congressional Leaders Urge Support for SunRail

Earlier this week, Congressmen John Mica (R-Orlando), Congresswoman Corrine Brown (D-Jacksonville), Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Miami), Congressman Vern Buchanan (R-Sarasota), and Congressman Connie Mack (R-Cape Coral) sent a Letter of Support with answers to FAQs to Members of the Florida Senate. As Florida Members and Leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, they ask, "With improvements to congestion, the environment, and energy use, and as a major infrastructure and economic investment, we urge your help in final approval of this important transportation project (SunRail) for our state."

Facts and Figures About SunRail

SunRail means jobs, jobs, and more jobs. And, it means business opportunities, too, for working families all across the State of Florida. The economic impact during the construction, operation and maintenance of SunRail in the Central Florida Region alone is more than \$981 million in commercial business sales, and more than \$295 million in household earnings. To learn more, check out the one page fact sheet, "Strengthening our Economy" at www.RightTrackFlorida.org along with the SunRail Economic Study, which provides an overall summary and County-by-County "breakouts" of what SunRail means to the economic vitality of Florida.

Mayor Dyer Responds to SunRail Opponents

In Monday's Orlando Sentinel "blog," it reports that, "Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, Chairman of the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (SunRail), took exception to comments made by two leading Democrats, both of whom reaffirmed their opposition to SunRail. The opponents are Democratic Senate Leader Al Lawson of Tallahassee and incoming Democratic Leader Nan Rich of Weston. They contend SunRail is too expensive and money set aside for it should be spent on education and healthcare. "This just makes sense," Lawson said. "How can you fund a railroad and not fund kids?"

Dyer, also a Democrat and former Florida Senator said, "Such arguments are not true." He points out, "\$300 million would come from the Federal Government, more than \$170 million would come from the Sale of Bonds and another \$150 million would come from Local Governments." He added, "nearly \$500 million in total, is set aside within the local DOT District - a priority set by Area Leaders and Lawmakers. We want our Number One Priority to be SunRail. That's our money," Dyer said.

High Speed Rail and SunRail "Linked"

According to an Orlando Sentinel report, "The proposed high speed rail train that would link Orlando with Lakeland and Tampa will never happen if the planned SunRail commuter train through Central Florida is killed in the State Senate." "It's a double whammy," said Florida High Speed Rail Authority Chairman Lee Chira. Chira told the Orange County Commission his venture needs "connectivity"—a hook-up with SunRail — to be successful." "They [Federal Transportation Officials] would be out of their minds to consider high speed rail without SunRail. That's as blunt as I can be," said Orange County Mayor Rich Crotty, who is a strong supporter of SunRail.

Floridian's for Better Transportation Supports SunRail

Floridians for Better Transportation (FBT) is a statewide business and transportation association dedicated to making transportation safer and more efficient in Florida. Earlier this week, President Doug Calloway asked all of his members and supporters to personally contact Florida Legislators and express their support of this "common sense transportation initiative." Mr. Calloway goes on to say, "targeted investments in transportation yield an amazing return, \$5.60 for each \$1.00 invested." Plus, he points out that 28,000 jobs are created for every \$1 billion invested in transportation projects. FBT has a growing and diverse membership of businesses, organizations, and individuals, including the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Transportation Builders Association, Publix Super Markets, SunTrust Bank, the Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers, the Florida Public Transportation Association, the Florida Ports Council, the Florida MPO Advisory Council, the Florida Airports Council, and numerous local businesses, Chambers of Commerce, MPOs, and transit providers all across the State of Florida.

Associated Builders & Contractors Say SunRail Helps All of Florida

Recently, Mark Wylie President of the Central Florida Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) sent a statewide letter to thousands of members asking them to "tell your Florida Senators and Florida Representatives that a vote for SunRail is a vote for Florida's future."

Shared Vision for Statewide "Connectivity"

Tomorrow, *SunRail* (SB 1212) will be heard before the Florida Senate Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations (TED) Committee. Testimony to the Committee will be provided by statewide leaders; who will gather in Tallahassee tomorrow to talk about the importance of "connectivity" when it comes to Florida's future.

Invitation have been extended to "key constituencies" that represent the entire State of Florida. This will include, but not be limited to representatives from the Floridians for Better Transportation (FTB); Florida High Speed Rail Authority; the Florida Transportation Commission (FTC); the Florida Economic Development Council (FEDC); the Florida Chamber of Commerce; and the Association of Florida Community Developers; along with a "host" of other Business, Government, and Community Leaders from all across the State of Florida.

