

## RightTrackFlorida

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# CHANGE IN PLANS

Here's some very important new information about *SunRail* (SB 1212); there's been a change in plans.

Earlier today, I received the "official word" from Senator Lee Constantine that *SunRail* (SB 1212) will not be scheduled for "presentation" to the Florida Senate Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee (TED) on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. This change in plans is based on thoughtful input from a variety of sources and gives everyone a chance to properly focus on "content" not "timing."



Shown Above: Senator Lee Constantine addresses questions from members of the media at the recent "SunRail Rally" hosted by the Central Florida Partnership and advanced by a Coalition of Central Florida Chambers of Commerce (Apopka Area, East Orlando, Hispanic, Orlando Regional, Oviedo-Winter Springs, Seminole County Regional, West Orange and Winter Park).

Toward this end, it will be my pleasure to be in touch early next week with additional details; in the meantime, please know, this change in plans gives all of us a chance to better concentrate our collective energies and combined efforts in a more leisurely pace. However, this "extra time" is not "time off," we will need to make sure we are able to take advantage of this "breather," with each of us continuing to do our part to support this important effort. To be clear, *SunRail* (SB 1212) will not be presented next week; along these lines, once it has been properly calendared before the Florida Senate Transportation and Economic

Development Appropriations Committee (TED), "I'll be "back in touch" so that you and others can plan accordingly.

With this in mind, if you have not already done so, please convey your personal support regarding **SunRail** to the following members of the Florida Senate Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee (TED). For your information and review, shown below are the "Member Pages" of the Florida Senators serving on this Committee.

Chair: [Senator Mike Fasano \(R\)](#)

Vice Chair: [Senator Anthony C. "Tony" Hill, Sr. \(D\)](#)

[Senator Alex Diaz de la Portilla \(R\)](#)

[Senator Paula Dockery \(R\)](#)

[Senator Andy Gardiner \(R\)](#)

[Senator Christopher L. "Chris" Smith \(D\)](#)

[Senator Ronda Storms \(R\)](#)

Once again, if you have not done so, please 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**.

#### *Don't Forget!*

Please go to our comprehensive web site, [www.RightTrackFlorida.org](http://www.RightTrackFlorida.org) to find recent reports, talking points, and articles of interest. In addition, please utilize the "Email Your Elected Officials" page to let Governor Crist, Florida's Cabinet Members, and the Legislature that you support commuter rail!

#### *So You Will Know*

As our Governor and Legislative Leaders continue their work in Tallahassee, I will continue to represent the **Central Florida Partnership** "on the ground;" advancing **SunRail** and other key issues that will positively impact the Central Florida Region.

#### *Traveling to Tallahassee?*

Please let us know if you or your colleagues will be in Tallahassee during the Legislative Session. Here's why – we may need your attendance at a Committee Hearing or a Press Conference at a "moments notice." So, please let us know if you are "Traveling to Tallahassee" so that we can "link" you to activities and events that will be important to the success of **SunRail**. Please send us your availability by contacting Pam Clancy at 407.835.2486, or via email at [pam.clancy@centralfloridapartnership.org](mailto:pam.clancy@centralfloridapartnership.org) so we may maximize your "Time in Tallahassee."

#### *Need More Information?*

Please let us know please if there is any information we may provide to you and your organization as we work enthusiastically toward successfully advancing **SunRail**.



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