"Committee Hearing"

Florida Senate Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations (TED) Committee
Wednesday, April 15, 2009
9:45 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.
Room 309, The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL

If you have not done so yet, I urge you to pick up the phone and call or email each of the members on this important committee and ask for their support of *SunRail* (SB 1212). All Legislative Offices "count their calls" and, too, "count their emails." So, right now, please call each Senator on the Committee; please call their District Office; and please call their Capitol Office. Plus, a short email from you would go a long way if it were to be received by these Florida Senators.

MacDonald, Fran

From: 'Fairfield Inn By Marriott Reservation' [reservations@fairfieldinn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 07, 2009 4:38 PM
To: McLean, Michael
Subject: Fairfield Inn Tallahassee North/I-10 Reservation Confirmation #82585611



Fairfield Inn Tallahassee North/I-10 3219 North Monroe Street,
Tallahassee, Florida 32303 USA Phone: 1-850-562-8766 Fax: 1-850-562-2194

Reservation for MR Michael McLean



- **Confirmation Number: 82585611**
- **Check-in:** Tuesday, April 14, 2009 (03:00 PM)
- **Check-out:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009 (12:00 PM)

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Fairfield Inn Tallahassee North/I-10

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Reservation Details

- **Confirmation Number: 82585611**
- **Your hotel:** Fairfield Inn Tallahassee North/I-10
- **Check-in:** Tuesday, April 14, 2009 (03:00 PM)

- **Check-out:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009 (12:00 PM)
- **Room type:** Guest room, 2 Double
- **Number of rooms:** 1
- **Guests per room:** 1
- **Guest name:** Michael McLean
- **Reservation confirmed:** Tuesday, April 7, 2009 (20:37:00 GMT)
- **Guarantee method:** Credit card guarantee, Visa

Special request(s):

- I.D. Required, Request Noted

Summary of Room Charges	Cost per night per room (USD)
Tuesday, April 14, 2009 - Wednesday, April 15, 2009 (1 night)	89.00
Gov/military rate, federal government ID required	
Estimated government taxes and fees	10.23
Total for stay (for all rooms)	99.23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complimentary on-site parking • Changes in taxes or fees implemented after booking will affect the total room price. 	

You may modify or cancel your reservation online (see details below), or call 1-800-228-2800 in the US and Canada. Elsewhere, call our worldwide telephone numbers.

Contact us if you have questions about your reservation.

Canceling Your Reservation

- You may cancel your reservation for no charge until 06:00 PM hotel time on Tuesday, April 14, 2009.
- Please note that we will assess a fee of 99.23 USD if you must cancel after this deadline.

If you have made a prepayment, we will retain all or part of your prepayment. If not, we will charge your credit card.

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Total Time: 4 hours 16 minutes Total Distance: 274.67 miles


A: 378 Woldunn Cir, Lake Mary, FL 32746-3957


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1: Start out going SOUTHWEST on WOLDUNN CIR.
0.2 mi


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2: Turn LEFT to stay on WOLDUNN CIR.
0.0 mi


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3: WOLDUNN CIR becomes MAIN RD.
0.4 mi


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4: Turn LEFT onto S COUNTRY CLUB RD/CR-15.
1.0 mi


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5: Turn RIGHT onto CR-427 S/N RONALD REAGAN BLVD.
2.9 mi


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6: Turn RIGHT onto FL-434 W.
2.7 mi


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7: Merge onto I-4 W via the ramp on the LEFT.
5.5 mi


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8: Take the SR-423/LEE ROAD exit, EXIT 88.
0.3 mi


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9: Turn RIGHT onto LEE RD/FL-423 S. Continue to follow FL-423 S.
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
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10: Merge onto FL-408 TOLL W/EAST-WEST EXPY toward SR-408-TOLL W/OCOEE (Portions toll).
7.0 mi


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11: Take the FLORIDA'S TPKE NORTH exit toward OCALA.
0.7 mi

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12: Merge onto FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE N (Portions toll).
42.6 mi

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13: Stay STRAIGHT to go onto I-75 N.
107.2 mi

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14: Merge onto I-10 W via EXIT 435 toward TALLAHASSEE.
97.4 mi

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15: Merge onto N MONROE ST/US-27 N/FL-63 N via EXIT 199 toward HAVANA.
0.7 mi

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16: End at 3211 N Monroe St Tallahassee, FL 32303-2827

B: 3211 N Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303-2827

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